

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK, OREGON

LOCATION: Crater Lake National Park is located in the Cascade Mountains of southwestern Oregon. The Park surrounds the caldera of an ancient volcano, with the deep blue lake occupying its center. Elevations within the Park range from roughly 4,250 feet above sea level near the southern entrance, to almost 8,930 at the summit of Mount Scott. The Rim Drive (closed in winter), averages between 6,000 and 7,000 feet in elevation. The lake itself is 1,932 feet deep, the deepest in the United States. The Rim Drive closes with the first heavy snowfall in October, and usually does not open again until cleared in early July.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:25	10:31	11:54	13:22	14:38	15:18	15:01	13:57	12:33	11:06	9:48	9:06
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:23	5:00	5:57	7:25	9:01	10:07	12:36	10:41	9:27	6:43	4:11	3:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	23%	31%	31%	37%	46%	55%	78%	72%	69%	52%	32%	27%
LOW FOR MONTH	-2 °	0 °	6 °	10 °	17 °	23 °	30 °	29 °	26 °	20 °	9 °	1 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	17 °	18 °	19 °	23 °	28 °	35 °	42 °	41 °	37 °	31 °	24 °	20 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	34 °	35 °	37 °	43 °	51 °	59 °	70 °	69 °	63 °	52 °	41 °	35 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	49 °	50 °	52 °	57 °	65 °	78 °	85 °	82 °	74 °	66 °	58 °	51 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	98%	98%	95%	87%	65%	33%	8%	10%	28%	56%	85%	95%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	67%	60%	51%	46%	44%	35%	36%	39%	50%	66%	74%
DRY DAYS	45%	47%	49%	60%	69%	76%	91%	91%	81%	67%	57%	48%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	48%	51%	56%	70%	76%	83%	94%	95%	87%	73%	63%	52%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.78	1.49	1.30	0.73	0.51	0.39	0.10	0.14	0.35	0.95	1.44	1.88
LIKELY SNOWFALL	115.3"	99.5"	92.9"	43.5"	23.7"	3.3"	0.0"	0.1"	2.4"	22.3"	55.8"	97.2"
SNOWY DAYS	55%	53%	51%	40%	23%	3%	0%	0%	2%	12%	28%	43%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	2%	3%	6%	8%	5%	7%	3%	2%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	40%	32%	29%	21%	20%	16%	8%	9%	12%	21%	31%	36%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 36% in January, to a high of 84% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -11°, and the highest should be near 92°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones during the colder months, and up to 4° warmer during the summer. The Visitor's Center at Mazama Village below the rim averages almost 560 inches of snow annually. Places along the rim will get even more. This is one of the snowiest places in the United States. The road to Rim Village is kept open during the winter, except after heavy snows. Chains, however, may be required to climb the steep grade. Meals of a sort are available all year at both Mazama Village and Rim Village. Accommodations are usually available only from the middle of May through the middle of October.