

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO DENALI NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE, ALASKA

LOCATION: Denali (formerly Mount McKinley) National Park is located in south-central Alaska, just east of the highway connecting Anchorage and Fairbanks. The Park is situated mostly on the northwest flank of the Alaskan Mountains, but includes a large part of the summit area. It also includes North America's highest peak, Denali, at 20,320 feet above sea level. Most of the parts of the Park that the visitor sees are within a few thousand feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	5:40	8:33	11:43	14:59	18:14	20:34	19:29	16:22	13:08	9:55	6:46	4:39
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:39	4:13	6:24	7:58	8:37	9:09	7:57	5:58	4:49	3:24	2:54	1:52
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	37%	41%	33%	30%	26%	24%	21%	24%	21%	31%	31%
LOW FOR MONTH	-30°	-26°	-23°	-5°	16°	30°	33°	29°	18°	-4°	-18°	-30°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-8°	-4°	1°	16°	30°	40°	43°	40°	32°	16°	2°	-7°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	10°	16°	24°	38°	52°	64°	66°	62°	51°	34°	19°	11°
HIGH FOR MONTH	31°	33°	40°	52°	67°	77°	78°	73°	64°	52°	38°	32°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	100%	97%	64%	10%	3%	13%	51%	90%	100%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	65%	55%	49%	41%	45%	52%	55%	56%	68%	73%	72%
DRY DAYS	74%	72%	76%	82%	77%	63%	56%	54%	61%	63%	67%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	89%	90%	93%	92%	77%	71%	71%	78%	82%	86%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.13	0.37	0.44	0.42	0.25	0.16	0.14	0.12
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.9"	10.6"	7.4"	6.0"	2.6"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	2.3"	12.9"	12.0"	12.0"
SNOWY DAYS	26%	28%	24%	18%	7%	0%	0%	0%	6%	37%	33%	31%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	7%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	7%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 44% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 36% in August, to a high of 55% in March. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around -33° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 80° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be a few degrees cooler than actual ones during the visitor season. Good views of the summit are rare, because of the heavy cloud cover during the summer months when visitor facilities are available. Most of the clear days come in late winter. However, few facilities are available before late June or after the middle of September. The Park road is not open to private vehicles past the Visitor's Center. You must use the shuttle bus to visit the interior of the Park. The Park's chief attraction is its unparalleled wildlife viewing. It is possible to see both black and grizzly bear, moose, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep, and a wide variety of birds.