

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SAULT STE. MARIE AREA, MICHIGAN AND ONTARIO

LOCATION: The Sault Ste. Marie area (usually just called the “Soo”) is located at the eastern end of Michigan’s upper peninsula, on the border with Canada. It is located on the St. Mary’s River, where a series of locks permit lake shipping to bypass the rapids of that river which connects Lake Superior with Lake Huron. The locks themselves and the shipping that passes through them are an impressive and worthwhile sight. There are observation towers, boat tours through the locks and various exhibits. Nearby is Tahquamenon Falls and Hiawatha National Forest. This is the only border-crossing between the United States and Canada for some 300 miles. Elevations are a bit over 600 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:03	10:18	11:53	13:33	14:59	15:46	15:26	14:12	12:37	10:58	9:29	8:40
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:56	4:45	6:18	7:19	8:29	9:19	9:41	8:09	5:45	4:00	2:09	2:08
AREA OF BLUE SKY	21%	30%	35%	37%	38%	41%	45%	41%	33%	27%	16%	17%
LOW FOR MONTH	-18°	-17°	-6°	13°	27°	34°	41°	40°	32°	24°	8°	-10°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	6°	5°	15°	29°	39°	47°	52°	53°	46°	37°	27°	14°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	22°	23°	32°	47°	60°	70°	75°	73°	65°	53°	39°	27°
HIGH FOR MONTH	37°	39°	50°	68°	80°	84°	87°	86°	81°	71°	55°	43°
FROSTY MORNINGS	98%	100%	94%	67%	20%	2%	0%	0%	4%	27%	73%	95%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	74%	70%	67%	59%	53%	59%	60%	62%	67%	68%	76%	78%
NEARBY WATERS	38°	35°	32°	36°	38°	41°	47°	56°	55°	49°	44°	43°
DRY DAYS	41%	51%	61%	62%	63%	65%	66%	66%	56%	55%	44%	41%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	84%	82%	80%	81%	79%	81%	79%	74%	76%	71%	74%
DRY HOURS	57%	67%	77%	82%	88%	90%	93%	91%	87%	82%	69%	59%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	24.1"	15.6"	12.0"	4.5"	0.6"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	2.3"	13.9"	24.6"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	59%	49%	39%	18%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	44%	59%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	2%	5%	10%	19%	19%	17%	14%	6%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	6%	7%	10%	9%	11%	13%	16%	20%	20%	16%	10%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 47% of the year’s daylight hours. This might range from a low of 23% in November, to a high of 63% in July. The year’s lowest temperature should be close to -21°, and the highest should be near 90°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Shipping passes through the locks at a peak rate of about 100 ships a day from April through December. Everything freezes over during the winter. Water temperatures are for Whitefish Bay.