

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PATRICK'S POINT STATE PARK, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: *Patrick's Point State Park* is located on the Pacific Coast of northern California, some twenty-eight miles north of Eureka. The Park is situated on a rocky peninsula, and includes some 632 acres of rocky cliffs, sandy beaches, and dense forests of Sitka spruce, hemlock, alder, fir, and pine. Elevations within the Park are all less than 300 feet above sea level. The nearest town is Trinidad, some six miles south, where the Park administrative offices are located. *Humboldt Lagoons State Park* and the *Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area* are only a few miles north; while *Trinidad State Beach* and *Little River State Beach* are a few miles south. This *Guide* applies to all of these sites.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:35	10:36	11:55	13:18	14:28	15:06	14:50	13:50	12:31	11:09	9:57	9:17
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:02	4:50	6:09	7:31	8:18	8:47	8:07	7:04	6:51	5:31	4:18	3:42
AREA OF BLUE SKY	27%	26%	27%	30%	32%	35%	36%	34%	40%	36%	28%	29%
LOW FOR MONTH	31°	33°	35°	37°	40°	44°	47°	48°	44°	40°	35°	32°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	41°	42°	43°	44°	47°	50°	52°	52°	51°	48°	45°	42°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54°	55°	55°	57°	59°	61°	62°	63°	64°	61°	58°	55°
HIGH FOR MONTH	65°	65°	65°	69°	70°	71°	69°	72°	74°	75°	69°	65°
FROSTY MORNINGS	8%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	74%	73%	71%	71%	73%	74%	77%	75%	74%	75%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	51°	51°	51°	51°	52°	54°	55°	56°	56°	54°	54°	53°
DRY DAYS	50%	51%	51%	63%	75%	82%	93%	91%	86%	73%	56%	52%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	62%	65%	64%	77%	85%	93%	98%	98%	93%	82%	68%	63%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.32	1.18	1.01	0.58	0.37	0.15	0.03	0.07	0.18	0.56	1.11	1.28
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	18%	23%	18%	23%	25%	34%	46%	47%	48%	44%	29%	23%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on half of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 40% in rainy December, to a high of 58% in relatively sunny June. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 29° at some clear and calm winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 78° on some equally clear and windless afternoon in September or October. Clear skies and calm airs tend to make the high temperatures higher and the low ones lower. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be about 2° cooler than actual ones, due to the damp sea breezes. The prevailing winds are from the west, off of the broad reaches of the Pacific Ocean. That ocean dominates the climate of the Park. In the winter, it brings in storm after storm, with heavy rains. In the summer, it produces fog and low cloud that form in the late afternoon, roll shoreward in the evening, and persist well into the next morning.