

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MACKINAC ISLAND RESORT AREA, MICHIGAN

LOCATION: Mackinac Island is located in Lake Huron, just east of the Straits of Mackinac that divide Michigan's Lower Peninsula from the Upper Peninsula. The island is situated about three miles east of the town of St. Ignace, to which it is linked by passenger ferry (in season). Ferries also link the island to Mackinaw City in the lower peninsula. Cars and busses are not permitted on the island. Getting around is on foot, by horse-drawn carriage, saddle horses, or by bicycle. There is limited air service from Detroit and Pellston. Elevations range from lake level (about 577' above sea level) to several hundred feet above it.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:07	10:20	11:53	13:31	14:55	15:40	15:21	14:09	12:36	10:59	9:33	8:45
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:16	4:43	6:22	7:18	8:41	9:24	9:51	8:19	5:58	4:27	2:29	2:24
AREA OF BLUE SKY	21%	27%	31%	33%	36%	38%	42%	40%	31%	27%	16%	17%
LOW FOR MONTH	-8 °	-10 °	-1 °	13 °	29 °	38 °	46 °	45 °	39 °	29 °	11 °	1 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	10 °	8 °	17 °	29 °	39 °	48 °	55 °	55 °	49 °	39 °	28 °	18 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	26 °	26 °	35 °	47 °	58 °	68 °	75 °	74 °	66 °	55 °	42 °	30 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	43 °	41 °	49 °	62 °	71 °	79 °	87 °	82 °	78 °	68 °	57 °	43 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	95%	65%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	62%	94%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	69%	65%	58%	53%	58%	58%	61%	65%	65%	73%	75%
NEARBY WATERS	39 °	35 °	33 °	36 °	38 °	45 °	59 °	63 °	60 °	51 °	45 °	44 °
DRY DAYS	59%	65%	67%	70%	68%	70%	73%	72%	65%	65%	59%	58%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	85%	82%	80%	81%	79%	82%	79%	76%	79%	75%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.30	0.26	0.35	0.39	0.49	0.52	0.46	0.46	0.63	0.51	0.40	0.30
LIKELY SNOWFALL	18.2"	13.8"	12.9"	6.0"	0.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.9"	6.7"	15.5"
SNOWY DAYS	41%	35%	33%	15%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	30%	42%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	3%	6%	11%	19%	20%	18%	14%	5%	2%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	5%	6%	10%	9%	9%	10%	12%	15%	16%	13%	9%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 48% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 26% in November, to a high of 64% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -15°, and the highest should be near 90°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones—a bit lower than actual ones in the spring and autumn. The presence of the lake and the prevailing winds from the west have the effect of delaying all seasons by a few weeks over those in the interior of the state. This annual rhythm naturally affects the island's weather. People come to Mackinac Island to get away from the heat—not to loll on a beach. Many island swimming pools are heated.