

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO HOMER AND THE KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA

LOCATION: Homer, one of Alaska's most attractive towns, is located in the south-central part of the state. This fishing town is situated on the southwestern part of the Kenai Peninsula and on the northern shore of Kachemak Bay, a finger of Cook Inlet. It is the southern terminus of the Sterling Highway (AK-1) from Anchorage. Elevations in and around town are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	6:54	9:09	11:46	14:30	17:03	18:36	17:55	15:37	12:57	10:16	7:43	6:11
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:56	4:54	6:46	8:20	10:51	11:39	9:59	8:38	6:25	4:47	3:17	2:16
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	36%	36%	32%	29%	29%	28%	30%	28%	31%	34%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	-2 °	-1 °	5 °	17 °	27 °	33 °	38 °	36 °	28 °	18 °	7 °	-1 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	16 °	18 °	21 °	28 °	35 °	41 °	45 °	45 °	40 °	31 °	23 °	17 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	29 °	32 °	35 °	43 °	50 °	57 °	61 °	60 °	55 °	44 °	35 °	29 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	42 °	43 °	46 °	52 °	60 °	67 °	70 °	69 °	62 °	54 °	47 °	42 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	92%	89%	90%	74%	31%	2%	0%	0%	13%	57%	85%	90%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	77%	71%	66%	65%	65%	67%	71%	72%	71%	69%	74%	77%
SEA TEMPERATURES	37 °	36 °	38 °	38 °	40 °	44 °	50 °	53 °	52 °	47 °	44 °	40 °
DRY DAYS	58%	62%	66%	71%	71%	71%	65%	58%	49%	52%	61%	55%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	81%	86%	87%	88%	88%	84%	79%	72%	74%	78%	77%
TOTAL PRECIPITATION	2.2"	1.6"	1.5"	1.3"	1.0"	0.9"	1.6"	2.7"	2.9"	3.3"	2.8"	2.7"
MOST LIKELY SNOWFALL	10.3"	10.6"	9.4"	3.1"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.9"	7.5"	11.9"
SNOWY DAYS	22%	25%	19%	11%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	16%	26%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	6%	2%	1%	2%	2%

COMMENTS: Homer is significantly sunnier and less cloudy than Anchorage, and this part of the Kenai Peninsula is the most popular recreation area in the state. People come to fish, hunt, canoe, backpack, camp, photograph the scenery and wildlife, and just plain have fun. It is still Alaska, however, and a certain degree of hardiness and wilderness experience is required. The peninsula's large Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is the site of the National Moose Range, and bulls there often have antlers spanning more than six feet. The Refuge also produces Dall sheep, bears, wolves, coyotes, caribou, mountain goats, and a wide variety of other furbearers. Fishing is for record red salmon, king salmon, silver salmon, arctic char, lake trout, Dolly Varden, steelhead, and kokanee.