

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS RESORT AREA, WEST VIRGINIA

LOCATION: The White Sulphur Springs resort area is located in the Greenbrier Valley of extreme south-central West Virginia, up against that state's border with Virginia. Nestled deep in the Appalachian Mountains, the community boasts a number of resorts, hotels, and other accommodations. Best known of these, however, is the world-class Greenbrier—resort of choice of U. S. presidents, congressmen, and other movers and shakers from government and industry. Elevations in the valley are around 2,000 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:53	10:47	11:56	13:09	14:12	14:45	14:31	13:38	12:29	11:16	10:11	9:37
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:54	4:33	5:34	6:41	7:45	8:12	8:11	7:26	6:55	6:16	4:41	3:46
AREA OF BLUE SKY	27%	28%	29%	32%	32%	32%	34%	35%	37%	43%	33%	29%
LOW FOR MONTH	1°	4°	11°	25°	34°	42°	47°	48°	39°	24°	14°	-5°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	22°	23°	30°	38°	47°	55°	59°	59°	52°	39°	29°	23°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43°	47°	56°	67°	77°	83°	86°	84°	79°	68°	55°	45°
HIGH FOR MONTH	60°	63°	72°	82°	86°	91°	94°	92°	88°	79°	69°	61°
FROSTY MORNINGS	82%	82%	63%	32%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3%	26%	62%	79%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	13%	24%	16%	5%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	60%	54%	49%	53%	58%	60%	61%	60%	53%	57%	63%
DRY DAYS	65%	64%	66%	64%	61%	62%	63%	70%	73%	78%	73%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	79%	75%	77%	75%	77%	75%	78%	81%	84%	81%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.48	0.51	0.61	0.52	0.57	0.60	0.67	0.59	0.51	0.42	0.42	0.46
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.2"	5.9"	4.4"	1.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.3"	1.5"	5.0"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	22%	21%	10%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	15%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	3%	6%	11%	21%	28%	33%	23%	12%	3%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	10%	9%	8%	7%	12%	21%	25%	32%	32%	22%	10%	9%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 50% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 39% in December, to a high of 56% in June, July, and October. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -7°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a degree or two warmer than actual ones during mid-summer, and pretty much the same as actual ones the rest of the year. The area has four distinct seasons. Summer is the most popular, but my own preference is for October, which has the most clear days of any month and a delightful "color show". Five winter afternoons out of six will warm to above the freezing point, while three or four winter nights will drop below zero. Snowfall is variable from year to year, and from place to place. Snow rarely stays on the ground for more than a day or two at the valley elevations, but will remain longer on the high mountains.