

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OSOYOOS RESORT AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

**LOCATION:** The resort town of Osoyoos is located in south-central British Columbia, just a few miles north of the border with the US state of Washington. The town is situated on the northwestern shore of Lake Osoyoos, one of a string of lakes along the Okanagon River. The lake extends into Washington and the town of Oroville. Elevations are around a thousand feet above sea level. The landscape is one of one of dry, treeless, rolling hills, surrounding intensely blue lakes. The Okanagon Valley is one of the more popular family resort areas in western Canada.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:45	10:08	11:52	13:41	15:17	16:08	15:46	14:24	12:40	10:52	9:14	8:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:34	3:03	4:44	6:28	7:30	8:04	9:58	8:47	6:38	4:15	1:55	1:14
AREA OF BLUE SKY	13%	19%	23%	26%	29%	31%	50%	49%	39%	29%	17%	12%
LOW FOR MONTH	4 °	7 °	18 °	28 °	35 °	43 °	49 °	46 °	35 °	25 °	18 °	7 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	23 °	26 °	32 °	39 °	47 °	53 °	57 °	57 °	48 °	39 °	32 °	25 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	34 °	42 °	53 °	64 °	72 °	78 °	85 °	84 °	74 °	60 °	44 °	35 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	49 °	55 °	67 °	78 °	87 °	92 °	97 °	95 °	89 °	75 °	57 °	50 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	82%	71%	52%	22%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	23%	49%	75%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	9%	27%	23%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	66%	48%	39%	39%	40%	35%	38%	43%	53%	68%	72%
DRY DAYS	62%	65%	69%	71%	69%	68%	79%	79%	82%	76%	61%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	88%	90%	88%	85%	85%	91%	90%	92%	92%	83%	85%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.18	0.18	0.14	0.15	0.24	0.24	0.15	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.21	0.22
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.3"	3.0"	0.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	2.5"	6.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	24%	12%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%	23%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	5%	7%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	21%	19%	15%	14%	13%	14%	11%	12%	10%	13%	19%	24%

**COMMENTS:** Bright sunshine is likely on 44% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 15% in December, to a high of 63% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 99° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones during the summer months, due to the relatively low humidity. This is one of the warmest parts of Canada, and produces the earliest fruit (cherries, peaches, apricots, and apples) and vegetable crops in the country. Lake Osoyoos is also reputed to be the warmest lake in the country, which accounts for some of its popularity. Stretching north along the lake on its western side is a narrow true desert reminiscent of Northern Mexico, with some of the same plants and animals.