

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OSCEOLA NATIONAL FOREST, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Osceola National Forest is located in north-central Florida, some fifty miles west of Jacksonville and just south of the Georgia border. The Forest covers some 310 square miles of swamp, marshes, ponds, streams and rivers, pine flats and hardwood hummocks. The northern section is a continuation of Georgia's Okefenokee Swamp, and the Forest drains into the Suwanee River to the west and the St. Marys River to the east. Elevations are between a hundred and two hundred feet above sea level. The Forest HQ is at Olustee, east of Lake City on US-90. That is also the site of Ocean Pond, the Forest's most popular recreation area.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:26	11:06	11:59	12:54	13:40	14:05	13:54	13:15	12:23	11:28	10:40	10:14
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:55	6:44	7:55	9:15	9:41	9:11	8:57	8:35	7:35	7:09	6:31	5:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	44%	45%	48%	53%	51%	44%	42%	44%	44%	51%	51%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	30°	26°	35°	44°	52°	60°	63°	62°	56°	46°	34°	27°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	44°	45°	51°	56°	63°	69°	71°	71°	69°	59°	50°	45°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	67°	69°	75°	81°	87°	91°	91°	91°	88°	81°	73°	67°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	79°	86°	88°	94°	98°	96°	97°	95°	89°	82°	76°
FROSTY MORNINGS	16%	12%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	14%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	34%	68%	69%	72%	44%	6%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	56%	52%	50%	48%	51%	58%	62%	63%	63%	57%	56%	57%
DRY DAYS	77%	75%	77%	80%	74%	57%	48%	55%	63%	81%	87%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	82%	81%	87%	81%	70%	64%	68%	76%	87%	87%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.53	0.68	0.66	0.51	0.58	1.10	1.19	1.08	0.88	0.46	0.37	0.54
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	7%	11%	13%	23%	41%	56%	48%	26%	7%	4%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	21%	15%	12%	11%	9%	5%	4%	4%	4%	9%	17%	18%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 64% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 55% in December, to a high of 72% in April. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 24 , and the highest should be near 100 . Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially higher than actual ones from June through August. Humidities are high throughout the year. Winter (December through February) brings generally mild days followed by chilly to cold nights. Frosty mornings will occur a dozen or so times during this season. However, vegetative growth continues unabated during this season. Snow flurries are fairly common, but snow on the ground is rare. Summer (mid-May through mid-September) features hot to very hot days and warm to mild nights. Afternoon and evening thundershowers are common in this season. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the area its best weather. April and November have particularly fine weather.