

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CAMBRIDGE AND THE UNIVERSITY, ENGLAND

LOCATION: Cambridge, the seat of Cambridge University, is located in Cambridshire in southeastern England. It is situated on the banks of the River Cam, at the margin of the fens flatlands, some fifty miles almost due north of downtown London. Elevations are about forty feet above sea level. Like its fierce rival, Oxford, some seventy miles to the southwest, Cambridge is an attractive city—well worth an extended stay.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:19	9:53	11:50	13:53	15:41	16:41	16:16	14:42	12:44	10:43	8:52	7:50
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:41	2:29	3:47	5:06	6:12	6:43	6:00	5:42	4:36	3:24	1:54	1:20
AREA OF BLUE SKY	33%	34%	38%	40%	40%	40%	38%	41%	45%	41%	37%	35%
LOW FOR MONTH	20 °	21 °	24 °	28 °	31 °	39 °	43 °	42 °	36 °	29 °	26 °	21 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33 °	33 °	35 °	39 °	43 °	49 °	53 °	52 °	49 °	43 °	38 °	35 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	44 °	45 °	51 °	56 °	63 °	68 °	72 °	71 °	67 °	58 °	50 °	45 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	54 °	56 °	63 °	69 °	77 °	82 °	83 °	83 °	78 °	68 °	59 °	54 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	44%	43%	28%	10%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	17%	32%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	76%	73%	63%	58%	58%	58%	56%	54%	60%	69%	76%	78%
DRY DAYS	52%	55%	66%	60%	65%	63%	63%	61%	63%	58%	53%	55%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	85%	85%	81%	83%	82%	82%	81%	81%	79%	77%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.28	0.23	0.22	0.25	0.29	0.30	0.36	0.35	0.31	0.35	0.35	0.28
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.7"	4.2"	2.9"	0.6"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.6"	2.7"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	15%	17%	8%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	1%	4%	7%	12%	10%	9%	6%	2%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	25%	21%	18%	12%	12%	11%	11%	15%	18%	25%	26%	29%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 33% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 17% in December, to a high of 40% in June. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 16° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 87° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3° cooler than actual ones, especially during warmer weather. Like almost all of England, the Cambridge area has a temperate marine climate. The prevailing winds off of the relatively warm North Atlantic Drift (the northern extension of the Gulf Stream) keep winter temperatures far warmer (and wetter) than more continental areas farther east on the European mainland. These same winds keep summer temperatures from getting as warm as they do on the continent. The hottest summer days come when these winds fail. The Cambridge area does not really ever get extended periods of good weather, but the May through September period gives you your best chances for a nice day.