

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PORTOLA AREA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: Portola is located in Plumas County in the mountains of northeastern California. The town is situated astride the Middle Fork of the Feather River, at the junction of CA-70 and the Union Pacific Railway. There is an excellent free railroad museum in town, with more than a hundred railway cars and locomotives. Elevations in this mountain town are some 4,840 feet above sea level. The town is surrounded by the *Plumas National Forest*, and sits at the head of the *Middle Fork National Wild and Scenic River* of the Feather River. Lake Davis, to the north of town, is popular with trout fishermen.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:42	10:41	11:56	13:14	14:22	14:57	14:42	13:45	12:30	11:12	10:03	9:25
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:33	5:47	6:43	8:18	9:36	11:22	13:17	12:01	10:38	8:04	5:22	4:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	37%	37%	42%	49%	63%	82%	79%	76%	60%	41%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	-2 °	3 °	10 °	14 °	18 °	23 °	27 °	24 °	19 °	14 °	9 °	3 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	17 °	20 °	24 °	27 °	33 °	38 °	41 °	38 °	34 °	29 °	24 °	19 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	42 °	46 °	51 °	59 °	68 °	77 °	86 °	85 °	79 °	67 °	53 °	44 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	58 °	62 °	68 °	76 °	87 °	94 °	98 °	97 °	94 °	85 °	69 °	61 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	92%	92%	89%	80%	48%	19%	5%	11%	32%	73%	87%	92%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	29%	21%	7%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	55%	48%	39%	35%	30%	26%	26%	29%	37%	53%	64%
DRY DAYS	74%	71%	74%	83%	84%	90%	97%	97%	93%	87%	80%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	80%	82%	89%	91%	94%	98%	98%	95%	93%	85%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.60	0.58	0.44	0.22	0.16	0.09	0.05	0.03	0.07	0.18	0.35	0.54
LIKELY SNOWFALL	15.7"	12.5"	9.0"	3.0"	0.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	0.4"	4.1"	12.4"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	11%	11%	9%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	8%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	2%	3%	8%	8%	6%	6%	4%	2%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	15%	12%	13%	9%	7%	2%	0%	0%	2%	6%	11%	15%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 67% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 47% in January, to a high of 90% in sunny July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -3 ° at some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 99 ° 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 up to 4 ° cooler than actual ones during the warmer months, due to the relatively low afternoon humidity. Winter is the dominant season, but it's a relatively mild and sunny winter. Only a dozen or so winter days will fail to warm to above freezing sometime during the afternoon, and only two or three winter nights will drop below zero in most years. Snowfall is highly variable from one year to the next, and from place to place here in the mountains. The nearby peaks remain snow-capped until quite late into the summer.