

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ASSATEAGUE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA

LOCATION: Assateague Island is located in the Atlantic Ocean offshore of extreme southeastern Maryland and northeastern Virginia. For the most part, it is separated from the mainland by Chincoteague Bay. The area includes Assateague Island National Seashore, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Assateague State Park (MD), and the National Aeronautic and Space Agency facility at Wallops Island (VA). The area is serviced by the communities of Ocean City in Maryland and Chincoteague in Virginia. There are Visitor Centers near both communities. Elevations everywhere are close to sea level. The area is best known for its herds of wild ponies, Sika deer, and wildfowl.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:52	10:46	11:56	13:10	14:13	14:46	14:32	13:39	12:29	11:15	10:11	9:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:51	5:50	6:45	7:33	8:29	9:19	9:19	8:46	7:48	6:56	5:32	4:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	41%	41%	41%	41%	44%	44%	46%	47%	50%	43%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	14°	17°	24°	32°	42°	52°	59°	58°	49°	37°	27°	17°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34°	33°	36°	43°	52°	62°	68°	69°	64°	55°	46°	37°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	49°	49°	52°	59°	67°	78°	83°	83°	79°	70°	62°	53°
HIGH FOR MONTH	65°	67°	75°	83°	88°	93°	94°	94°	90°	83°	75°	68°
FROSTY MORNINGS	52%	49%	25%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	41%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	10%	18%	13%	4%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	61%	62%	59%	64%	65%	66%	62%	61%	60%	55%	58%
NEARBY WATERS	46°	45°	44°	48°	56°	66°	74°	76°	72°	65°	58°	48°
DRY DAYS	66%	64%	66%	67%	68%	69%	68%	68%	76%	78%	73%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	80%	79%	81%	82%	82%	79%	78%	84%	85%	83%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.47	0.51	0.58	0.47	0.44	0.45	0.65	0.73	0.52	0.54	0.49	0.46
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.9"	1.9"	1.4"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.1"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	7%	7%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	2%	5%	8%	14%	20%	24%	19%	9%	3%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	8%	10%	8%	7%	10%	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%	6%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 48% in December, to a high of 64% in July and August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 11°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3° warmer than actual ones during July and August, and pretty much the same as actual ones during the rest of the year. Over the course of the year, days that are predominantly clear and sunny will occur just under a third of the time. October (40%) has the most of these.