

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CAREFREE - CAVE CREEK RESORT AREA, ARIZONA

LOCATION: The twin communities of Carefree and Cave Creek are located in south-central Arizona, some twenty miles north of Phoenix. They are situated in the foothills at the edge of the Tonto National Forest. Elevations are about 2,700 feet above sea level, some 1,500 feet higher than Phoenix. This makes it somewhat cooler. The area is home to the four-star Boulders resort.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:11	10:57	11:58	13:01	13:54	14:22	14:11	13:25	12:25	11:23	10:27	9:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:52	8:40	9:55	11:20	12:49	13:26	12:00	11:18	10:57	9:57	8:37	7:37
AREA OF BLUE SKY	58%	59%	61%	69%	76%	83%	75%	66%	72%	75%	69%	62%
LOW FOR MONTH	27°	30°	34°	41°	49°	59°	68°	67°	58°	44°	33°	28°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	38°	40°	43°	50°	58°	66°	75°	73°	67°	57°	46°	39°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	63°	66°	70°	79°	89°	98°	102°	100°	96°	86°	73°	65°
HIGH FOR MONTH	74°	79°	85°	94°	101°	109°	110°	107°	105°	96°	84°	75°
FROSTY MORNINGS	19%	18%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	18%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	10%	56%	90%	98%	97%	84%	36%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	39%	38%	28%	22%	18%	18%	27%	34%	32%	34%	39%	44%
DRY DAYS	80%	78%	85%	85%	95%	92%	79%	76%	86%	91%	89%	81%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	91%	92%	93%	98%	97%	91%	89%	93%	96%	94%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.23	0.19	0.19	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.21	0.30	0.18	0.11	0.15	0.22
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	22%	26%	13%	4%	2%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 84% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a "low" of 76% in December, to a high of 93% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 25°, and the highest should be near 111°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones. Summers are sunny, long, hot, and generally dry except for the odd late-summer thundershowers. Winters are sunny, short, mild, and still dry. Spring and autumn are transitional seasons, with spring being made especially memorable by the desert wildflowers in bloom. Both feature summer-like weather alternating with winter-like weather at intervals of a few days. Precipitation is light the year around, with a slight maximum during the frontal storms of winter and another slight maximum during the thunderstorms of summer. Neither "storm" season is likely to impress visitors from wetter parts of the world. Afternoon humidity is low throughout the year. Snow flurries are not unknown during the cooler months, but not every year gets one.