

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CHIRICAHUA NATIONAL MONUMENT, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Chiricahua (cheery-KAH-wuh) National Monument is located in the southeastern corner of Arizona. The Monument is situated in the Chiricahua Mountains, and is surrounded on three sides by the Coronado National Forest. Elevations range from around 5,300 feet near the entrance, to some 7,000 feet near the eastern boundary. The Monument is noted for its “hoodoos”, or strangely-shaped rock formations.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:19	11:02	11:58	12:57	13:47	14:13	14:02	13:20	12:24	11:26	10:34	10:07
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:06	8:57	10:12	11:35	12:35	13:00	11:01	10:42	10:30	9:50	8:49	7:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	57%	58%	58%	67%	72%	76%	52%	56%	69%	71%	67%	58%
LOW FOR MONTH	9°	18°	22°	29°	34°	44°	50°	52°	43°	33°	21°	14°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	29°	30°	34°	39°	45°	55°	60°	58°	54°	45°	35°	30°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	55°	59°	64°	72°	81°	91°	89°	86°	83°	75°	64°	56°
HIGH FOR MONTH	68°	70°	75°	81°	93°	100°	99°	93°	92°	85°	74°	68°
FROSTY MORNINGS	65%	60%	43%	15%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	33%	63%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	57%	51%	26%	16%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	33%	27%	23%	16%	15%	15%	29%	33%	29%	27%	30%	36%
DRY DAYS	86%	85%	86%	90%	93%	89%	62%	66%	80%	90%	90%	86%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	91%	89%	93%	97%	93%	69%	74%	88%	92%	95%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.21	0.19	0.19	0.09	0.05	0.12	0.71	0.63	0.29	0.17	0.16	0.23
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.0"	2.1"	1.7"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.2"	4.1"
SNOWY DAYS	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	1%	3%	6%	11%	39%	38%	16%	6%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 84% of the year’s daylight hours. This will probably range from a “low” of 77% in December, to a high of 91% in May and June. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 5° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 105° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be up to 7° cooler than actual ones. Birders have the opportunity of seeing many birds native to Mexico. Other wildlife frequently seen in the area include bears, bobcats, coatis, deer, javelina, and mountain lions. There is a Visitor’s Center near the entrance, and a campground nearby. The campground is not suitable for large RV’s or trailers. Back-country camping is not permitted in the Monument, but is available in the surrounding Forest. No food or supplies are available in the Monument.