

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE, TEXAS

LOCATION: The Padre Island area is located in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of south Texas. Padre island stretches some 133 miles from Port Aransas on the north, to Port Isabel on the south. Nowhere more than three miles wide, the island is split in three by two channels. There is no crossing from North Padre Island to Padre Island, and no crossing from Padre Island to South Padre Island. North Padre island is fairly well developed from Port Aransas down to the start of the National Seashore. South Padre Island is well developed from Port Isabel north to the end of the road. The National Seashore includes Padre Island itself, and the southern end of North Padre Island. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:40	11:14	12:00	12:47	13:28	13:48	13:40	13:06	12:21	11:33	10:52	10:30
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:35	5:32	6:29	7:16	8:22	10:09	10:53	10:07	8:25	7:48	5:44	4:30
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	37%	36%	37%	41%	52%	54%	54%	50%	55%	44%	35%
LOW FOR MONTH	36°	38°	43°	52°	63°	70°	72°	72°	66°	55°	46°	35°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	53°	55°	60°	67°	73°	77°	78°	78°	78°	70°	62°	55°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	67°	69°	74°	79°	84°	89°	90°	90°	88°	83°	75°	69°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	82°	87°	88°	92°	94°	94°	96°	94°	91°	86°	80°
FROSTY MORNINGS	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	1%	3%	7%	20%	63%	82%	83%	56%	13%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	63%	60%	62%	64%	62%	57%	58%	61%	59%	61%	64%
NEARBY WATERS	58°	61°	66°	75°	79°	83°	85°	85°	83°	76°	69°	62°
DRY DAYS	75%	78%	83%	85%	82%	80%	85%	82%	68%	79%	79%	78%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	91%	94%	92%	89%	88%	92%	88%	80%	87%	90%	91%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.26	0.28	0.19	0.32	0.44	0.45	0.22	0.37	0.80	0.54	0.31	0.29
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	3%	3%	8%	13%	11%	9%	14%	17%	7%	3%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	19%	17%	12%	9%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	10%	17%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 43% in December and January, to a high of 80% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 25°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be cooler than actual ones during the winter months, and up to 5° warmer than actual ones during the summer. The seventy miles of white sand beach in the National Seashore is the largest stretch of undeveloped coastline in the United States. Take note that Padre Island is the favorite haunt of southwestern college students during Spring Break.