

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LAKELAND – WINTER HAVEN RESORT AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: The Lakeland – Winter Haven resort and recreation area is located in south-central Florida, between Tampa and Orlando. The area features a large number of lakes in an area noted for groves of citrus trees. Elevations are around 200 feet above sea level. Lakeland is the home of Florida Southern College, with a number of buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. It is also the spring-training camp of the Detroit Tigers baseball team, while Winter Haven plays hot to the Cleveland Indians. The Orange Cup Regatta is held each March near Lakeland. Winter Haven features Cypress Gardens, the state's first theme park and a world-class attraction. Both areas have large retirement communities.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:35	11:12	11:59	12:50	13:32	13:54	13:45	13:09	12:21	11:32	10:48	10:25
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:34	7:17	8:02	9:29	9:45	8:45	8:23	8:01	7:17	7:30	7:08	6:34
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	49%	48%	53%	49%	37%	35%	37%	38%	50%	54%	50%
LOW FOR MONTH	37°	38°	43°	51°	57°	66°	69°	68°	65°	54°	43°	37°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	51°	52°	57°	61°	67°	71°	73°	73°	72°	66°	57°	52°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	72°	73°	78°	83°	88°	90°	91°	91°	89°	83°	77°	72°
HIGH FOR MONTH	80°	82°	85°	90°	93°	95°	96°	95°	93°	89°	83°	80°
FROSTY MORNINGS	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	5%	28%	59%	69%	70%	40%	6%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	56%	53%	52%	49%	51%	59%	62%	63%	63%	58%	57%	57%
DRY DAYS	79%	79%	77%	80%	71%	53%	42%	45%	55%	76%	83%	79%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	82%	85%	89%	81%	68%	65%	62%	68%	85%	90%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.36	0.48	0.57	0.43	0.68	1.14	1.26	1.19	1.00	0.42	0.29	0.31
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	6%	13%	14%	29%	60%	75%	71%	40%	10%	3%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	13%	9%	6%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	9%	16%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 65% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 59% in September to a high of 74% in April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 33°, and the highest should be near 99°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be significantly higher than actual ones from June through September, due to the combination of high afternoon temperatures and humidity. The area does not get below-freezing temperatures in most years, but frost will occur about one year in three. The area gets a sub-tropical four-season year. Humidities are noticeable, with early morning mists and dews the general rule. Winter (December through March) afternoons are generally warm, occasionally mild or hot. Precipitation is light and can occur at any time of the day or night. Summer (June through September) afternoons are hot and humid, often very hot and humid. Summer precipitation almost always takes the form of thunderstorms. These storms start in the afternoon and can continue on and off into the early night. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, and bring the area some of its very best weather.