

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PAS AREA, MANITOBA

LOCATION: La Pas is located in west-central Manitoba, near the Saskatchewan border and some 350 miles northwest of Winnipeg. The town was settled as a Hudson Bay post in 1775, on the banks of the Saskatchewan River. The landscape is one of many scattered lakes and marshes. Clearwater Lake Provincial Park is located just northeast of town and boast some of the clearest water in the world—as well as trophy lake-trout. Further north is Grass River Provincial Park. Elevations are under 1,000 feet above sea level. Rail connections go north to Lynn Lake and northeast to Churchill and Hudson’s Bay.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:04	9:45	11:50	14:00	15:56	17:01	16:33	14:52	12:47	10:38	8:40	7:33
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:09	4:31	5:33	7:24	8:41	8:47	9:42	8:31	5:21	3:55	2:13	2:18
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	47%	48%	42%	40%	38%	46%	42%	37%	37%	28%	42%
LOW FOR MONTH	-41°	-36°	-26°	-1°	21°	34°	42°	37°	27°	12°	-14°	-33°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-17°	-12°	0°	21°	36°	48°	53°	51°	40°	29°	10°	-8°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	1°	10°	24°	44°	59°	69°	75°	72°	59°	45°	25°	8°
HIGH FOR MONTH	25°	35°	46°	65°	80°	84°	88°	85°	78°	66°	44°	34°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	100%	84%	36%	2%	0%	0%	13%	57%	97%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	82%	78%	70%	60%	53%	58%	58%	62%	64%	70%	79%	85%
DRY DAYS	62%	67%	71%	75%	74%	64%	61%	63%	63%	70%	59%	60%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	93%	93%	91%	88%	87%	81%	80%	81%	81%	85%	87%	92%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.11	0.10	0.13	0.16	0.22	0.39	0.40	0.37	0.35	0.20	0.17	0.12
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.6"	6.5"	8.3"	6.2"	1.5"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	4.1"	10.6"	9.3"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	38%	33%	29%	17%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	13%	40%	40%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	14%	24%	18%	6%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	7%	7%	7%	7%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 48% of the year’s daylight hours. This might range from a low of 26% in November, to a high of 59% in July. The year’s lowest temperature should be close to -43°, and the highest should be near 91°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. “Freeze-up” starts on the area’s lakes and streams in late October, with “break-up” coming about the middle of April. The ground is normally frozen and snow-covered during that same time. From late November through late March, winter grips hard. Few afternoons will have above-freezing temperatures, and most nights will drop below zero. Late June through early September is usually frost-free.