

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HAPPY CAMP AREA, CALIFORNIA

DESCRIPTION: The small town of Happy Camp is located in Siskiyou County in northwestern California. The town is situated on the northwestern bank of the Klamath River, in the Klamath Mountains, surrounded by the *Klamath National Forest*, of which Happy Camp has a district Ranger Station. Elevations are around 1,100 feet above sea level. Happy Camp got its name as being the site of “easy pickin’s” in the gold-mining days. It was formerly a settlement of the Karuk Indians. The community is a service center for salmon and steelhead fishing on the Klamath, hunting, river-rafting, camping, hiking, and trips into the *Marble Mountains Wilderness*, southeast of town; and the *Siskiyou Wilderness* in the Siskiyou Mountains west of town.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:32	10:34	11:55	13:19	14:32	15:10	14:54	13:52	12:32	11:08	9:53	9:13
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:40	4:02	4:57	6:45	8:26	10:08	12:59	10:39	9:07	5:19	2:38	1:48
AREA OF BLUE SKY	22%	28%	30%	36%	45%	57%	81%	76%	69%	49%	27%	21%
LOW FOR MONTH	17°	19°	21°	24°	29°	33°	40°	40°	32°	28°	24°	20°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	31°	33°	34°	37°	42°	48°	52°	50°	46°	40°	36°	33°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	47°	54°	61°	70°	78°	85°	95°	94°	87°	73°	57°	48°
HIGH FOR MONTH	61°	70°	78°	91°	100°	104°	110°	108°	105°	91°	73°	63°
FROSTY MORNINGS	56%	49%	38%	17%	5%	0%	0%	0%	1%	13%	31%	45%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	17%	38%	77%	75%	47%	5%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	59%	50%	43%	40%	35%	27%	27%	31%	46%	66%	74%
DRY DAYS	55%	57%	58%	70%	77%	87%	97%	94%	90%	77%	60%	55%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	65%	68%	71%	80%	87%	93%	97%	97%	93%	84%	70%	65%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.57	1.29	0.94	0.46	0.26	0.13	0.05	0.06	0.15	0.54	1.20	1.52
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.1"	3.4"	1.9"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.8"	4.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	4%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	1%	2%	6%	6%	5%	4%	3%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	27%	15%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	10%	24%	31%

CLIMATE: Bright sunshine is likely on 51% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 20% in December, to a high of 87% in sunny July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 16° at some clear and calm winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 111° on some summer equally clear and windless 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 up to 4° cooler than actual ones from February through November, due to the low humidity. Although the Pacific Ocean is only forty miles to the west and the prevailing winds blow from that direction, Happy Camp does not get much of a maritime influence because of the intervening mountains. This is especially true during the summer months, and is amply demonstrated by the 40° range from daytime to nighttime temperatures. During the winter months, the marine effect is somewhat more noticeable in the small temperature range, occasional fogs, and heavy cloud cover. As is the case along the coast, winter rain is far more common than winter snow, and the snowfalls that do occur in town do not stay on the ground for long. The nearby mountains, however, frequently get snow-capped in October and stay that way well into June.