

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BLOCK ISLAND RESORT AREA, RHODE ISLAND

LOCATION: Block Island is located some twelve miles off the south coast of mainland Rhode Island. The island covers some 21 square miles, and is popular as a summer resort. Passenger ferries connect Providence and Newport with the island during the summer months, as do vehicular ferries from Newport, New London (CT), and Montauk (NY). Vehicular ferries from the Point Judith area service the island all year around. Elevations on the island are within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:35	10:36	11:55	13:18	14:29	15:06	14:50	13:50	12:32	11:09	9:56	9:17
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:19	5:44	5:38	7:27	8:25	9:04	9:12	8:34	7:31	6:35	4:58	4:06
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	43%	44%	41%	41%	43%	41%	43%	47%	51%	39%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	11 °	8 °	19 °	26 °	39 °	49 °	57 °	54 °	48 °	39 °	27 °	12 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26 °	25 °	31 °	39 °	47 °	57 °	63 °	64 °	59 °	50 °	40 °	30 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	38 °	37 °	42 °	51 °	60 °	69 °	75 °	75 °	70 °	61 °	52 °	42 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	48 °	49 °	58 °	71 °	72 °	80 °	83 °	85 °	78 °	70 °	61 °	53 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	73%	78%	52%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	57%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	70%	70%	71%	74%	76%	76%	74%	72%	69%	71%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	42 °	41 °	40 °	43 °	49 °	60 °	67 °	69 °	66 °	60 °	54 °	48 °
DRY DAYS	62%	62%	62%	64%	65%	70%	71%	72%	74%	72%	66%	64%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	78%	77%	78%	80%	83%	83%	81%	84%	82%	79%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.60	0.62	0.63	0.59	0.53	0.42	0.45	0.60	0.51	0.53	0.62	0.63
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.8"	6.2"	4.7"	0.6"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.6"	3.5"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	16%	17%	11%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	12%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	3%	4%	6%	9%	13%	10%	6%	3%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	10%	11%	13%	16%	27%	28%	28%	19%	14%	7%	7%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 56% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 44% in December, to a high of 62% in July and August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 6°, and the highest should be near 87°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Over the course of the year, the island gets one clear and sunny day out of three. October leads the way with 41% such days. Summer afternoons are generally warm, occasionally hot, and often merely mild. Three out of four winter afternoons warm to above the freezing point—although often not by much. Winter rains are more common than winter snows, so the snow rarely stays on the ground for long after a fall.