

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, MANITOBA, CANADA

LOCATION: Riding Mountain National Park is located in southwestern Manitoba. The Park occupies more than 1,100 square miles of upland wilderness, rising from the plains. The Visitor Center is near Wasagaming. As the name implies, most backcountry access is on horseback. The Park is home to deer, elk, moose, and a protected herd of bison. Elevations vary, ranging from about 1,300 to 2,700 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:32	10:00	11:51	13:47	15:29	16:25	16:01	14:33	12:42	10:47	9:03	8:05
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:46	4:47	5:35	7:25	8:34	9:06	10:18	8:52	5:54	4:51	3:07	3:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	46%	41%	42%	41%	37%	52%	48%	44%	46%	33%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	-30°	-28°	-15°	5°	23°	34°	42°	39°	27°	14°	-8°	-24°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-9°	-5°	7°	26°	38°	48°	54°	51°	42°	32°	15°	-2°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	9°	15°	27°	48°	63°	72°	78°	76°	64°	53°	31°	16°
HIGH FOR MONTH	33°	38°	47°	72°	85°	90°	92°	90°	84°	74°	53°	39°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	96%	76%	30%	1%	0%	0%	14%	52%	95%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	84%	78%	72%	55%	50%	55%	56%	56%	58%	58%	72%	79%
DRY DAYS	63%	66%	71%	75%	69%	60%	65%	66%	67%	74%	70%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	91%	92%	88%	88%	84%	77%	81%	82%	83%	87%	88%	91%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.14	0.12	0.18	0.19	0.32	0.57	0.42	0.40	0.36	0.18	0.16	0.14
LIKELY SNOWFALL	8.8"	6.8"	8.5"	4.7"	1.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	2.0"	8.1"	7.9"
SNOWY DAYS	37%	34%	26%	14%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	26%	33%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%	19%	26%	20%	6%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	5%	7%	8%	4%	3%	1%	3%	6%	4%	4%	5%	6%

COMMENTS: The area has a four-season year, with short and warm summers and long and very cold winters. Bright sunshine occurs on 51% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 35% in November to a high of 64% in July. The low temperature for the year will be near -40° some windless winter sunrise, while the high will be around 98° some sunny summer afternoon. These temperatures are for the lower elevations, expect things to be about 5° cooler at the higher elevations, with summer coming later and leaving earlier. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) are from one to three degrees cooler than actual ones. The ground is usually frozen and snow-covered from early November through late April.