

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO NATCHEZ AND THE NATCHEZ TRACE, MISSISSIPPI

LOCATION: Natchez is located in the southwestern corner of Mississippi. The town is situated on the east bank of the Mississippi River, at the end of the historic Natchez Trace, a trail that ran from Natchez to Nashville. The Trace is paralleled today by National Park Service's Natchez Trace Parkway.

Traditionally, Natchez has been divided into two cultures: genteel Natchez proper on the bluff overlooking the river, and bawdy Natchez-under-the-Hill down on the riverbank. Elevations in both parts are within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:21	11:03	11:58	12:56	13:45	14:11	14:00	13:19	12:24	11:26	10:36	10:09
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:57	5:44	7:04	8:17	8:57	9:52	9:28	8:56	8:15	7:45	6:07	4:50
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	38%	39%	43%	43%	47%	43%	47%	48%	57%	45%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	21°	23°	30°	39°	49°	60°	66°	64°	53°	38°	28°	23°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	39°	41°	48°	55°	62°	69°	71°	71°	66°	55°	46°	41°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	60°	63°	71°	78°	84°	90°	92°	92°	89°	80°	69°	62°
HIGH FOR MONTH	76°	78°	83°	87°	92°	96°	98°	98°	96°	90°	82°	77°
FROSTY MORNINGS	31%	24%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	27%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	18%	66%	80%	80%	52%	9%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	60%	55%	53%	52%	54%	55%	59%	59%	58%	51%	54%	59%
DRY DAYS	75%	73%	75%	79%	78%	77%	70%	76%	82%	87%	80%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	78%	77%	80%	81%	83%	77%	81%	84%	90%	83%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.90	0.86	0.95	0.90	0.83	0.63	0.76	0.65	0.51	0.41	0.73	0.99
SNOWY DAYS	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
THUNDER DAYS	6%	11%	15%	18%	22%	31%	45%	36%	20%	7%	8%	7%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	10%	7%	7%	6%	2%	4%	4%	6%	9%	10%	11%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 48% in December and January, to a high of 70% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 18°, and the highest should be near 99°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a few degrees cooler than actual ones during the winter months, and about 5° warmer than actual ones from June through early September. Summer afternoons are sunny, humid, and very hot. Summer nights are warm and even more humid. Most of the summer precipitation comes as thundershowers--particularly in the late afternoons and early evenings. Winter afternoons are moderately sunny, humid, and mild--occasionally chilly. About one in three or four winter nights will drop below freezing, but the afternoons will always warm above that point--although sometimes not by much. Snow flurries are fairly common during the cooler months, but snow on the ground is rare.