

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO FREDERICKSBURG AND THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY, TEXAS

LOCATION: Fredericksburg is located in the hill country of south-central Texas. The city is situated in the drainage of the Pedernales River, itself a tributary of Texas's own Colorado River (not to be confused with the Colorado River of Grand Canyon fame). The countryside is one of hills and low plateaus, whose natural vegetation was prairie grasses and scattered junipers and scrub oaks. Elevations are around 1,750 feet above sea level. Lyndon B. Johnson National Historic Park is located in Johnson City, some thirty miles to the east.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:26	11:06	11:59	12:54	13:40	14:04	13:54	13:15	12:23	11:28	10:40	10:15
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:00	5:43	6:43	7:15	7:55	9:43	10:24	9:54	8:19	7:28	5:48	4:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	40%	42%	41%	40%	49%	54%	55%	51%	54%	46%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	16°	18°	29°	41°	50°	58°	62°	61°	50°	41°	28°	24°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	36°	39°	46°	54°	61°	68°	69°	69°	64°	55°	44°	38°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	61°	64°	72°	78°	84°	91°	94°	94°	88°	79°	69°	62°
HIGH FOR MONTH	76°	78°	86°	91°	93°	99°	102°	102°	98°	91°	80°	75°
FROSTY MORNINGS	38%	25%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	28%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	3%	6%	20%	65%	88%	85%	49%	8%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	51%	47%	51%	55%	51%	44%	44%	49%	50%	52%	54%
DRY DAYS	81%	79%	81%	77%	77%	81%	85%	86%	80%	84%	82%	82%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	93%	89%	90%	86%	84%	87%	90%	88%	84%	87%	90%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.20	0.29	0.26	0.51	0.56	0.47	0.31	0.43	0.56	0.47	0.32	0.25
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	7%	9%	15%	22%	16%	13%	15%	14%	9%	5%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	14%	10%	8%	4%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	6%	9%	13%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 46% in December, to a high of 75% in sunny July and August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 14 during some frigid winter “norther”, and the highest should be near 103 on some blazing summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be essentially the same as actual temperatures, or maybe just a tad cooler. The area has a continental four-season climate. Precipitation is generally light, and is not evenly distributed—either in time or in space. Most of it is frontal in nature, with the heaviest precipitation coming in the spring and autumn—generally coinciding with the passage north and south of the major storm tracks. Winter (December through February) features mild to cool days and cold (often below freezing) nights. Snow flurries are common, but snow on the ground much less so. Summer (late May through late September) has very hot and somewhat dry days and mild (occasionally warm) nights. Most of the summer rain falls as thundershowers, and is extremely spotty. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the hill country some of its most pleasant weather. October is particularly delightful.