

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO DE SOTO NATIONAL MEMORIAL, FLORIDA

LOCATION: De Soto National Memorial is located in the West Bradenton area of southwestern Florida. The Memorial occupies 27 acres of land on a point projecting from the south shore of the Manatee River, where it empties into Tampa Bay. The landscape is level and is mostly mangrove swamp with a narrow beach. Elevations are within a few feet of sea level. The Memorial honors the general location of where De Soto landed at the start of his fatal 1539 expedition into the interior of the United States. There is a nature trail, and rangers in costume give demonstrations of crossbow and arquebus use from mid-December through early April. The Memorial is open daily from 09:00 am to 5:00 pm. Food and accommodations are available in nearby communities.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:37	11:13	11:59	12:49	13:30	13:51	13:43	13:08	12:21	11:32	10:50	10:27
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:59	7:43	8:47	9:52	10:15	9:26	8:51	8:33	8:04	7:46	7:15	6:43
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	50%	50%	54%	52%	41%	37%	39%	40%	52%	53%	48%
LOW FOR MONTH	38°	39°	44°	51°	58°	65°	67°	68°	66°	55°	45°	37°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	52°	54°	57°	62°	67°	72°	73°	74°	73°	67°	59°	53°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	72°	73°	76°	82°	87°	90°	90°	90°	89°	84°	78°	73°
HIGH FOR MONTH	79°	81°	83°	87°	92°	94°	94°	94°	93°	90°	85°	81°
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	26%	60%	69%	72%	51%	6%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	56%	54%	50%	52%	60%	62%	63%	62%	57%	57%	58%
NEARBY WATERS	69°	68°	71°	73°	78°	82°	84°	84°	84°	81°	76°	72°
DRY DAYS	82%	80%	81%	85%	81%	59%	50%	49%	58%	80%	85%	82%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	84%	86%	89%	87%	72%	61%	61%	68%	85%	90%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.41	0.51	0.50	0.44	0.48	1.07	1.46	1.46	1.34	0.56	0.32	0.37
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	6%	8%	9%	18%	46%	66%	65%	40%	10%	3%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	27%	22%	19%	11%	7%	6%	3%	4%	8%	10%	17%	22%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 69% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 64% in December, to a high of 77% in sunny April. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 35° at some chilly winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 96° on some sultry summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially higher than actual ones from June through September. Humidities are high throughout the year. Winter (December through February) features mild to warm days and cool to chilly nights. Frosty mornings can occur, but not in most years. Summer (June through September) presents hot to very hot and humid days and warm and sultry nights. Summer afternoon and evening thunderstorms are characteristic of this season. Hurricanes are most likely from September through November, with the area having one chance in twenty-five of getting such a storm in any given year.