

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SIRKKA - LEVI RESORT AREA, FINLAND

LOCATION: The resort area of Sirkka and Levi (Sirkka is the town, Levi the resort) is located in western Lapland in northwestern Finland. The town is situated on the Ounasjoki River, at an elevation of some 600 feet above sea level. The resort is just east of town, with a lift rising to some 1,742 feet in elevation, giving a descent of some 1,100 feet. Sirkka is a typical Lapp village for the region. The landscape is one of tundra (fells), with scattered conifer forests and many lakes.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	3:45	7:50	11:39	15:34	20:10	24:00	22:28	17:20	13:20	9:30	5:27	1:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	0:18	1:54	4:19	6:34	7:34	9:07	8:55	6:06	3:28	1:58	0:40	0:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	26%	25%	32%	30%	29%	28%	31%	27%	22%	20%	20%	23%
LOW FOR MONTH	-34°	-33°	-28°	-11°	17°	29°	36°	29°	21°	1°	-15°	-27°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-2°	-1°	5°	19°	32°	43°	48°	43°	36°	25°	13°	3°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	16°	17°	27°	37°	49°	61°	67°	62°	50°	36°	26°	19°
HIGH FOR MONTH	34°	33°	41°	50°	66°	77°	82°	75°	62°	49°	39°	36°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	99%	90%	53%	9%	2%	8%	34%	72%	93%	99%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	87%	84%	70%	62%	54%	53%	57%	64%	71%	83%	90%	89%
DRY DAYS	47%	45%	56%	60%	62%	56%	50%	48%	49%	49%	44%	47%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	89%	89%	86%	84%	78%	76%	75%	75%	75%	79%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.18	0.17	0.14	0.18	0.21	0.37	0.43	0.42	0.35	0.30	0.26	0.19
LIKELY SNOWFALL	16.8"	15.5"	13.9"	12.3"	6.8"	2.6"	0.0"	0.0"	2.7"	15.0"	19.5"	17.5"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	50%	55%	44%	31%	17%	5%	0%	0%	7%	31%	47%	49%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	8%	13%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	9%	8%	5%	5%	5%	5%	12%	26%	20%	17%	14%	9%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 33% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 1% in the polar night of December, to a high of 42% in April. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -34° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 83° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Being several degrees north of the Arctic Circle, the area gets perpetual daylight from the middle of May through late July. This means, however, that the winter ski season is plagued with very short days. The ground is usually frozen and snow-covered from late October well into May. From December through early March, nightly temperatures drop below zero some two to three nights out of five. Cross-country skiers should be both experienced in low-temperature skiing and prepared for extremes of cold and poor visibility.