

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE DEVIL'S LAKE AREA, NORTH DAKOTA

LOCATION: The town of Devil's Lake is located in the northeastern quarter of the state of North Dakota. It is situated on the shores of the lake of the same name in the gently rolling Great Plains. Elevations are some 1,500 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:51	10:11	11:52	13:38	15:10	16:00	15:39	14:20	12:39	10:54	9:20	8:27
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:42	6:07	7:00	8:12	9:02	9:56	11:06	9:37	7:29	6:07	4:06	3:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	40%	38%	41%	42%	44%	55%	53%	47%	44%	34%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	-27°	-23°	-11°	12°	26°	37°	45°	41°	28°	17°	-5°	-21°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-6°	-1°	12°	29°	41°	51°	57°	54°	44°	33°	17°	2°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	13°	18°	31°	50°	65°	74°	81°	79°	68°	55°	34°	20°
HIGH FOR MONTH	37°	40°	53°	75°	87°	90°	97°	96°	90°	78°	57°	43°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	95%	64%	18%	0%	0%	0%	10%	47%	93%	98%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	13%	15%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	76%	76%	70%	55%	48%	54%	52%	49%	53%	57%	72%	76%
DRY DAYS	74%	78%	74%	73%	67%	60%	68%	71%	73%	77%	76%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	95%	95%	94%	89%	84%	78%	84%	85%	87%	91%	94%	95%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.20	0.35	0.55	0.39	0.35	0.32	0.16	0.11	0.09
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.6"	4.9"	6.7"	3.2"	0.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.6"	5.7"	6.7"
SNOWY DAYS	26%	22%	24%	8%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	21%	26%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	3%	10%	22%	25%	21%	10%	3%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	3%	3%	3%	0%	0%	3%	0%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%

COMMENTS: About 60% of the year's daylight hours will be sunny. This will range from a low of 44% in November to a high of 71% in July. Over the course of the year, about one day in three will be clear--a bit more in the summer, a bit fewer in the winter. Temperatures will drop to thirty below zero in most winters and hit the century mark later on that summer. Precipitation is light and falls mostly during the warmer half of the year--usually from one of many spectacular Great Plains thunderstorms. Look for summer afternoons to be long, sunny, moderately humid, and warm more often than hot. Summer nights are quite cool along toward morning. Winter afternoons will be short, moderately sunny, humid, and very cold. Four days out of five will remain below freezing during the afternoon--often well below freezing. Winter nights are bitterly cold, with half of them dropping below zero. Snowfall is light, and usually does not cover the ground for long. The wind will blow it into sheltered spots and the sun will evaporate what is left. Dangerous blizzards are a feature of most winters, and smart travelers will not venture forth unprepared.