

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO WRANGELL - ST. ELIAS NATIONAL PARK & PRESERVE, ALASKA

LOCATION: Wrangell - St. Elias National Park is located in southeastern Alaska, at the head of the Alaskan Panhandle, and up against the border of Canada's Yukon Territory. The Park embraces the Wrangell Mountains, and the northwestern end of the St. Elias Mountains. Elevations reach as high as 16,421 feet at the peak of Mt. Bona. The Visitor's Center is near Gulkana at Mile 105 of the Richardson Highway. Gulkana Airport provides connections.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	6:13	8:48	11:44	14:47	17:43	19:39	18:47	16:03	13:03	10:03	7:10	5:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:19	4:34	6:40	7:26	8:15	8:31	8:13	7:12	5:45	4:27	3:20	2:35
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	40%	46%	38%	33%	29%	30%	31%	30%	30%	33%	35%
LOW FOR MONTH	-41°	-36°	-25°	-3°	22°	32°	36°	28°	18°	-5°	-25°	-37°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-14°	-8°	2°	19°	33°	42°	46°	42°	33°	19°	-1°	-11°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	3°	13°	28°	42°	55°	65°	68°	65°	54°	36°	14°	4°
HIGH FOR MONTH	31°	36°	43°	54°	70°	78°	81°	77°	65°	52°	36°	32°
FROSTY MORNINGS	99%	99%	98%	93%	45%	4%	0%	10%	44%	87%	99%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	67%	54%	48%	41%	43%	49%	51%	54%	67%	76%	75%
DRY DAYS	77%	78%	84%	90%	82%	67%	59%	63%	64%	73%	75%	72%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	96%	95%	97%	98%	95%	85%	84%	85%	84%	91%	93%	93%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.04	0.09	0.25	0.30	0.25	0.27	0.15	0.12	0.13
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.0"	4.7"	3.5"	1.7"	0.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	0.6"	7.6"	8.8"	10.3"
SNOWY DAYS	17%	17%	12%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	18%	23%	27%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	8%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	5%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 40% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 39% in November and December, to a high of 51% 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 78° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be a couple of degrees cooler than actual ones from May through September. Wrangell - St. Elias National Park, along with the bordering Kluane National Park in Canada, combine to cover more than 31,000 square miles of wilderness. The great Malaspina Glacier, at the southeastern end of the Park is larger than the state of Rhode Island all by itself. For the vast majority of the Park's landscape, no living person has set foot on more than 90% of it. Here, you can find moose, both black and brown bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats, wolverines, wolves, caribou, beaver, a wide variety of birds, and fish galore.