

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BOULDER AREA, COLORADO

LOCATION: Boulder is located in north-central Colorado, some twenty-five miles northwest of Denver. The city is situated on the foothills of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains at the mouth of Boulder Creek, and looks eastward to the Great Plains. Elevations vary with how far up the slope you happen to be, but average around 5,400 feet above sea level for most features of interest. Boulder leads the country in bicycle-registration per capita, and enjoys an extensive network of trails, from the easy to the expert. The Boulder Creek Trail runs right through town, and is open only to cyclists and pedestrians.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:41	10:40	11:55	13:15	14:23	14:58	14:43	13:46	12:30	11:12	10:02	9:24
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:39	7:20	7:52	8:34	8:53	10:26	10:18	9:29	8:58	7:55	6:35	6:10
AREA OF BLUE SKY	51%	48%	44%	43%	42%	52%	53%	52%	58%	58%	53%	53%
LOW FOR MONTH	-6°	-3°	7°	16°	32°	42°	50°	47°	36°	19°	9°	1°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	20°	23°	27°	36°	45°	54°	59°	58°	50°	40°	29°	23°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	45°	47°	52°	61°	70°	81°	86°	85°	77°	67°	54°	47°
HIGH FOR MONTH	59°	63°	69°	73°	82°	92°	95°	93°	87°	78°	66°	61°
FROSTY MORNINGS	85%	82%	71%	33%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3%	19%	65%	81%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	22%	44%	31%	10%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	48%	44%	41%	38%	38%	35%	33%	34%	33%	35%	45%	49%
DRY DAYS	88%	84%	76%	73%	70%	76%	70%	74%	83%	80%	86%	86%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	94%	93%	85%	85%	82%	85%	85%	89%	90%	90%	90%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.09	0.14	0.25	0.42	0.51	0.30	0.29	0.25	0.24	0.23	0.15	0.12
LIKELY SNOWFALL	8.8"	10.5"	16.3"	11.8"	2.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.9"	4.8"	10.2"	10.0"
SNOWY DAYS	10%	14%	23%	12%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	13%	13%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	6%	19%	32%	36%	31%	12%	3%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	6%	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 68% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 62% in May, to a high of 72% in September. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -20°, and the highest should be near 100°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones. Most visitors find Boulder to be a very pleasant community, with a unusually high proportion of its resident having university and post-graduate degrees. The city has a limited-growth policy, lots of green spaces and parks, and gives precedence to pedestrians and bicyclists over automobiles in much of its core areas. The Pearl Street Mall is the focus of most attractions downtown, while the University Hill area is home to educational and research establishments--including the University of Colorado and the National Center for Atmospheric Research.