

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ESCANABA AND THE BAY DE NOC AREA, MICHIGAN

LOCATION: Escanaba is located on the south-central coast of Michigan's upper peninsula. The city is situated on the western shore of Little Bay de Noc, an inlet off of Green Bay, which—in its turn—is an arm of Lake Michigan. Elevations are close to 600 feet above sea level, and the land is mostly level to gently rolling all the way north to the shores of Lake Superior. The area's economy is based on paper-making and iron-ore shipping, but visitors usually come for the excellent fishing and other outdoor recreation activities. Escanaba is the headquarters of Hiawatha National forest.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:08	10:21	11:53	13:31	14:55	15:40	15:21	14:09	12:36	11:00	9:33	8:46
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:39	5:04	6:18	7:18	8:30	9:24	9:58	8:38	6:41	5:10	3:15	2:59
AREA OF BLUE SKY	33%	39%	41%	43%	44%	47%	52%	49%	44%	39%	27%	29%
LOW FOR MONTH	-12°	-11°	-2°	17°	30°	39°	46°	44°	34°	26°	10°	-4°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	9°	8°	17°	31°	41°	52°	58°	56°	49°	40°	28°	16°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	24°	25°	34°	46°	58°	69°	75°	73°	64°	54°	40°	29°
HIGH FOR MONTH	38°	41°	50°	64°	77°	85°	88°	86°	79°	71°	57°	43°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	91%	56%	10%	0%	0%	0%	2%	18%	65%	94%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	69%	66%	63%	64%	67%	65%	67%	68%	67%	70%	72%
NEARBY WATERS	40°	37°	34°	35°	37°	40°	44°	53°	54°	47°	43°	44°
DRY DAYS	63%	64%	68%	67%	63%	63%	63%	65%	62%	66%	65%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	89%	87%	80%	77%	77%	81%	81%	77%	84%	83%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.23	0.23	0.29	0.38	0.48	0.55	0.56	0.53	0.55	0.39	0.35	0.26
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.4"	12.0"	10.8"	3.9"	0.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	5.0"	11.0"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	37%	36%	32%	21%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	35%	35%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	3%	7%	13%	20%	24%	19%	13%	5%	3%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	3%	4%	6%	7%	6%	3%	3%	6%	7%	6%	5%	3%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 52% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 34% in November and December, to a high of 65% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -15°, and the highest should be near 90°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Both Little Bay de Noc and Big Bay de Noc (and often Green Bay itself) freeze over during the winter months, as—of course—do the local lakes and streams. A quarter of the winter nights drop below zero, and the ground is at least partially snow-covered from late November through early April.