

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE AMISTAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, TEXAS

LOCATION: The Amistad National Recreation Area is located on and along the Rio Grande River in southwestern Texas. The Area is situated north of Del Rio, and extends upstream almost to Langtry. Elevations are about a thousand feet above sea level. Fishing is popular on the reservoir, but a Mexican fishing permit is necessary if you cross midstream. Limited shotgun and bow hunting are permitted in season, but no rifles or pistols are permitted in the Recreation Area.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:30	11:09	11:59	12:52	13:37	14:00	13:50	13:13	12:22	11:30	10:43	10:19
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:37	6:11	7:19	8:00	8:03	9:09	10:24	10:35	8:29	7:32	6:13	5:24
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	47%	47%	44%	41%	50%	56%	61%	54%	53%	49%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	25°	29°	34°	45°	55°	63°	69°	68°	57°	45°	32°	26°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	40°	44°	51°	59°	66°	72°	75°	74°	70°	60°	49°	41°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	63°	68°	76°	83°	88°	94°	96°	96°	90°	82°	71°	63°
HIGH FOR MONTH	80°	85°	91°	96°	99°	102°	103°	102°	99°	93°	85°	79°
FROSTY MORNINGS	53%	39%	15%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	24%	46%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	1%	5%	22%	44%	83%	91%	91%	65%	14%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	45%	40%	35%	40%	45%	42%	38%	39%	45%	46%	47%	45%
DRY DAYS	85%	84%	84%	81%	78%	83%	85%	87%	79%	84%	83%	82%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	95%	93%	94%	91%	87%	90%	93%	93%	88%	92%	94%	95%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.10	0.16	0.13	0.29	0.38	0.35	0.28	0.23	0.44	0.35	0.15	0.11
SNOWY DAYS	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	2%	6%	15%	25%	15%	11%	12%	12%	6%	3%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	6%	4%	3%	3%	1%	0%	0%	2%	4%	8%	9%

COMMENTS: The area has a four-season year. Bright sunshine can be expected on some 63% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 52% in December to a high of 80% in August. The year's low temperature will be in the low 20's, while the high will be near 105°. Precipitation is light, and is concentrated in the warmer months. Much of it comes from thundershowers. A typical summer afternoon will be very sunny, fairly arid, and very hot. In July and August, sensible temperatures will be several degrees hotter than actual ones. Summer nights are warm and humid. A typical winter afternoon will be moderately sunny, moderately humid, and mild. Winter nights are chilly to cold, with the temperatures dropping below freezing about half the time. Snow flurries are not rare, but snow on the ground will be seen about once in four or five years. Winter rains are much lighter than summer showers, but more persistent. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, and are generally considered to bring the best weather of the year.