

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PRINCE RUPERT AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

LOCATION: The Prince Rupert area is located in west-central British Columbia. The town is situated on Kaien Island, north of the mouth of the Skeena River. It is squeezed between the icy Coastal Ranges and the Inside Passage. Elevations in town are close to sea level, but the land rises steeply and quickly in the surrounding area. Prince Rupert is connected to the rest of Canada by the Yellowhead Highway east to Prince George. It is also connected to the excellent ferry service of the Inside Passage. There is scheduled air service to other major Canadian cities.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:59	9:42	11:49	14:02	16:00	17:07	16:38	14:55	12:47	10:36	8:36	7:27
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:19	2:07	2:47	4:00	4:54	4:32	4:22	4:12	3:25	1:54	1:27	0:59
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	28%	32%	28%	28%	22%	23%	25%	27%	21%	22%	22%
LOW FOR MONTH	16°	19°	24°	30°	34°	41°	44°	45°	39°	33°	27°	19°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	29°	31°	33°	36°	41°	46°	50°	50°	47°	41°	35°	31°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	40°	42°	45°	50°	55°	58°	62°	63°	59°	53°	45°	41°
HIGH FOR MONTH	50°	52°	55°	62°	70°	72°	74°	76°	72°	63°	56°	52°
FROSTY MORNINGS	58%	52%	49%	25%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3%	11%	37%	54%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	79%	75%	72%	68%	69%	73%	75%	75%	76%	78%	79%	80%
NEARBY WATERS	44°	44°	42°	44°	49°	52°	57°	57°	53°	50°	49°	46°
DRY DAYS	35%	35%	34%	37%	44%	47%	48%	48%	40%	23%	24%	28%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	51%	54%	56%	61%	67%	70%	70%	67%	57%	42%	44%	48%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.52	1.44	1.28	1.16	0.86	0.73	0.74	0.95	1.46	2.18	1.96	1.77
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.9"	9.5"	6.9"	1.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	2.8"	10.2"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	22%	15%	15%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	17%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%	9%	15%	21%	19%	6%	2%	3%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 14% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 13% in December, to a high of 31% in May. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 11°, and the highest should be near 80°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a degree or two cooler than actual ones during the warmer months, and about the same as actual ones the rest of the year. The chief climatic characteristic of the area is rain. Rain or snow (or both) will fall on two days out of three during the year as a whole. Even during the winter months, rain is twice as likely as snow. Snow on the ground does not last long in town, but may persist most of the year in the mountains back of the city.