

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CRESCENT CITY AREA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: Crescent City is located on the Pacific coast of extreme northern California. The Oregon border is roughly 20 miles north, up US-101. The city is situated on the south shore of a stubby and sandy peninsula that juts south of the mouth of the Smith River. Hemmed in by the Siskiyou Mountains just to the east, elevations in town are close to sea level. A pleasant town, Crescent City is the service center for visitors to the ***Smith River National Recreation Area, Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, Tolowa Dunes State Park (Lake Earl), Pelican State Beach*** (on the Oregon border), portions of ***Redwood National Park***, and much of the ***Six Rivers National Forest***.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:32	10:35	11:55	13:19	14:32	15:10	14:54	13:52	12:32	11:08	9:54	9:13
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:48	4:39	5:55	7:20	8:06	8:29	8:00	6:56	6:41	5:20	4:07	3:31
AREA OF BLUE SKY	26%	26%	27%	29%	32%	34%	36%	34%	39%	35%	27%	28%
LOW FOR MONTH	30 °	31 °	32 °	34 °	36 °	41 °	45 °	45 °	41 °	36 °	33 °	30 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	40 °	42 °	42 °	43 °	46 °	49 °	51 °	51 °	50 °	47 °	44 °	41 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	55 °	56 °	56 °	58 °	61 °	64 °	65 °	66 °	66 °	64 °	58 °	55 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	67 °	69 °	69 °	71 °	76 °	75 °	75 °	77 °	82 °	81 °	70 °	66 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	11%	7%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	9%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	76%	69%	72%	70%	72%	75%	75%	72%	71%	79%	78%
NEARBY WATERS	50 °	51 °	51 °	51 °	53 °	55 °	58 °	59 °	57 °	54 °	53 °	51 °
DRY DAYS	52%	54%	55%	67%	77%	83%	94%	90%	87%	74%	57%	55%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	55%	59%	62%	75%	85%	90%	97%	96%	91%	81%	65%	59%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.86	1.59	1.33	0.75	0.51	0.23	0.06	0.12	0.27	0.81	1.51	1.80
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	10%	14%	6%	8%	5%	14%	27%	32%	34%	32%	22%	14%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 49% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 38% in cloudy December and January, to a high of 56% in sunny May and June. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 28 ° at some clear and calm winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 84 ° 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 a touch cooler than actual ones, due to the damp breezes off the Pacific. This ocean dominates the area's climate. The year has essentially two seasons, although locals speak of four through habit. The rainy seasons runs from October through early May. The less rainy season extends from the middle of May through September. The warmer months are characterized by fog and low cloud that move in during the night, and don't burn off until the next morning (and sometimes, not then). Warm clothing and windbreakers are useful throughout the year.