

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SAN RAFAEL AND THE SAN PABLO BAY AREA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: San Francisco Bay is located on the Pacific coast of northern California. San Pablo Bay is the northernmost portion of the San Francisco Bay area, generally north of the Richmond – San Rafael Bridge. San Rafael is situated at the western terminus of that bridge, facing east across San Pablo Bay. Elevations are generally within a couple of hundred feet of sea level. *China Camp State Park* is north of town, along with *Barbier Memorial Park*. Passenger ferries leave south of town for *Fisherman's Wharf* in San Francisco. Farther south, at the end of the Tiburon Peninsula, ferries leave for *Angel Island State Park*.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:52	10:46	11:56	13:10	14:13	14:46	14:32	13:39	12:29	11:15	10:11	9:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:43	6:33	8:15	10:09	11:36	12:49	12:48	11:48	10:42	8:58	6:34	4:38
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	41%	46%	54%	62%	74%	80%	77%	76%	66%	48%	36%
LOW FOR MONTH	29°	32°	34°	37°	41°	45°	48°	48°	46°	41°	35°	30°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	41°	44°	45°	46°	50°	53°	54°	54°	54°	51°	46°	42°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56°	61°	65°	69°	73°	78°	82°	82°	81°	75°	65°	57°
HIGH FOR MONTH	67°	72°	76°	81°	88°	91°	92°	91°	92°	88°	76°	68°
FROSTY MORNINGS	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	12%	14%	14%	17%	5%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	52%	46%	42%	42%	39%	38%	38%	38%	40%	49%	57%
NEARBY WATERS	52°	51°	53°	54°	55°	57°	61°	63°	62°	58°	57°	56°
DRY DAYS	61%	64%	68%	80%	90%	97%	99%	97%	97%	87%	73%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	71%	75%	77%	87%	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%	94%	83%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.34	1.20	0.70	0.33	0.11	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.28	0.74	1.11
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	25%	16%	5%	4%	2%	1%	2%	4%	7%	15%	21%	23%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 74% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 48% in cloudy December and January, to a high of 88% in sunny July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 28° at some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 94° on some equally clear and windless summer afternoon. Clear skies and calm airs tend to make the high temperatures higher and the low ones lower. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Winter is the rainy season, rather than the cold one. Afternoon temperatures range from chilly to mild, whereas nights will drop below the freezing point anywhere from a half-dozen to a dozen times—depending upon location. Fog often rolls in off the ocean and the bay in the evening, and doesn't burn off until late morning of the next day. Summers are dry, often rainless from early June through late September. Afternoons are generally warm, often hot, but rarely very hot. Cool days are common. A low cloud cover often forms during the night, and may persist until almost noon of the next day. Very hot days usually occur when this cloud is missing and the sea breeze fails—often when the winds are out of the northeast.