

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CEDARS OF LEBANON AND THE LEBANON MOUNTAINS

LOCATION: The Cedars of Lebanon National Park is located in the central portion of northern Lebanon. The Park is situated in the Lebanon Mountains, at an elevation of about 6,300 feet above sea level. The cedars are few, being the mere remnant of forests that once covered the mountains and provided both timbers for Phoenician shipbuilders and pillars for the Temple of Solomon. The usual access is by the road connecting Tripoli with Baalbek.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:09	10:56	11:57	13:02	13:56	14:25	14:13	13:27	12:26	11:22	10:26	9:56
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:18	5:54	6:44	7:53	9:38	11:07	10:26	9:40	9:36	8:12	7:22	5:23
AREA OF BLUE SKY	50%	50%	54%	55%	63%	75%	72%	69%	74%	71%	66%	52%
LOW FOR MONTH	18 °	17 °	19 °	28 °	36 °	42 °	48 °	51 °	46 °	37 °	28 °	23 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	27 °	26 °	29 °	37 °	44 °	49 °	54 °	55 °	51 °	45 °	39 °	32 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	39 °	39 °	43 °	52 °	60 °	66 °	72 °	74 °	68 °	62 °	53 °	45 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	49 °	52 °	60 °	69 °	75 °	77 °	81 °	81 °	78 °	73 °	65 °	57 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	83%	75%	56%	15%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	56%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	64%	62%	61%	62%	63%	65%	65%	60%	60%	62%	68%
DRY DAYS	54%	56%	66%	75%	90%	96%	99%	99%	97%	84%	70%	59%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	56%	60%	72%	85%	95%	98%	99%	99%	99%	92%	81%	71%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.57	1.45	1.02	0.46	0.21	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.21	0.59	1.00
LIKELY SNOWFALL	46.3"	53.3"	18.6"	4.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.5"	18.1"
SNOWY DAYS	23%	30%	12%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	17%
THUNDER DAYS	12%	12%	10%	8%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	8%	11%	10%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Like the rest of Lebanon, the cedars enjoys a three-season year, albeit an alpine one. Spring (late April through the middle of June) comes with the melting of the snows and the greening-up of the many wildflowers and other annuals. Summer (mid-June through mid-October) brings sunny skies and long days. There is no autumn. Winter comes with the first serious rains of October, and runs on through early April. It is a season of cold and frequent snows. Snow is the characteristic precipitation of the winter months, and the ground at the Cedars itself is usually snow-covered throughout the winter months. Higher elevations will see even more snow. On about one day in five or six, you can expect afternoon temperatures to remain below freezing the entire day. You can expect daytime temperatures to drop an average of 1°F for each 300'-increase in elevation--and vice versa going downhill.