

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OREGON DUNES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, OREGON

LOCATION: The Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area stretches almost fifty miles along the central Pacific coast of Oregon from Florence down to Coos Bay. The NRA covers almost 43 square miles of coastal dunes, lake, and ponds. Activities include camping, hiking, sailing, water-skiing, swimming, and fishing. Three extensive areas have been set aside for the use of off-road vehicles. Elevations are close to sea level. The Visitor Center is in Reedsport.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:21	10:28	11:54	13:25	14:42	15:24	15:06	14:00	12:34	11:04	9:44	9:00
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:13	4:13	5:24	6:56	7:39	7:52	7:42	6:33	6:13	4:54	3:34	3:02
AREA OF BLUE SKY	24%	26%	27%	31%	33%	34%	37%	35%	40%	34%	27%	25%
LOW FOR MONTH	28°	30°	33°	35°	39°	44°	47°	47°	43°	38°	32°	30°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	38°	39°	40°	42°	45°	49°	52°	52°	49°	46°	42°	39°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	52°	54°	56°	58°	61°	65°	67°	68°	67°	64°	58°	53°
HIGH FOR MONTH	63°	65°	67°	71°	75°	73°	72°	74°	80°	78°	68°	63°
FROSTY MORNINGS	18%	11%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	10%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	66%	63%	62%	63%	66%	61%	63%	62%	64%	66%	68%
NEARBY WATERS	50°	50°	51°	51°	52°	54°	55°	55°	55°	53°	53°	50°
DRY DAYS	34%	37%	39%	50%	60%	68%	85%	85%	75%	60%	43%	35%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	48%	50%	53%	68%	79%	75%	97%	97%	88%	71%	57%	50%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.71	1.55	1.22	0.73	0.48	0.28	0.07	0.07	0.34	0.79	1.55	1.64
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	15%	19%	15%	18%	17%	21%	25%	36%	38%	37%	22%	19%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 45% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 34% in December and January, to a high of 52% in April and May. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 25° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 85° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3° cooler than actual ones throughout the year. The coast almost always has some degree of haze, mist, or fog. A foggy day in the table is one in which—at some time of day—an object a half-mile away is invisible due to the fog. Anything more transparent than that is considered merely haze or mist. Low cloud is simply fog that has lifted a few tens or hundreds of feet, and is now fog at some higher elevation. Under these conditions, the surface is now clear of fog—though cloudy and dank. Local sunshine, temperatures, and humidity vary from site to site, depending upon how much fog and low cloud that particular site gets. This, in turn, is dependent upon distance from the sea, elevation, and peculiarities of local topography.