

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE DELAWARE WATER GAP NRA, NEW JERSEY & PENNSYLVANIA

LOCATION: The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is located on the border between northwestern New Jersey and northeastern Pennsylvania. The NRA is situated on both sides of the Delaware River as it runs through the Appalachian Mountains and finally breaks through to the middle-Atlantic coastal plain at Delaware Water Gap. The NRA stretches some 40 miles and covers roughly 105 square miles of forest, river, and rural countryside. Visitor Centers are located at Bushkill, Dingman's Falls, Kittatinny Point, and Millbrook Village. Activities include river-running, camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, picnicking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:35	10:36	11:55	13:18	14:29	15:06	14:50	13:50	12:32	11:09	9:56	9:17
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:07	5:17	6:14	7:02	8:06	9:04	9:20	8:24	7:06	5:59	4:03	3:35
AREA OF BLUE SKY	30%	33%	34%	35%	36%	39%	42%	43%	43%	43%	32%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	-9°	-6°	4°	18°	28°	36°	43°	42°	32°	21°	13°	-2°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	17°	18°	26°	36°	45°	54°	59°	58°	51°	39°	31°	21°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	35°	38°	48°	62°	73°	81°	85°	83°	75°	64°	51°	38°
HIGH FOR MONTH	60°	63°	77°	91°	94°	97°	98°	95°	92°	85°	75°	63°
FROSTY MORNINGS	95%	93%	79%	39%	6%	0%	0%	0%	2%	26%	59%	87%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	11%	24%	13%	5%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	59%	54%	50%	51%	53%	53%	55%	57%	56%	61%	65%
DRY DAYS	64%	63%	64%	61%	62%	64%	66%	66%	70%	72%	65%	62%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	80%	77%	77%	76%	77%	78%	79%	80%	83%	78%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.55	0.53	0.65	0.68	0.61	0.62	0.65	0.67	0.68	0.59	0.67	0.64
LIKELY SNOWFALL	10.4"	11.1"	10.1"	1.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	2.4"	9.3"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	11%	14%	9%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	9%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	3%	7%	12%	19%	21%	17%	9%	3%	2%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	10%	11%	9%	7%	7%	7%	8%	9%	12%	11%	10%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 53% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 39% in December, to a high of 63% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -10° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 100° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. During the winter months, the river usually ices over, and nighttime temperatures will drop below zero about a half-dozen times. Snowfall figures are for the river valley. Snow will come earlier, fall heavier, and stay later in the higher elevations. Snowfalls are highly variable from year to year and place to place. Most visitors come during the summer months, and some facilities are open only then. September and October probably have the nicest weather of the year.