

# SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MUIR BEACH AREA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: The tiny community of Muir Beach is located in northwestern California, some five miles northwest of the Golden Gate. Muir Beach is situated on the Pacific Coast where Highway 1 descends from Muir Woods National Monument. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:52	10:46	11:56	13:10	14:12	14:45	14:31	13:38	12:29	11:16	10:11	9:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:16	6:23	7:43	9:18	9:58	10:48	9:42	8:37	8:44	7:46	6:10	5:08
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	43%	47%	52%	56%	62%	62%	59%	64%	61%	52%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	34 °	36 °	38 °	40 °	43 °	46 °	48 °	49 °	47 °	43 °	38 °	35 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	44 °	46 °	47 °	47 °	49 °	51 °	52 °	53 °	54 °	52 °	49 °	45 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56 °	59 °	60 °	61 °	63 °	65 °	65 °	66 °	68 °	68 °	63 °	57 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	65 °	68 °	72 °	76 °	82 °	84 °	81 °	83 °	87 °	83 °	75 °	67 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	65%	63%	61%	63%	63%	67%	67%	63%	62%	63%	68%
SEA TEMPERATURES	52 °	52 °	53 °	53 °	54 °	56 °	59 °	61 °	60 °	58 °	56 °	56 °
DRY DAYS	59%	60%	64%	75%	91%	96%	99%	98%	95%	82%	69%	63%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	75%	78%	80%	88%	95%	98%	99%	99%	97%	93%	84%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.86"	0.71"	0.55"	0.30"	0.10"	0.03"	0.01"	0.02"	0.06"	0.22"	0.51"	0.74"
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	29%	20%	11%	11%	17%	18%	28%	26%	27%	24%	17%	22%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 65% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 53% in December and January, to a high of 73% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 31°, and the highest should be near 91°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be two to three degrees cooler than actual ones. Muir Beach is less crowded than Stinson Beach some five miles farther north on Highway 1. The waters are equally chilly, however, and support the same populations of cold-water-loving, fur-bearing (!), aquatic mammals (otters, sea lions, etc.). The weather along this coast is notoriously changeable. Even the warmest September day can quickly turn foggy and windy. At times, pounding surf and treacherous currents make swimming unsafe. Heed any posted warnings, and use prudent common sense. The redwoods of Muir Woods National Monument are the closest ones to the Bay Area. Hence, the Woods gets extremely crowded on summer weekends.