SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE GILES AREA, AUSTRALIA

LOCATION: The Giles Meteorological Station is located in the west-central portion of the state of Western Australia. The station is situated in the Rawlinson Range, at an elevation of some 1,902 feet above sea level. The station's weather is fairly typical of the western interior deserts of Australia, and was established for that reason.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 13:31 | 12:58 | 12:16 | 11:32 | 10:56 | 10:37 | 10:45 | 11:15 | 11:56 | 12:40 | 13:19 | 13:40 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 10:06 | 9:42 | 9:29 | 9:18 | 8:17 | 8:23 | 9:05 | 9:40 | 10:05 | 10:34 | 10:18 | 10:01 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 63% | 61% | 69% | 67% | 67% | 70% | 79% | 80% | 78% | 73% | 65% | 62% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 62° | 62° | 57° | 49° | 40° | 35° | 33° | 35° | 41° | 48° | 54° | 59° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 74° | 73° | 69° | 61° | 52° | 47° | 44° | 47° | 55° | 62° | 68° | 71° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 99° | 97° | 93° | 85° | 74° | 69° | 67° | 72° | 80° | 89° | 94° | 97° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 109° | 106° | 103° | 95° | 86° | 79° | 79° | 85° | 93° | 101° | 105° | 107° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 91% | 86% | 74% | 26% | 1% | 0 % | 0% | 0% | 13% | 53% | 74% | 87% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 19% | 23% | 22% | 24% | 29% | 33% | 29% | 25% | 19% | 17% | 17% | 18% |
| DRY DAYS | 85% | 85% | 87% | 91% | 88% | 90% | 93% | 92% | 92% | 90% | 84% | 82% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 93% | 91% | 94% | 96% | 95% | 95% | 98% | 96% | 97% | 96% | 93% | 92% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.19 | 0.30 | 0.19 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.19 |
| DAYS WITH SOME SNOW | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER | 15% | 12% | 6% | 4 % | 3% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 5% | 9% | 18% | 21% |
| DAYS WITH SOME FOG | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 79% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 73% in December, to a high of 86% in August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 32°, and the highest should be near 110°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be up to 6° cooler than actual ones. The Giles year is divided into two seasons, based on the solar cycle, rainfall, and temperatures. The high-sun season runs from November through March. It gets the longest days, the highest temperatures, and the most rain--such as it is. The low-sun season runs from April through October. It has the shortest days, the coolest temperatures and the least rain. Strong variability marks the weather at all times of year, both as to temperature and rainfall.

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