

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH AFRICA

LOCATION: Kruger National Park is located in extreme northeast South Africa. It stretches some two-hundred miles along the border with Mozambique, from the Limpopo River in the north, almost to Swaziland. Its width averages about fifty miles, making it the largest of South Africa's parks. Elevations range from about six-hundred feet above sea level in the river bottoms to almost a thousand feet higher in the Lebombo Mountains. Just to the east of the Park are several private game preserves that contain some of world's best resort establishments.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:27	12:55	12:15	11:33	10:59	10:41	10:49	11:18	11:57	12:39	13:16	13:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:03	6:58	6:59	7:35	8:27	7:55	8:07	8:15	7:39	7:33	7:04	6:34
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	37%	44%	61%	74%	76%	76%	69%	65%	56%	39%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	61 °	59 °	58 °	52 °	41 °	36 °	36 °	40 °	46 °	46 °	54 °	58 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	69 °	69 °	67 °	61 °	53 °	46 °	46 °	50 °	57 °	61 °	65 °	67 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	90 °	90 °	89 °	85 °	82 °	78 °	78 °	81 °	83 °	85 °	87 °	88 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	103 °	100 °	100 °	95 °	94 °	90 °	90 °	94 °	99 °	100 °	99 °	102 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	54%	51%	45%	21%	13%	2%	1%	10%	23%	33%	39%	42%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	44%	49%	44%	41%	36%	36%	34%	31%	33%	31%	30%	43%
DRY DAYS	74%	72%	76%	85%	94%	93%	96%	95%	91%	84%	74%	70%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	80%	85%	92%	98%	97%	99%	98%	96%	91%	84%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.58	0.66	0.42	0.23	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.13	0.22	0.47	0.71
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	7%	6%	6%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	5%	8%	9%
FOGGY DAYS	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: All of the area enjoys a sub-tropical wet-and-dry climate with the corresponding two-season year. Superimposed on this basic pattern, the rainfall diminishes as you go northward, and the temperatures decrease as you climb in elevation. This said, the rainy season runs from late October through early April in most years. For most of the region, this season is not all that rainy, and most travel is unaffected. The rest of the year is quite dry. Temperatures range from hot and humid along the lower reaches of the Crocodile River to fairly cool (and even cold) in the higher mountains. With such a large area, it is obvious that conditions will vary considerable from one part of the area to another. Table values assume an elevation of between 1,500 and 2,000 feet on an eastward-facing slope. Consequently this summary give a good general picture of the region's climate, but should not be relied upon to apply to any single specific area.