

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OKANAGAN VALLEY RESORT AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

LOCATION: The Okanagan Valley is located in south-central British Columbia, up against the Washington Border. The area covered by this Guide extends from Vernon in the north down to Osoyoos in the South. The Okanagan River runs through several lakes, whose shores are dotted with communities dependent on fruit-farming and resort tourism. There is a significant retirement population, as well. Most of the resorts are small and family-oriented. The chief towns of the area are Kelowna and Penticton. Elevations are generally between 1,000 and 2,000 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:41	10:06	11:52	13:43	15:20	16:12	15:50	14:27	12:40	10:50	9:11	8:16
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:33	3:03	4:44	6:29	7:32	8:06	10:01	8:48	6:39	4:14	1:55	1:14
AREA OF BLUE SKY	13%	19%	23%	26%	29%	31%	50%	49%	39%	29%	17%	12%
LOW FOR MONTH	5°	7°	17°	24°	31°	39°	44°	42°	33°	25°	17°	9°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	22°	25°	30°	35°	43°	49°	53°	53°	45°	38°	31°	26°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	32°	39°	49°	60°	69°	77°	83°	81°	71°	58°	44°	35°
HIGH FOR MONTH	46°	51°	62°	75°	86°	92°	97°	93°	85°	72°	56°	49°
FROSTY MORNINGS	79%	69%	60%	30%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	26%	52%	72%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	27%	17%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	66%	48%	39%	39%	40%	35%	38%	43%	53%	68%	72%
DRY DAYS	62%	64%	78%	73%	69%	69%	79%	78%	78%	74%	67%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	90%	92%	89%	86%	85%	91%	90%	90%	90%	87%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.18	0.15	0.11	0.14	0.19	0.22	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.19
LIKELY SNOWFALL	8.6"	4.4"	1.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	2.7"	8.5"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	30%	19%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	28%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	1%	2%	4%	10%	14%	10%	3%	2%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 44% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 15% in December, to a high of 63% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -2°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3° cooler than actual ones during the warmer months, and about the same as actual ones the rest of the year. The ground is usually frozen and snow-covered from late November through early March. The area's smaller lakes and streams freeze up starting in early December, and break-up about the middle of February. The Okanagan River and the deeper lakes never entirely freeze over. Lake Okanagan is said to have a monster similar to the Loch Ness monster. Apparently, it is even more shy than its Scottish cousin.