

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE GAINESVILLE RECREATION AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Gainesville is located in north-central Florida. The surrounding countryside is flat to gently rolling. Elevations are between one-hundred and two-hundred feet above sea level. The city is home to the University of Florida. Within the general area are Devil's Millhopper State Geological Site, the San Felasco Hammock State Preserve, and the Paynes Prairie State Preserve.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:29	11:08	11:59	12:53	13:38	14:01	13:52	13:13	12:23	11:29	10:42	10:17
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:07	6:57	8:19	9:32	9:57	9:10	9:11	8:39	7:35	6:57	6:33	5:50
AREA OF BLUE SKY	45%	47%	50%	54%	52%	44%	43%	44%	44%	50%	51%	46%
LOW FOR MONTH	26°	27°	34°	42°	52°	61°	66°	67°	59°	44°	34°	28°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	45°	46°	52°	57°	63°	69°	71°	71°	69°	61°	51°	46°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	68°	70°	76°	81°	87°	90°	91°	91°	88°	82°	75°	69°
HIGH FOR MONTH	79°	81°	86°	90°	94°	96°	96°	95°	93°	89°	84°	80°
FROSTY MORNINGS	14%	11%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	11%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	2%	7%	37%	66%	67%	73%	45%	6%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	56%	54%	50%	50%	60%	64%	66%	66%	62%	63%	62%
DRY DAYS	73%	72%	77%	84%	76%	55%	48%	46%	58%	75%	81%	76%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	85%	83%	83%	85%	81%	71%	61%	65%	70%	85%	90%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.49	0.59	0.56	0.48	0.56	1.12	1.17	1.19	0.92	0.48	0.32	0.49
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	7%	10%	13%	21%	42%	56%	46%	26%	9%	3%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	17%	16%	11%	11%	10%	6%	6%	6%	9%	11%	18%	22%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 64% of the year=s daylight hours. This might range from a low of 57% in December, to a high of 74% in April. The year=s lowest temperature should be close to 23°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially higher than actual ones from June through September. The area has a subtropical four-season year. Humidities are high all year around, with light morning mists and heavy dews being the rule. Winter (December through February) features mild to warm afternoons and chilly to cold nights. Rainfall is light and comes from frontal systems that pass through the area at intervals of from three to five days. Below-freezing temperatures occur about nine or ten sunrises per winter. Summer (June through September) has hot to very hot afternoons and warm nights. Rain comes mostly from afternoon and evening thundershowers. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the area its nicest weather. November weather is superb in most years. Gainesville's inland location protects it fairly well from hurricanes. By the time they get this far inland, they are generally reduced to mere tropical storms.