

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK, UTAH

LOCATION: Bryce Canyon National Park is located in south-central Utah. The Park is situated along the eastern rim of the Paunsaugunt Plateau. It is not really a canyon, but a series of amphitheater-shaped "hollows" carved into the soft stone of the plateau by tributaries (mostly dry) of the Paria River. Elevations range from 6,600 feet in the canyon-bottom to 9,100 feet at Rainbow Point at the end of the Rim Drive. The campground and lodge are at 8,000 feet.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:53	10:47	11:56	13:09	14:11	14:44	14:30	13:38	12:28	11:16	10:12	9:38
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:10	7:11	8:22	10:01	11:34	12:21	10:53	10:02	9:57	8:36	7:01	5:51
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	40%	41%	46%	57%	64%	54%	55%	63%	60%	49%	42%
LOW FOR MONTH	-9°	-9°	1°	9°	17°	28°	36°	33°	27°	15°	-2°	-6°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	8°	11°	15°	23°	30°	37°	45°	44°	36°	27°	16°	10°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	36°	39°	44°	54°	64°	74°	81°	77°	72°	60°	45°	38°
HIGH FOR MONTH	47°	50°	56°	68°	75°	84°	87°	85°	81°	71°	57°	49°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	100%	93%	68%	24%	0%	3%	33%	81%	97%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	50%	43%	36%	28%	24%	19%	25%	28%	27%	31%	43%	51%
DRY DAYS	73%	72%	70%	76%	81%	87%	72%	70%	80%	82%	79%	75%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	86%	88%	90%	90%	94%	87%	81%	90%	90%	90%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.22	0.25	0.25	0.17	0.16	0.11	0.21	0.36	0.26	0.23	0.19	0.21
LIKELY SNOWFALL	18.8"	15.3"	18.6"	7.7"	2.0"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	3.4"	8.8"	16.4"
SNOWY DAYS	27%	28%	30%	18%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	4%	16%	25%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	2%	4%	10%	10%	34%	35%	15%	5%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	10%	7%	6%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	5%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 73% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 61% in December, to a high of 84% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -15°, and the highest should be near 90°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a degree or two cooler than actual ones. The Visitor's Center is open all year, as is the Rim Drive to Rainbow Point. Some other roads are closed to vehicle traffic in the winter, but open to ski-touring. Snowmobiles are prohibited. The Lodge (rooms, restaurant) is open from mid-May through mid-October, and the campgrounds have a similar season. Meals, supplies, and accommodations are available all year from private concerns outside the Park entrance. No time of year is free from the possibility of below-freezing temperatures, and summer mornings can be quite chilly.