

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ROANOKE AND THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY, VIRGINIA

LOCATION: Roanoke is located in southwestern Virginia, and is the largest city and service center for that geographic region. The city lies in the Shenandoah Valley, between the Blue Ridge Mountains to the south and east and the Appalachian Mountains to the north and west. Situated on the banks of the Roanoke River, the city enjoys a picturesque location. The Blue Ridge Parkway runs through the city's southeastern suburbs. Elevations are around 1,000 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:55	10:48	11:56	13:08	14:09	14:41	14:28	13:36	12:28	11:17	10:14	9:40
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:06	4:55	5:38	6:42	7:24	8:17	8:04	7:31	6:32	6:10	4:38	4:06
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	38%	38%	39%	38%	40%	41%	42%	44%	51%	43%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	10°	13°	20°	28°	39°	48°	55°	53°	41°	30°	20°	12°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	28°	29°	35°	44°	53°	61°	65°	64°	57°	46°	36°	29°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	47°	49°	57°	68°	77°	84°	87°	86°	80°	70°	58°	48°
HIGH FOR MONTH	67°	69°	78°	86°	90°	94°	96°	95°	93°	84°	75°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	73%	69%	41%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	33%	65%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	20%	35%	27%	9%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	51%	49%	46%	45%	51%	53%	54%	55%	55%	50%	51%	53%
DRY DAYS	69%	69%	67%	68%	66%	66%	63%	66%	73%	77%	74%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	79%	78%	81%	78%	80%	78%	79%	83%	85%	83%	82%
DRY HOURS	85%	85%	86%	90%	90%	93%	94%	93%	92%	91%	89%	87%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.2"	5.8"	3.5"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.2"	4.1"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	9%	10%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	3%	10%	19%	22%	28%	21%	9%	3%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	9%	10%	6%	3%	6%	3%	4%	5%	9%	6%	7%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 50% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 41% in January, to a high of 56% in June and July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 6°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones—except during the winter, when they will be a few degrees cooler than actual ones. Clear days reach a peak in October, when some 43% of the days will be clear. Summer afternoons are hot, occasionally very hot. Winter afternoons are usually mild to chilly. Only about one winter day in ten will fail to warm to above freezing in the afternoon. Snowfalls are generally light, and rarely last for long in the city. They may remain for much longer in the nearby mountains.