

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK, UTAH

LOCATION: Canyonlands National Park is located deep in the Colorado Plateau country of southeastern Utah. The Park surrounds the confluence of the Green River and the Colorado River and Cataract Canyon below the confluence. Canyonlands occupies portions of three counties, Grand, Garfield, and San Juan Counties. The Park adjoins Glen Canyon National Recreation Area on its western side.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:51	10:45	11:56	13:10	14:14	14:47	14:33	13:39	12:29	11:15	10:10	9:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:57	6:48	7:49	8:59	10:17	11:45	11:10	10:16	9:40	8:16	6:41	5:46
AREA OF BLUE SKY	44%	43%	45%	45%	50%	64%	59%	59%	65%	62%	53%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	-2°	6°	18°	27°	36°	44°	52°	49°	38°	24°	13°	3°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	16°	23°	31°	39°	47°	55°	63°	60°	50°	38°	27°	19°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	42°	50°	61°	72°	82°	92°	98°	95°	86°	73°	57°	44°
HIGH FOR MONTH	55°	63°	74°	84°	93°	103°	105°	102°	97°	85°	71°	56°
FROSTY MORNINGS	95%	86%	60%	18%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	20%	75%	93%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%	66%	96%	86%	40%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	51%	37%	28%	25%	19%	23%	26%	27%	34%	47%	60%
DRY DAYS	87%	85%	84%	85%	87%	91%	87%	83%	87%	86%	91%	88%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	95%	94%	93%	93%	95%	95%	95%	92%	94%	94%	94%	95%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.06	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.15	0.11	0.11
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.1"	2.0"	0.9"	0.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	0.9"	3.2"
SNOWY DAYS	9%	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	3%	7%	14%	15%	31%	31%	16%	6%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%

COMMENTS: The area has a high desert version of the mid-latitude four-season year. Bright sunshine occurs on 70% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a "low" of 60% in December to a high of 79% in June. The low temperature for the year will be near -5° some windless winter sunrise, while the high will be around 106° some sunny summer afternoon. Precipitation is sparse, and varies widely from year to year. A typical summer afternoon will be very sunny, very arid, and very hot. Sensible temperatures will be some 5° lower than actual ones. Summer nights are mild to cool. Summer afternoon thunderstorms are a feature of the season, but less than half of them bring rain all the way to the ground. A typical winter afternoon will be sunny, moderately humid, and chilly more often than cold. Six or seven winter afternoons will fail to warm above freezing. Winter nights are quite cold, and will drop below zero several times. Snowfall is irregular, and rarely remains on the ground for long.