

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BLACKWATER FOREST RECREATION AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: The Blackwater Forest Recreation Area is located on more than 130 square miles of mixed upland forest and swamp in northwestern Florida, up against the Alabama border. Most of the area is under the administration of the Blackwater River State Forest. The Forest HQ is in Munson. The area continues on the other side of the border as Conecuh National Forest, and to the south in Eglin Air Force Base. Elevations range from 10 to 290 feet above sea level. Activities include hunting, fishing, boating, hiking along the Trailwalker system, camping, and picnicking. Swimming is allowed at specified areas, but is unsafe at other areas due to the presence of alligators.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:23	11:04	11:58	12:55	13:43	14:08	13:58	13:17	12:24	11:27	10:37	10:11
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:27	6:11	7:22	8:51	9:46	9:53	8:59	8:56	8:14	8:14	6:39	5:10
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	43%	45%	50%	51%	48%	42%	46%	52%	59%	53%	42%
LOW FOR MONTH	21°	24°	27°	40°	45°	52°	60°	60°	48°	36°	29°	21°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	36°	38°	44°	51°	59°	65°	68°	68°	64°	51°	42°	37°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	61°	65°	72°	80°	87°	92°	93°	92°	88°	79°	69°	63°
HIGH FOR MONTH	72°	76°	81°	87°	93°	98°	99°	99°	94°	89°	79°	73°
FROSTY MORNINGS	44%	38%	18%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	25%	42%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	5%	34%	70%	81%	77%	48%	5%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	57%	56%	55%	57%	58%	62%	62%	59%	53%	56%	60%
DRY DAYS	67%	67%	69%	76%	75%	68%	59%	63%	71%	82%	76%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	77%	77%	83%	81%	75%	68%	73%	78%	87%	83%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.77	0.94	1.00	0.87	0.77	0.90	1.06	0.86	0.82	0.45	0.64	0.90
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	5%	9%	14%	14%	19%	31%	44%	38%	20%	6%	6%	5%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	12%	11%	10%	6%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	7%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 64% of the years daylight hours. This might range from a low of 51% in December, to a high of 72% in October. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 19° on some clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 101° on some windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be up to 3° cooler than actual ones during the winter months, and up to 7° hotter than actual ones during the summer months. The area gets a standard four-season year, with long very hot summers and short mild winters. Humidities are high throughout the year. Snow flurries are not unknown during the winter months, but will not occur every year. Snow on the ground is extremely rare. Early spring (frontal storms) and mid-summer (thunderstorms) are the wettest seasons, with autumn the driest. October gets the best all-around weather of the year, although many residents prefer the blossoming season of April. At all times of the year, protection against biting insects is a must.