

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CHEROKEE LAKES RESORT AREA, OKLAHOMA

LOCATION: The Cherokee Lakes Country is located in northeastern Oklahoma. It covers a number of large reservoir-type lakes on the Arkansas (are-KAN-zuss) River and its tributaries. These include the Grand Lake of the Cherokees in the state's northeast corner and Eufala Lake and Robert S. Kerr Lake in the foothills of the Oachita (WAW-shih-taw) Mountains. The area is more or less centered on Muskogee, and is the traditional home of the Cherokee Nations. Elevations vary, but are in the neighborhood of 600 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:01	10:52	11:57	13:05	14:04	14:34	14:21	13:32	12:27	11:19	10:19	9:47
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:17	6:04	6:55	7:51	8:42	10:03	10:43	9:55	8:28	7:19	5:46	5:05
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	42%	42%	43%	43%	48%	54%	56%	53%	55%	48%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	9°	14°	22°	33°	45°	56°	62°	60°	46°	34°	22°	14°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	27°	31°	40°	50°	59°	67°	71°	70°	63°	51°	39°	31°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	48°	53°	62°	73°	80°	88°	93°	93°	85°	75°	61°	51°
HIGH FOR MONTH	70°	75°	82°	88°	91°	97°	102°	102°	97°	90°	79°	71°
FROSTY MORNINGS	69%	54%	23%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	25%	58%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	2%	7%	42%	72%	68%	33%	4%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	56%	52%	48%	47%	54%	54%	49%	48%	51%	48%	52%	56%
DRY DAYS	78%	75%	74%	69%	67%	71%	78%	78%	77%	79%	79%	78%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	85%	82%	80%	77%	82%	86%	86%	84%	86%	86%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.32	0.40	0.52	0.67	0.85	0.69	0.51	0.49	0.60	0.55	0.50	0.40
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.0"	2.3"	1.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.4"	1.2"
SNOWY DAYS	7%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	5%	12%	21%	26%	26%	21%	21%	16%	10%	6%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	5%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	5%	5%	5%

COMMENTS: Some 62% of the year's daylight hours are sunny, ranging from a "low" of 52° in December to a high of 75% in July. The annual temperature range in a typical year is pretty close to 100°, from a winter low in the middle single digits to a summer high of four or five degrees over one-hundred. Precipitation is moderate and is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. A peak in May is due to heavy thundershower activity at that time of year. Winter snowfalls are typically light, and snow rarely stays on the ground past noon of the next day. Morning humidities are high throughout the year, with dews and early morning light mists common. Afternoon humidities are moderate in all seasons. Tornadoes are a feature of the spring and summer weather, but you have a better chance of winning the lottery than actually encountering one.