

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LYNCHBURG AREA, VIRGINIA

LOCATION: Lynchburg is located in south-central Virginia. The city is situated in the Piedmont on several hills overlooking the James River. The Blue Ridge Mountains (and the Blue Ridge Parkway) are approximately twenty miles to the northwest of town. Elevations in the city are around 600 feet above sea level. Some twenty miles to the east is Appomattox Court House National Historic Park. Here, on April 9<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) in 1865, the Civil War came to an end.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:55	10:48	11:56	13:09	14:10	14:42	14:29	13:37	12:28	11:16	10:13	9:39
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:58	6:01	6:59	8:07	9:07	9:39	9:24	8:35	7:49	7:05	5:44	4:56
AREA OF BLUE SKY	44%	46%	47%	48%	47%	47%	48%	48%	53%	59%	53%	48%
LOW FOR MONTH	8°	12°	20°	29°	39°	49°	57°	55°	43°	30°	21°	12°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	28°	29°	36°	45°	54°	62°	66°	65°	59°	47°	37°	30°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	46°	48°	57°	67°	76°	83°	87°	85°	79°	69°	57°	48°
HIGH FOR MONTH	65°	68°	78°	86°	88°	93°	95°	94°	91°	83°	75°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	67%	56%	33%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	33%	63%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	18%	30%	23%	9%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	53%	51%	48%	45%	51%	54%	56%	57%	56%	52%	52%	54%
DRY DAYS	65%	65%	64%	67%	64%	63%	64%	64%	71%	75%	72%	70%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	80%	78%	78%	80%	78%	81%	77%	81%	84%	85%	81%	81%
DRY HOURS	90%	90%	90%	92%	93%	95%	95%	95%	94%	93%	92%	91%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.3"	4.5"	3.0"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	0.6"	2.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	12%	11%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	3%	9%	17%	24%	27%	24%	11%	3%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	9%	10%	7%	7%	9%	6%	8%	7%	12%	10%	10%	9%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 50% in January, to a high of 66% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 5°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones—except during July and August, when they will be a degree or so warmer. A touch more than one-third of the year's days will be clear and sunny, with October way ahead of the pack with 46%. The area has a distinct four-season year. Summer afternoons are sunny, hot to very hot, and moderately humid. Winter afternoons are moderately sunny, chilly, and moderately humid. Less than a dozen winter afternoons will fail to warm to above freezing in a typical winter. Snowfalls are extremely variable from one winter to the next, with the snow rarely staying on the ground for long.