

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK (COAST), FLORIDA

LOCATION: Everglades National Park takes in almost 2,400 square miles of land, water, and sometimes-one-sometimes-the-other on the southwestern tip of the Florida Peninsula. This summary deals with the coastal areas along the shores of the Gulf of Mexico on the west and Florida Bay on the south. The Gulf Coast Visitor Center is in Everglades City at the Park's northwest corner. The Flamingo Visitor Center is on Cape Sable, to the south, on Florida Bay. Elevations everywhere are at or very close to sea level. The Everglades facility offers a two-hour narrated boat trip through the salt-water marshes. The Flamingo area has a lodge, campground, restaurant, gift shop, and marina. Some facilities are closed during the summer months.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:45	11:17	12:00	12:45	13:23	13:42	13:34	13:02	12:20	11:35	10:56	10:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:45	8:31	9:33	10:22	10:26	9:50	9:46	9:23	8:33	7:57	7:39	7:24
AREA OF BLUE SKY	54%	57%	58%	59%	54%	43%	42%	43%	41%	50%	55%	54%
LOW FOR MONTH	39°	43°	46°	51°	60°	64°	69°	69°	68°	59°	47°	42°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	54°	55°	59°	63°	67°	72°	73°	74°	73°	69°	62°	56°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	77°	78°	81°	85°	87°	89°	91°	91°	90°	87°	82°	78°
HIGH FOR MONTH	83°	84°	87°	90°	93°	94°	95°	95°	95°	91°	87°	83°
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	8%	34%	64%	77%	84%	69%	22%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	65%	62%	58%	59%	63%	63%	63%	67%	66%	62%	65%
NEARBY WATERS	75°	75°	76°	77°	80°	82°	84°	85°	84°	82°	80°	74°
DRY DAYS	81%	81%	84%	85%	74%	58%	56%	51%	48%	68%	80%	81%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	88%	90%	89%	80%	65%	60%	63%	57%	81%	93%	92%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.25	0.30	0.34	0.38	0.81	1.52	1.33	1.16	1.55	0.71	0.23	0.21
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	4%	6%	7%	17%	38%	51%	53%	40%	13%	3%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 73% of the daylight hours for the year. This might range from a "low" of 70% in November and December, to a high of 81% in April. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 37 , and the highest should be near 97 . Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially higher than actual ones from June through September. Humidity is high all year around. Below-freezing temperatures are not unknown, but years can pass between occurrences. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the area its nicest weather. The official hurricane season runs from June through November. Historical records show the Everglades Coast area has one chance in seven of encountering one of these storms in any given year.