

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BRANSON AND THE MISSOURI OZARKS RESORT AREA

LOCATION: Branson is located in the southwestern corner of Missouri, just a few miles north of the Arkansas border. The town is situated on the northern shore of an arm of Table Rock Lake, in the heart of the Missouri portion of the Ozark Mountains. Elevations, however, are only some 700 feet above sea level. The community has become a major country-music venue, but also offers excellent fishing and water sports. It is primarily a middle-class family-oriented destination. H. B. Wright's novel, *The Shepherd of the Hills*, is set in the area.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:58	10:50	11:57	13:07	14:07	14:38	14:25	13:34	12:28	11:18	10:16	9:43
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:01	5:53	6:49	7:53	8:48	9:54	10:41	9:42	8:31	7:16	5:34	4:43
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	42%	43%	45%	47%	52%	57%	57%	56%	56%	48%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	2°	7°	16°	30°	40°	52°	58°	55°	43°	31°	19°	8°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	20°	23°	32°	43°	51°	60°	64°	62°	55°	43°	32°	25°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	46°	50°	59°	71°	79°	87°	92°	91°	84°	74°	60°	50°
HIGH FOR MONTH	66°	69°	79°	85°	88°	93°	97°	97°	93°	86°	76°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	72%	65%	40%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	35%	64%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	20%	49%	46%	16%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	57%	52%	51%	56%	56%	53%	51%	54%	51%	55%	60%
DRY DAYS	76%	73%	72%	66%	66%	68%	75%	74%	74%	77%	77%	76%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	83%	83%	76%	76%	77%	83%	85%	83%	85%	82%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.36	0.47	0.53	0.68	0.84	0.80	0.59	0.52	0.61	0.52	0.53	0.43
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.0"	4.1"	2.6"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.2"	2.4"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	11%	11%	6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	8%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	4%	13%	20%	26%	30%	26%	25%	16%	10%	7%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	9%	6%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	5%	5%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 49% in December, to a high of 74% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -2°, and the highest should be near 99°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. The area has four distinct seasons, of which autumn is probably the nicest. Half the days in September and October are clear, with fewer thunderstorms than the summer months. Winters are not especially severe. Although winter mornings tend to be frosty, the afternoons are equally likely to warm well above freezing. Sunny and calm winter afternoons can be quite pleasant. Summer days are best enjoyed in the mornings—except for water sports, when afternoons on the water can ameliorate the hot and humid conditions.