

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO HALF MOON BAY AND THE PENINSULAR COAST, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: The Peninsular Coast is located along the Pacific coast of the San Francisco Peninsula in west-central California. It stretches from the Golden Gate on the north to Monterey Bay on the south. Although the northern end is well-developed, much of the area is in an essentially natural state. Highway One provides access from Pacifica to Santa Cruz. Elevations range from sea level to well over 1,300 feet above it along the Santa Cruz Mountains.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:54	10:48	11:56	13:09	14:10	14:43	14:29	13:37	12:28	11:16	10:13	9:39
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:21	6:09	7:08	8:42	9:16	9:50	8:57	8:03	8:06	7:18	6:14	5:26
AREA OF BLUE SKY	45%	43%	44%	50%	52%	55%	55%	52%	58%	56%	51%	48%
LOW FOR MONTH	36°	37°	38°	38°	42°	44°	47°	47°	46°	42°	38°	35°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	43°	44°	44°	44°	47°	50°	51°	52°	52°	49°	46°	44°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	58°	59°	59°	60°	61°	63°	64°	65°	67°	66°	63°	59°
HIGH FOR MONTH	66°	68°	69°	72°	76°	73°	72°	79°	79°	79°	75°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	63%	63%	59%	62%	62%	66%	66%	63%	63%	62%	65%
NEARBY WATERS	53°	52°	53°	53°	54°	55°	57°	59°	59°	57°	56°	56°
DRY DAYS	58%	63%	67%	80%	92%	96%	99%	99%	94%	84%	74%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	79%	81%	87%	94%	97%	99%	99%	97%	94%	83%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.84	0.69	0.56	0.33	0.11	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.23	0.46	0.74
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	18%	17%	14%	19%	27%	34%	46%	43%	40%	33%	18%	15%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 62% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 54% in January, to a high of 67% in June. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 33° on some windless cool-season sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 81° on some sunny afternoon from early August through late October. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be about 3° cooler than actual ones. Note that the average afternoon temperatures in September, the warmest month, are only 9° warmer than the average afternoon temperatures in January, the coolest month. Note also, that water temperatures remain on the chilly side throughout the year. This is fine for the elephant seals who inhabit stretches of this coast, but suitable only for the hardiest of human bodies. More than 40% of summer days are clear, but you might not notice it down along the shore where the fog often sits until late morning. Farther up the slopes, however, the day sparkles