

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OCALA – SILVER SPRINGS RECREATION AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: The Ocala—Silver Springs recreation area is located in the lake-studded interior of north-central Florida, some seventy miles west of Daytona Beach. The countryside is flat to gently rolling, with low sandy hills. Elevations are everywhere less the two-hundred feet above sea level. Silver Springs is the site of a tremendous clear-water artesian spring, and the Silver Springs theme parks. Ocala National Forest, to the east of town, offers some six-hundred square miles of pine forest, lakes, and streams.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:31	11:09	11:59	12:52	13:36	13:59	13:50	13:12	12:22	11:30	10:44	10:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:09	6:56	8:12	9:29	9:55	9:11	9:16	8:39	7:32	7:04	6:35	5:55
AREA OF BLUE SKY	46%	47%	49%	54%	52%	43%	42%	43%	43%	50%	51%	46%
LOW FOR MONTH	32°	30°	38°	44°	54°	60°	66°	66°	60°	47°	36°	29°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	46°	47°	52°	57°	64°	69°	71°	71°	69°	61°	52°	47°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	70°	73°	78°	83°	89°	92°	92°	92°	81°	83°	76°	71°
HIGH FOR MONTH	79°	81°	87°	90°	96°	98°	98°	97°	91°	91°	85°	80°
FROSTY MORNINGS	12%	10%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	9%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	3%	12%	54%	74%	78%	82%	58%	12%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	55%	53%	49%	50%	59%	64%	65%	65%	61%	61%	60%
DRY DAYS	80%	78%	80%	83%	74%	56%	45%	48%	57%	77%	83%	80%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	82%	82%	85%	80%	69%	59%	66%	69%	85%	90%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.40	0.56	0.61	0.52	0.64	1.20	1.36	1.22	1.10	0.52	0.31	0.43
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	6%	10%	13%	23%	46%	60%	51%	29%	9%	3%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	17%	14%	10%	9%	8%	4%	5%	5%	7%	9%	15%	19%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 65% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 57% in December, to a high of 74% in April. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 28 some frosty winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 100 during some sultry summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be significantly higher than actual ones from June through August. The area has a subtropical four-season year. Vegetative growth continues all year, with the occasional winter frosts not penetrating the ground to any distance or for any length of time. Humidities are generally high throughout the year, with morning dews and light mists the normal state of affairs. Winter (December through February) features mild to warm days and cool to frosty nights. Rain comes mostly from passing frontal systems, and is fairly light but more persistent than the summer thundershowers. Snow flurries are common, but do not occur in every year. Summer (June through September) has very hot and humid days and warm and sultry nights. Rain comes mostly in the form of afternoon and evening thundershowers, although frontal systems still contribute to the total. The remnants of hurricanes will pass over the area from time to time, but with greatly reduced force from that experienced in the coastal areas.