

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE WHIDBEY ISLAND AREA, WASHINGTON

LOCATION: Whidbey Island is located in the northwestern corner of Washington state. The island is situated in Puget sound, between the Straits of Juan de Fuca on the west and Skagit Bay and the Saratoga Passage on the east. The island is about thirty miles long, quite narrow, and very irregular in outline. It is connected to the mainland by highway bridges to the north, and by ferries to the south. The island is quite hilly, and elevations range from sea level to 516 feet above it.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:50	10:11	11:52	13:38	15:11	16:01	15:40	14:20	12:39	10:54	9:19	8:26
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:01	3:28	5:30	6:08	7:36	7:22	9:50	8:42	6:45	4:15	2:30	1:52
AREA OF BLUE SKY	22%	25%	29%	30%	34%	35%	48%	46%	45%	32%	24%	22%
LOW FOR MONTH	20 °	24 °	28 °	33 °	38 °	44 °	46 °	46 °	40 °	33 °	26 °	22 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34 °	35 °	37 °	41 °	45 °	49 °	51 °	51 °	48 °	43 °	39 °	36 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	44 °	48 °	51 °	56 °	61 °	65 °	69 °	69 °	65 °	58 °	50 °	46 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	55 °	58 °	61 °	66 °	72 °	74 °	77 °	77 °	75 °	67 °	60 °	55 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	37%	31%	22%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	23%	29%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	75%	72%	69%	66%	67%	68%	68%	69%	70%	75%	77%	78%
NEARBY WATERS	46 °	45 °	46 °	48 °	51 °	54 °	56 °	57 °	55 °	52 °	49 °	48 °
DRY DAYS	48%	55%	57%	62%	70%	72%	84%	83%	75%	64%	49%	46%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	82%	82%	85%	88%	88%	93%	92%	89%	84%	77%	74%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.36	0.31	0.27	0.23	0.21	0.20	0.11	0.13	0.21	0.28	0.40	0.42
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.8"	1.3"	1.1"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	1.4"
SNOWY DAYS	7%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	10%	9%	8%	6%	5%	6%	14%	18%	20%	23%	13%	12%

COMMENTS: Whidbey Island has a marine climate similar to that of the British Isles. The year has four indistinct seasons, with a mild sunny dry summer, and a cool cloudy wet winter. Temperatures do not change much from day to night, especially under cloudy skies. Since the prevailing winds are out of the west off of the northern Pacific Ocean, humidities are generally high. These same winds have the effect of delaying the seasons somewhat over what you would find at similar latitudes farther inland. Bright sunshine occurs on 42% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 22% in December to a high of 63% in July. The low temperature for the year will be near 15°, while the high will be around 81°. Precipitation is light, with a winter maximum.