

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE WOOD RIVER - TIKCHIK LAKE COUNTRY, ALASKA

LOCATION: Wood River/Tikchik Lakes State Park is the largest state park in Alaska. It is located in southwestern Alaska, north of Dillingham. The park is situated on the eastern slopes of the low Wood River Mountains. It consists of two separate series of inter-connected lakes, the Wood River Lakes and the Tikchik Lakes. Elevations in the Park range up to over 5,000 feet, but most of the lake systems are within a thousand feet of sea level.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 6:49 | 9:06 | 11:46 | 14:32 | 17:08 | 18:43 | 18:02 | 15:41 | 12:58 | 10:14 | 7:39 | 6:04 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 2:43 | 4:43 | 6:27 | 7:47 | 8:09 | 7:34 | 6:18 | 4:38 | 4:21 | 3:28 | 2:34 | 1:56 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 36% | 40% | 37% | 31% | 24% | 19% | 16% | 14% | 20% | 26% | 31% | 33% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | -16° | -9° | -8° | 4° | 16° | 30° | 38° | 36° | 25° | 14° | -4° | -23° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 9° | 11° | 11° | 23° | 32° | 42° | 46° | 45° | 39° | 28° | 17° | 9° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 23° | 26° | 30° | 39° | 51° | 62° | 65° | 63° | 56° | 43° | 31° | 23° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 38° | 40° | 45° | 51° | 64° | 77° | 76° | 72° | 65° | 56° | 42° | 36° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 95% | 96% | 99% | 82% | 43% | 4% | 0% | 4% | 19% | 69% | 93% | 95% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 76% | 73% | 72% | 68% | 61% | 60% | 66% | 71% | 68% | 73% | 79% | 78% |
| DRY DAYS | 69% | 68% | 68% | 69% | 66% | 60% | 53% | 43% | 45% | 58% | 62% | 64% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 80% | 80% | 80% | 82% | 77% | 72% | 71% | 63% | 68% | 80% | 78% | 80% |
| TOTAL PRECIPITATION | 1.8" | 1.4" | 1.7" | 1.2" | 1.7" | 1.7" | 2.7" | 4.0" | 3.7" | 2.6" | 1.8" | 1.6" |
| SNOWFALL | 11.2" | 10.8" | 13.1" | 4.0" | 1.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 2.4" | 8.7" | 13.2" |
| SNOWY DAYS | 19% | 24% | 25% | 10% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 19% | 30% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 10% | 8% | 10% | 10% | 11% | 11% | 14% | 17% | 12% | 10% | 13% | 12% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 40% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 30% in August, to a high of 54% in April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -25°, and the highest should be near 79°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3° cooler than actual ones. Both sets of lakes are extremely popular for fly-in/float-out raft, canoe, and kayak trips. Except for a handful of private lodges catering exclusively to package fishing trips, there are no facilities of any kind. The fishing is for Arctic Char, Red Salmon, Rainbow Trout, and Dolly Varden. The lakes become ice-free about the middle of June, and start to freeze-up again in early October. The Tikchik group are the most scenic and require the highest level of boating and wilderness experience. Dillingham is the service and transportation center for the Park, and contains a number of outfitters who can arrange for supplies and equipment