

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO KATMAI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE, ALASKA

LOCATION: Katmai National Park is located in southwestern Alaska. The Park is situated at the base of the Alaskan Peninsula, just to the east of the small community of King Salmon. Elevations range up to 7,600 feet at the summit of Mt. Griggs, but most of the areas that attract visitors are within a few hundred feet of sea level. The Park Headquarters is in King Salmon, but there is a ranger at Brooks Camp during the summer. The visitor season is essentially from the middle of June through the middle of September. The various facilities, however, are concessioner-operated and set their own periods of operation. The town of King Salmon is the transportation and service center for the Park. Most of its residents either work for the Park Service or for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:08	9:15	11:47	14:24	16:50	18:16	17:39	15:28	12:55	10:20	7:54	6:27
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:44	4:24	6:21	7:43	8:34	8:41	7:20	5:41	4:49	3:42	2:38	1:57
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	37%	35%	28%	22%	17%	15%	15%	20%	28%	31%	32%
LOW FOR MONTH	-23°	-21°	-12°	6°	24°	33°	39°	36°	25°	8°	-8°	-21°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	6°	8°	13°	24°	34°	42°	47°	47°	40°	27°	15°	6°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	21°	24°	29°	40°	52°	60°	63°	61°	55°	41°	30°	21°
HIGH FOR MONTH	41°	42°	45°	53°	65°	73°	78°	74°	65°	54°	46°	41°
FROSTY MORNINGS	90%	93%	89%	84%	36%	1%	0%	0%	17%	68%	86%	92%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	77%	72%	68%	63%	57%	59%	64%	68%	66%	70%	77%	78%
DRY DAYS	66%	66%	66%	67%	61%	57%	53%	44%	46%	56%	61%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	92%	90%	90%	88%	83%	80%	73%	75%	82%	85%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.14	0.18	0.25	0.34	0.52	0.49	0.34	0.24	0.19
LIKELY SNOWFALL	8.0"	6.6"	7.5"	4.6"	0.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.9"	6.4"	8.9"
SNOWY DAYS	26%	27%	27%	21%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%	23%	30%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	6%	6%	5%	8%	11%	15%	14%	9%	8%	11%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 42% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 30% in December, to a high of 54% in March and April. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around -31° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 79° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be close to actual ones. Wildlife include some extremely large brown bears, moose, wolves, and Arctic foxes. Fishing is excellent, especially for rainbow trout and salmon. The relative lack of trees in the area is due to the extremely strong winds that blow from time to time. Tent campers and boaters be warned!