

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK, MINNESOTA

LOCATION: Voyageurs National Park is located in northeastern Minnesota, up against the Ontario border. The Park covers some 220,000 acres of lakes, rivers, and forests—but only contains about three miles of roads. Access is by boat, on foot, or by floatplane. Visitors Centers are located at Rainy Lake, Kabetogama Lake, and Ash River. There is also a ranger station at Crane Lake. International Falls is the major staging point for visits to the Park. Elevations within the Park are around 1,000 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:48	10:09	11:52	13:40	15:14	16:04	15:43	14:22	12:39	10:53	9:17	8:23
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:16	4:42	5:32	6:49	7:36	8:03	8:22	7:47	5:16	3:39	2:22	2:38
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	39%	36%	38%	36%	35%	40%	41%	34%	30%	23%	31%
LOW FOR MONTH	-35°	-30°	-17°	8°	24°	34°	42°	38°	27°	18°	-7°	-27°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-9°	-3°	9°	27°	39°	49°	54°	51°	43°	32°	17°	0°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	13°	20°	32°	50°	64°	74°	79°	76°	65°	52°	33°	18°
HIGH FOR MONTH	34°	40°	51°	73°	84°	88°	91°	89°	83°	75°	53°	38°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	95%	72%	23%	1%	0%	0%	14%	52%	94%	99%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	62%	58%	50%	48%	54%	56%	58%	62%	61%	72%	72%
DRY DAYS	68%	72%	72%	72%	69%	60%	66%	65%	65%	72%	69%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	93%	93%	91%	87%	82%	76%	78%	81%	81%	86%	88%	92%
DRY HOURS	69%	76%	81%	87%	88%	90%	93%	92%	88%	87%	70%	67%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.2"	9.4"	9.2"	5.1"	0.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.8"	10.8"	11.5"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	32%	28%	28%	15%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	31%	32%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	1%	3%	12%	23%	28%	22%	12%	3%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	7%	6%	4%	4%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 43% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 25% in November, to a high of 54% in August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -37°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as or a touch cooler than actual ones. Winter is the dominant season, with the lakes and streams freezing over sometime in November and remaining frozen until sometime in April. Below-zero temperatures are nightly occurrences from early December through early March, and temperatures may remain below zero for a week or more in midwinter. Spring is a very brief season, usually lasting little more than a month (May, more or less). Summers feature warm days and cool to chilly nights. Autumn is often prolonged well into late November, and is a generally pleasant season with some cold (or very cold) spells.