

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE FREDERICKSBURG HISTORIC AREA, VIRGINIA

LOCATION: Fredericksburg is located in northeastern Virginia, some fifty miles south of the Washington, D. C., area. The city is situated on the Rappahannock River, close to the margin between the rolling hills of the Piedmont and the level plains of the Coastal Plain. Elevations are near 100 feet above sea level. The historic area features two major Civil War battlefields. The Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park embraces sites where four major battles took place: the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House. The Stonewall Jackson Shrine is also part of the Park. The Fredericksburg National Cemetery contains the graves of almost 30,000 Americans who died in these battles.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:50	10:45	11:56	13:11	14:14	14:48	14:34	13:40	12:29	11:15	10:09	9:34
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:49	5:48	6:53	7:54	8:58	9:42	9:28	8:36	7:49	6:57	5:38	4:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	41%	42%	43%	43%	45%	45%	45%	48%	51%	45%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	7°	2°	18°	28°	40°	49°	55°	54°	44°	33°	20°	10°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26°	26°	34°	43°	53°	61°	66°	64°	57°	45°	35°	27°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	46°	48°	58°	69°	78°	85°	88°	87°	81°	71°	59°	48°
HIGH FOR MONTH	63°	67°	76°	83°	88°	94°	97°	95°	93°	84°	74°	64°
FROSTY MORNINGS	81%	79%	56%	17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	50%	76%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	8%	32%	52%	42%	18%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	52%	47%	45%	50%	52%	54%	55%	55%	52%	52%	55%
DRY DAYS	70%	68%	70%	68%	65%	66%	66%	68%	75%	74%	75%	71%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	79%	77%	80%	77%	80%	79%	81%	83%	84%	82%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.51	0.49	0.56	0.54	0.59	0.63	0.69	0.77	0.55	0.52	0.44	0.49
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.4"	4.5"	3.3"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	2.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	8%	9%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	2%	5%	9%	19%	26%	29%	21%	10%	3%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	6%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	6%	6%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 59% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 49% in December and January, to a high of 66% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 1°, and the highest should be near 99°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones—except for July and August, when they will be up to 3° warmer than actual ones. About one third of the year's days will be clear and sunny, with October leading the pack with 42%. During the winter, only a half-dozen afternoons will fail to warm to above freezing. Most residents consider autumn (September and October) to have the nicest weather—although late spring (May and June) also has its advocates.