

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CHATTANOOGA RECREATION AREA, TENNESSEE

LOCATION: Chattanooga is located in extreme southeastern Tennessee, close to the border with Georgia, and not too far from Alabama. The city is situated at the southern end of the Great Valley of Tennessee, on the south bank of the winding Tennessee River. The topography within the city and its environs is complex, with many hills, ridges, and small valleys. Elevations vary, but are in the neighborhood of 700 feet above sea level. The Lookout Mountain section of *Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park* is situated on top of Lookout Mountain in the southwestern part of the city. The Chickamauga section lies a few miles south of the city across the border into Georgia and near Ft. Ogelthorpe.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:06	10:54	11:57	13:03	14:00	14:29	14:17	13:29	12:26	11:21	10:22	9:51
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:17	5:14	6:09	7:46	8:56	9:02	8:47	8:20	8:01	7:11	5:32	4:13
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	38%	40%	44%	45%	46%	43%	46%	50%	55%	47%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	13°	16°	23°	32°	42°	53°	60°	59°	48°	33°	22°	16°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33°	35°	41°	50°	58°	66°	69°	69°	63°	51°	40°	34°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	50°	53°	61°	71°	79°	86°	88°	87°	83°	72°	60°	51°
HIGH FOR MONTH	68°	72°	79°	87°	91°	96°	97°	96°	94°	85°	77°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	54%	47%	22%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	25%	48%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	26%	42%	36%	13%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	62%	57%	53%	49%	52%	54%	57%	56%	55%	52%	55%	62%
DRY DAYS	60%	60%	60%	66%	66%	62%	60%	65%	72%	78%	70%	63%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	74%	74%	78%	76%	79%	75%	80%	81%	84%	78%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.82	0.87	0.93	0.78	0.64	0.67	0.72	0.61	0.55	0.49	0.62	0.81
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.1"	1.7"	0.6"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	1.0"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	6%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	7%	12%	16%	24%	34%	37%	33%	15%	4%	4%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	10%	6%	4%	3%	4%	5%	5%	6%	10%	16%	13%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 57% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 42% in January, to a high of 65% in September. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 9 , and the highest should be near 99 . Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be somewhat higher than actual ones during July and August, due to the combination of heat and humidity. Winter (December through February) has chilly to cool days and cold nights. Sunrise will start the day below freezing about half the time. Rain is four times as likely as snow during the winter, but snowfalls do occur and stay on the ground for a day or two at a time. Summer (June through early September) has hot days (occasionally very hot) and warm to mild nights. Much of the rain comes from afternoon and evening thundershowers. Spring and autumn are transitional seasons, but probably have the nicest weather. Lookout Mountain will be about 5° cooler and a bit wetter than the city below.