

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE KEWEENAW PENINSULA, MICHIGAN

LOCATION: Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula (pronounced KEE-wenaw, despite the spelling) thrusts into the icy waters of Lake Superior from the northwestern coast of that state's upper peninsula. Once a center of copper-mining, the peninsula is now a popular recreation area. The service center of the peninsula is the Houghton - Hancock - Calumet area in the center of the peninsula. Passenger ferries leave Houghton and Copper Harbor (near the tip of the Keweenaw) for Isle Royale National Park. Elevations range from 600 feet above sea level along the shoreline to some 1,548 feet in the interior of this rocky peninsula. During the winter, snowmobiles are a common sight on the roads and streets.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:58	10:15	11:53	13:35	15:04	15:51	15:31	14:15	12:38	10:56	9:25	8:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:09	4:29	5:54	7:14	8:18	9:11	9:59	8:26	6:18	4:36	2:39	2:29
AREA OF BLUE SKY	24%	29%	32%	36%	36%	38%	45%	42%	36%	32%	20%	22%
LOW FOR MONTH	-10°	-8°	-3°	15°	27°	37°	44°	44°	35°	25°	10°	-1°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	9°	8°	16°	29°	38°	47°	54°	54°	47°	38°	26°	15°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	22°	22°	31°	45°	58°	68°	74°	72°	64°	53°	38°	27°
HIGH FOR MONTH	37°	40°	54°	67°	79°	84°	89°	86°	80°	70°	55°	41°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	97%	72%	24%	0%	0%	0%	5%	29%	82%	97%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	58%	51%	53%	46%	49%	54%	57%	54%	56%	64%	61%
NEARBY WATERS	39°	35°	32°	35°	37°	39°	43°	53°	54°	47°	42°	42°
DRY DAYS	51%	61%	72%	73%	70%	71%	70%	72%	67%	66%	62%	53%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	63%	75%	84%	82%	77%	77%	81%	79%	73%	79%	73%	65%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.54	0.39	0.30	0.35	0.49	0.59	0.48	0.51	0.61	0.41	0.51	0.51
LIKELY SNOWFALL	46.1"	28.7"	20.0"	7.1"	1.1"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	2.6"	20.5"	41.4"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	49%	39%	28%	14%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	32%	47%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	1%	5%	7%	16%	14%	13%	7%	4%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	14%	11%	14%	13%	16%	21%	21%	17%	13%	13%	14%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 49% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 28% in November, to a high of 64% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -13°, and the highest should be near 91°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from one to three degrees cooler than actual ones from May through October, and the same as actual ones the rest of the year. The ground is usually snow-covered from November through April.