

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ARAPAHO NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, COLORADO

LOCATION: Arapaho National Recreation Area is located just southwest of Rocky Mountain National Park in north-central Colorado. The NRA is situated mostly around the shores of Lake Granby. Elevations are some 8,300 feet above sea level. The nearby town of Granby serves as a service center to the NRA, and provides its only year-around access. The Trail Ridge Road through Rocky Mountain National Park is usually closed from October through May.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:40	10:39	11:55	13:15	14:23	14:59	14:44	13:46	12:31	11:11	10:01	9:23
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:13	7:02	7:52	8:29	9:04	10:33	10:31	9:36	8:58	7:50	6:27	5:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	48%	45%	43%	41%	41%	52%	54%	53%	58%	57%	51%	49%
LOW FOR MONTH	-23 °	-19 °	-11 °	1 °	19 °	28 °	33 °	33 °	23 °	15 °	-3 °	-10 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	1 °	2 °	10 °	20 °	30 °	36 °	42 °	41 °	34 °	25 °	16 °	6 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	27 °	31 °	38 °	48 °	59 °	69 °	75 °	73 °	66 °	55 °	39 °	29 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	38 °	43 °	49 °	60 °	70 °	78 °	82 °	81 °	76 °	67 °	50 °	41 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	100%	97%	75%	23%	2%	5%	43%	89%	98%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	53%	48%	42%	43%	38%	37%	37%	38%	41%	51%	57%
DRY DAYS	55%	61%	58%	60%	58%	70%	58%	58%	67%	74%	67%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	90%	88%	85%	83%	86%	83%	81%	85%	89%	89%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.17	0.15	0.16	0.20	0.23	0.21	0.25	0.26	0.21	0.15	0.15	0.16
LIKELY SNOWFALL	16.1"	12.6"	14.3"	9.0"	2.3"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	1.3"	2.1"	10.3"	16.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	45%	39%	42%	31%	7%	1%	0%	0%	3%	6%	33%	39%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	1%	7%	21%	30%	38%	31%	14%	4%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 67% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 62% in December, to a high of 72% in September. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -24 ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 84 ° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 4 ° cooler than actual ones during the warmer months, due to the relatively low afternoon humidity. From the middle of November through the middle of March, more than half the days will remain below freezing all day long, and a third of the nights will drop below zero. Snowfall is extremely variable from place to place and from year to year. June through October brings the area its nicest weather. Expect temperatures to drop with increases in elevation, and snow to arrive earlier and stay later.