

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, NEW JERSEY & NEW YORK

LOCATION: The Gateway National Recreation Area is scattered over the Atlantic coastline surrounding the approaches to the New York City metropolitan area, from Jamaica Bay on Long Island to the Atlantic coast of Staten Island to Sandy Hook in New Jersey. This was the nation's first urban National Recreation Area. It includes most of the islands and coastline of Jamaica Bay, Bergen Beach and Floyd Bennet Field in Brooklyn, much of the Rockaway Peninsula, several islands in Lower New York Bay, Miller Field and Great Kills Park on Staten Island, and virtually all of Sandy Hook in New Jersey. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. Although there are some truly natural areas (particularly in Jamaica Bay), much of the Recreation Area is heavily developed.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:39	10:39	11:55	13:16	14:25	15:01	14:46	13:47	12:31	11:11	10:00	9:21
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:38	5:45	7:02	7:50	9:14	9:46	9:54	8:58	8:08	7:23	5:12	4:24
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	41%	43%	45%	44%	44%	45%	45%	50%	54%	41%	38%
LOW FOR MONTH	12°	8°	20°	28°	42°	52°	59°	60°	49°	41°	24°	12°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	27°	26°	33°	42°	52°	61°	67°	67°	61°	51°	40°	30°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	38°	39°	46°	56°	67°	77°	82°	80°	74°	64°	52°	41°
HIGH FOR MONTH	52°	55°	65°	73°	80°	88°	91°	90°	88°	76°	66°	56°
FROSTY MORNINGS	72%	73%	44%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	18%	60%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%	13%	9%	3%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	59%	56%	53%	56%	58%	58%	60%	60%	58%	60%	61%
NEARBY WATERS	37°	36°	40°	46°	55°	62°	69°	72°	68°	59°	51°	43°
DRY DAYS	63%	64%	63%	64%	64%	66%	65%	68%	72%	73%	70%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	79%	78%	79%	79%	79%	77%	79%	82%	83%	81%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.55	0.55	0.60	0.57	0.56	0.58	0.68	0.71	0.57	0.52	0.53	0.55
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.5"	7.9"	4.5"	0.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.7"	4.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	27%	25%	17%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	20%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	3%	6%	11%	15%	19%	16%	8%	3%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	9%	8%	8%	7%	8%	6%	5%	3%	4%	7%	6%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 47% in December, to a high of 67% in July (66% in October). The year's lowest temperature should be close to 6°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a touch higher than actual ones in midsummer, and a touch lower than actual ones in the spring and autumn. Autumn gets the most clear and sunny days, more than one day in three. Four out of five winter afternoons will warm to above freezing.