

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE REDDING AREA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: Redding is located in north-central California. The city is situated along the banks of the Sacramento River well into the foothills of the Siskiyou Mountains. Elevations are close to 500 feet above sea level. Mount Shasta (14,162') is clearly visible on most days, although it rises some 55 miles to the north. To the east, Mount Lassen (10,457') marks the skyline, and the mountains of the Coastal Range dominate the western horizon, rising to more than 7,000' in elevation. Only the south is open. Redding is the service center for the lakes of the *Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area*. It is also a popular base of operations for visits to *Lassen Volcanic National Park* and the nearby *Shasta National Forest*.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:38	10:38	11:55	13:16	14:25	15:02	14:46	13:48	12:31	11:11	9:59	9:21
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:43	8:29	9:50	11:34	12:51	13:56	14:16	13:19	11:43	10:10	8:12	6:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	41%	40%	42%	52%	68%	86%	84%	81%	68%	52%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	26°	29°	32°	38°	42°	50°	57°	55°	50°	40°	32°	28°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	37°	40°	43°	48°	54°	61°	67°	65°	60°	52°	44°	38°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54°	60°	65°	72°	81°	90°	98°	96°	90°	78°	64°	56°
HIGH FOR MONTH	69°	74°	80°	90°	98°	107°	110°	107°	105°	95°	80°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	27%	10%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	18%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	26%	56%	90%	84%	59%	16%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	50%	46%	36%	28%	24%	19%	20%	22%	32%	50%	59%
DRY DAYS	59%	62%	68%	75%	82%	91%	98%	97%	93%	84%	72%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	69%	71%	77%	83%	89%	93%	99%	98%	95%	90%	80%	73%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.22	1.07	0.80	0.47	0.28	0.15	0.02	0.03	0.14	0.35	0.73	1.06
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.7"	0.6"	0.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.4"	1.3"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	2%	4%	4%	6%	6%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	18%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	15%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 86% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a "low" of 70% in January, to a high of 97% in sunny July and August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 24° at some clear and calm winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 111° on some equally clear and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially lower than actual ones throughout the year, but particularly during the warmer weather. During the warmer months, winds from the south (the "Delta breezes") bring welcome cooler temperatures and a touch of humidity. On the other hand, gravity winds out of the north bring higher temperatures as they descend the mountain slopes and often produce single-digit humidity. During the cooler months, fog forms under clear skies during the night. It usually burns off by noon, but occasionally persists throughout the day. It can be a real driving hazard. Snowfall averages are a bit misleading, since half the years get no ground accumulations of snow at all.