

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OZARK NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERWAYS, MISSOURI

LOCATION: The Ozark National Scenic Riverways is located on 134 miles of the Jack's Fork and the Current Rivers in southeastern Missouri. The waterways are extremely popular with river-runners (canoes, johnboats, rafts, tubes, etc.) and fishermen (trout and panfish). Park HQ is in Van Buren. The waterways are lined with bluffs, caves, falls, springs, broadleaf forests, and the occasional fields and pastures. Elevation are on either side of 1,000 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:57	10:49	11:57	13:08	14:08	14:40	14:27	13:35	12:28	11:17	10:15	9:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:34	5:34	6:31	7:52	9:10	10:25	10:51	10:02	8:40	7:31	5:22	4:23
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	36%	35%	38%	40%	43%	48%	50%	51%	53%	40%	34%
LOW FOR MONTH	-13°	-8°	6°	21°	32°	43°	51°	48°	35°	21°	6°	-6°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	19°	24°	32°	43°	51°	60°	64°	63°	55°	43°	33°	24°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43°	49°	58°	70°	78°	85°	90°	89°	82°	72°	58°	47°
HIGH FOR MONTH	76°	84°	93°	97°	97°	100°	103°	102°	100°	97°	90°	81°
FROSTY MORNINGS	84%	77%	50%	15%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	16%	48%	76%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	32%	60%	50%	20%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	65%	59%	53%	54%	55%	56%	57%	53%	51%	59%	68%
DRY DAYS	68%	67%	64%	63%	64%	65%	72%	74%	73%	76%	71%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	85%	80%	79%	77%	79%	82%	82%	84%	82%	85%	83%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.39	0.48	0.67	0.72	0.73	0.61	0.66	0.58	0.58	0.46	0.70	0.58
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.8"	4.7"	3.6"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.3"	3.7"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	13%	13%	8%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	10%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	5%	11%	18%	24%	30%	25%	21%	15%	8%	6%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	6%	5%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	4%	4%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 45% in December, to a high of 75% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -15° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 105° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 6° hotter than actual ones during July and August; and pretty much the same as actual ones the rest of the year. Regional snowfalls are extremely variable from place to place and from year to year. From December through February, about one day in six will fail to warm above the freezing point anytime during the day, and one or two nights will drop well below zero—more in places where cold air pools. During the summer, insects (particularly ticks) are a serious nuisance.