

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BEND RESORT AREA, OREGON

LOCATION: Bend is located in central Oregon. The city is situated on the banks of the middle reach of the Deschutes River, a tributary of the Columbia River to the north. Elevations are about 3,600 feet above sea level in town, but rise to 10,358 at the summit of South Sister in the Cascade Mountains to the west. Although most visitors come for the superb skiing at nearby Mount Bachelor, the area is also popular in the summer months with campers, fishermen, bicyclists, and hikers. Bend is also the site of the Newberry National Volcanic Monument.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:18	10:27	11:54	13:26	14:44	15:26	15:09	14:02	12:34	11:03	9:42	8:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:21	4:39	6:03	7:39	9:10	10:16	12:25	11:08	9:25	6:25	3:53	3:03
AREA OF BLUE SKY	27%	30%	33%	38%	42%	50%	72%	69%	64%	51%	34%	29%
LOW FOR MONTH	-1 °	2 °	9 °	18 °	22 °	30 °	34 °	33 °	25 °	18 °	9 °	3 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21 °	24 °	26 °	29 °	35 °	40 °	45 °	44 °	38 °	32 °	27 °	23 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	41 °	46 °	51 °	59 °	66 °	73 °	83 °	82 °	74 °	64 °	50 °	42 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	55 °	60 °	67 °	76 °	82 °	88 °	95 °	92 °	88 °	79 °	65 °	56 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	86%	86%	81%	65%	40%	17%	3%	5%	26%	56%	73%	84%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	23%	18%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	53%	48%	38%	34%	34%	32%	26%	26%	29%	38%	48%	58%
DRY DAYS	65%	69%	76%	80%	79%	79%	88%	92%	87%	81%	73%	70%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	89%	90%	95%	90%	90%	95%	95%	95%	94%	88%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.30	0.21	0.15	0.12	0.17	0.17	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.11	0.26	0.30
LIKELY SNOWFALL	11.0"	5.8"	4.5"	1.6"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.3"	3.9"	9.2"
SNOWY DAYS	20%	17%	12%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	16%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	3%	7%	6%	8%	8%	5%	1%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	10%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	8%	11%

COMMENTS: The area has a semi-desert version of the four-season year. You can expect bright sunshine on some 57% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 34% in December to a high of 82% in July. The annual range of temperatures is some 108°F, from a low of about -10° in the winter to a high of almost 100° in the summer. Precipitation is light, and is concentrated in the winter months. A typical summer afternoon will be very sunny, fairly arid, and warm to hot. Summer nights are quite chilly, with no month being frost-free. A typical winter afternoon will be cloudy, moderately humid, and chilly more often than cold. Afternoon temperatures will fail to rise above the freezing point only a dozen times each winter. Winter nights will almost always drop below freezing, and will drop below zero three or four times in a typical winter. Most winter precipitation comes as snow, but the combination of light falls and afternoon temperatures above freezing keeps snow from staying on the ground for long at the lower elevations. The higher elevations get more snow, of course.