

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OUTER BANKS RESORT AREA, NORTH CAROLINA

LOCATION: The Outer Banks are a series of narrow, sandy, offshore islands in easternmost North Carolina. They stretch in an arc southeastward from the Virginia border down to Cape Hatteras. From there, they continue southwestward in another arc to Cape Lookout. Elevations are everywhere within a few hundred feet of sea level. The islands are home to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Cape Lookout National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, and the Wright Brothers National Memorial. This Guide focuses on the resort area centered on the Kill Devil Hills area.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:01	10:52	11:57	13:05	14:04	14:34	14:21	13:32	12:27	11:19	10:19	9:46
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:03	5:55	7:10	8:27	9:04	9:41	9:20	8:48	7:51	6:57	5:59	5:05
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	38%	42%	47%	44%	43%	41%	44%	45%	49%	47%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	21°	23°	29°	36°	46°	56°	62°	62°	56°	42°	32°	24°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	37°	37°	42°	50°	59°	68°	72°	72°	68°	58°	48°	39°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	51°	52°	58°	66°	74°	80°	84°	84°	80°	71°	62°	54°
HIGH FOR MONTH	69°	70°	76°	82°	86°	91°	93°	92°	90°	83°	77°	71°
FROSTY MORNINGS	38%	35%	14%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	27%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	16%	12%	4%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	64%	62%	59%	64%	66%	68%	68%	67%	64%	64%	66%
NEARBY WATERS	50°	48°	48°	52°	60°	70°	76°	78°	75°	68°	61°	56°
DRY DAYS	63%	63%	64%	68%	68%	68%	63%	64%	72%	74%	72%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	75%	77%	83%	79%	80%	76%	77%	82%	82%	81%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.64	0.66	0.65	0.55	0.59	0.68	0.86	0.89	0.75	0.68	0.58	0.64
SNOWY DAYS	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	4%	7%	10%	17%	20%	28%	24%	11%	5%	4%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	9%	7%	5%	5%	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%	5%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 50% in January, to a high of 66% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 18°, and the highest should be near 94°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be slightly cooler than actual ones during most of the year, and up to 4° hotter than actual ones during the summer. Being surrounded by water, days and summers are cooler while nights and winters are warmer than locations farther inland. Precipitation is heavier than inland, and the humidity is higher. Finally, all of the seasons are delayed a few weeks by the waters acting as a reservoir of both heat and cold.