

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO FIRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE, NEW YORK

LOCATION: Fire Island National Seashore is located off the south (Atlantic Ocean) shore of Long Island, in New York. The Seashore consists of a long barrier island, separated from Long Island by Great South Bay. The Seashore can be reached by road at its two ends, from West Islip and from Shirley. However, driving is prohibited in the Seashore, and cars must be parked (fee) on arrival. Several of the isolated communities are served by seasonal ferries from Sayville and Patchogue. There are Visitor Centers at (W to E) the lighthouse, Sailor's Haven, Watch Hill, and Smith Point. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:38	10:38	11:55	13:17	14:26	15:03	14:47	13:48	12:31	11:10	9:59	9:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:32	5:45	6:34	7:42	8:57	9:32	9:40	8:50	7:56	7:07	5:07	4:18
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	41%	43%	44%	43%	44%	44%	45%	49%	53%	40%	38%
LOW FOR MONTH	12°	8°	19°	27°	41°	51°	58°	58°	49°	40°	25°	12°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26°	26°	32°	41°	50°	60°	66°	66°	60°	51°	40°	30°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	38°	38°	45°	55°	65°	74°	80°	78°	73°	63°	52°	42°
HIGH FOR MONTH	51°	53°	63°	72°	77°	86°	89°	88°	85°	74°	64°	55°
FROSTY MORNINGS	73%	75%	47%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	17%	59%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	9%	6%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	63%	61%	59%	62%	64%	64%	64%	64%	61%	64%	64%
NEARBY WATERS	37°	36°	40°	46°	55°	64°	71°	72°	69°	60°	55°	43°
DRY DAYS	63%	63%	63%	64%	65%	68%	67%	69%	72%	72%	69%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	79%	77%	79%	79%	81%	79%	80%	83%	83%	80%	80%
DRY HOURS	87%	85%	86%	88%	89%	93%	94%	93%	93%	92%	88%	87%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.9"	7.3"	4.5"	0.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.3"	4.4"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	23%	22%	15%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	17%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	3%	5%	10%	13%	17%	14%	7%	3%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	9%	9%	9%	10%	14%	13%	13%	8%	7%	7%	6%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 59% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 46% in December, to a high of 65% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 6°, and the highest should be near 91°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. The climate of Fire Island is essentially the same as that of Long Island, just a bit more moderate. That is, the daytime and summer temperatures will be a bit cooler than on Long Island, while the nighttime and winter temperatures will be a bit warmer.