

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BRAEMAR AND THE GRAMPIAN MOUNTAINS, SCOTLAND

LOCATION: Braemar is located in the Grampian Mountains of northeastern Scotland. The town is situated on the River Dee at an elevation of some 1,100 feet above sea level. Ben Macdui, a few miles to the northwest, rises to almost 4,300 feet high. Braemar is the site of the Highland Games in early September.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:29	9:27	11:48	14:15	16:29	17:47	17:13	15:15	12:52	10:26	8:11	6:52
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	0:50	1:56	3:02	4:09	5:17	5:17	4:16	3:53	3:16	2:04	1:03	0:35
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	30%	33%	34%	33%	33%	28%	27%	35%	33%	33%	32%
LOW FOR MONTH	9°	12°	13°	22°	25°	32°	37°	34°	29°	23°	17°	13°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	28°	28°	30°	34°	38°	43°	47°	46°	42°	38°	33°	30°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	39°	40°	44°	48°	55°	61°	64°	62°	58°	51°	44°	41°
HIGH FOR MONTH	49°	49°	57°	60°	69°	75°	75°	74°	68°	62°	54°	50°
FROSTY MORNINGS	34%	42%	18%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	14%	30%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	85%	85%	79%	71%	65%	66%	71%	72%	78%	82%	85%	85%
DRY DAYS	37%	38%	46%	43%	51%	49%	44%	46%	44%	37%	36%	35%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	70%	73%	75%	71%	75%	75%	73%	72%	70%	64%	66%	68%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.66	0.53	0.40	0.41	0.41	0.35	0.48	0.52	0.52	0.70	0.67	0.70
LIKELY SNOWFALL	20.2"	15.8"	9.1"	5.3"	2.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.8"	4.2"	12.2"
SNOWY DAYS	35%	37%	25%	19%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	9%	21%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%

COMMENTS: The region has an upland version of the standard European four-season year. Summer afternoons are long, very cloudy, quite humid, and mild rather than warm or hot. Warm days do occur, but hot ones are extremely rare. Half the days get rain. Winter afternoons are short, overcast, very humid, cold, windy, and raw. Winter nights are long, windy, and cold; but temperatures will drop below freezing on less than half of them. Snowfalls and snow flurries can be expected from late October through early May, but winter rains are almost as common. Snow will cover the ground at some time or other throughout that period, but only January and February will have snow on the ground more than half the days. The surrounding mountains, of course, will be snow-covered all winter long and late into the Spring. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, with cold spells and mild spells alternating as frontal systems move across the land.