

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PETOSKEY AND LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY, MICHIGAN

LOCATION: Little Traverse Bay is located on the northwestern Lake Michigan shoreline of Michigan's lower peninsula. Or, as Michigan natives would say, "At the tip of the ring finger"—referring to the "mitten" shape of that peninsula. Petoskey, a very up-scale resort community, is situated on the south shore of Little Traverse bay, near its eastern end. Elevations are around 700 feet above sea level, or a few tens of feet above lake level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:10	10:22	11:53	13:29	14:52	15:36	15:18	14:07	12:36	11:00	9:35	8:49
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:00	4:35	6:11	7:25	8:43	9:43	10:09	8:41	6:24	4:35	2:35	2:18
AREA OF BLUE SKY	20%	27%	33%	35%	38%	42%	47%	44%	37%	31%	18%	18%
LOW FOR MONTH	-4°	-14°	-2°	17°	31°	40°	48°	45°	36°	27°	14°	1°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	14°	11°	20°	32°	42°	52°	58°	57°	50°	41°	31°	21°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	27°	27°	37°	50°	62°	72°	77°	75°	68°	57°	43°	32°
HIGH FOR MONTH	40°	44°	56°	69°	77°	83°	87°	86°	83°	74°	59°	46°
FROSTY MORNINGS	99%	98%	88%	52%	10%	0%	0%	0%	1%	12%	54%	89%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	70%	67%	60%	57%	61%	62%	63%	66%	66%	74%	76%
NEARBY WATERS	39°	36°	34°	36°	38°	46°	58°	63°	60°	52°	45°	44°
DRY DAYS	54%	64%	71%	71%	71%	68%	74%	70%	64%	64%	59%	55%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	86%	83%	80%	80%	79%	83%	79%	74%	78%	75%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.25	0.29	0.37	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.48	0.58	0.45	0.45	0.36
LIKELY SNOWFALL	29.8"	17.2"	11.7"	3.7"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.8"	9.1"	25.4"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	46%	36%	20%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	18%	44%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	4%	7%	11%	20%	20%	18%	15%	6%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	5%	6%	8%	7%	8%	9%	10%	13%	14%	11%	8%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 49% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 26% in December, to a high of 66% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -15° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 90° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3° cooler than actual ones during spring and autumn, and essentially the same as actual ones the rest of the year. From December through early March, more than half of the afternoons will fail to warm to above freezing, and about a dozen mornings will start out below zero. Snowfall amounts vary widely from year to year and from place to place within the area, due to variations in topography and the lake effect. The best weather comes from late May through August.