

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE, MICHIGAN

LOCATION: The Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is located along the shores of Lake Superior on the north-central coast of Michigan's upper peninsula. The almost thirty miles of lakeshore include twenty-story cliffs, caves, rock columns and formations, beaches, sand-dunes, waterfalls, inland lakes, and forest. Munising at the southwestern end and Grand Marais at the northeastern end provide visitor services. Camping, sightseeing by trail, road, and boat, and similar activities dominate the summer, while cross-country skiing and snowmobiling are popular during the winter. North of Munising, in Lake Superior, lies Grand Island National Recreation Area. Elevations are within a few hundred feet of lake level (about 600 feet above sea level).

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:02	10:18	11:53	13:33	15:00	15:46	15:26	14:12	12:37	10:58	9:29	8:40
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:52	4:20	5:52	7:08	8:16	9:10	9:47	8:14	6:02	4:19	2:21	2:11
AREA OF BLUE SKY	20%	27%	32%	36%	36%	39%	45%	41%	34%	29%	17%	18%
LOW FOR MONTH	-14 °	-16 °	-8 °	6 °	24 °	33 °	36 °	39 °	33 °	20 °	4 °	-4 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	10 °	8 °	16 °	28 °	37 °	46 °	52 °	52 °	47 °	38 °	22 °	16 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	25 °	25 °	33 °	46 °	59 °	69 °	74 °	73 °	66 °	55 °	40 °	29 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	38 °	40 °	57 °	66 °	76 °	83 °	89 °	88 °	82 °	71 °	55 °	42 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	97%	73%	34%	7%	1%	1%	7%	31%	75%	97%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	5%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	75%	72%	69%	63%	60%	64%	64%	64%	67%	67%	74%	76%
NEARBY WATERS	39 °	36 °	33 °	35 °	36 °	38 °	41 °	51 °	52 °	46 °	42 °	43 °
DRY DAYS	52%	59%	69%	72%	68%	70%	71%	72%	65%	64%	55%	56%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	71%	79%	82%	80%	77%	75%	82%	77%	72%	76%	68%	71%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.39	0.32	0.30	0.36	0.44	0.51	0.47	0.43	0.58	0.46	0.52	0.40
LIKELY SNOWFALL	30.7"	22.1"	16.4"	6.9"	0.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	2.3"	17.4"	28.5"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	48%	41%	31%	22%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%	45%	44%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	2%	5%	10%	19%	18%	16%	11%	4%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	3%	4%	6%	7%	8%	9%	11%	10%	10%	8%	5%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 47% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 25% in November and December, to a high of 63% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -18°, and the highest should be near 90°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Winter dominates the calendar, with below-freezing temperatures occurring in every month (although July and August are frost-free most months). The lakes and streams are frozen and snow-covered from November through April. Summers are mild to warm, rarely hot.