

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE RED BLUFF AREA, CALIFORNIA

**LOCATION:** Red Bluff is located in northern California, at the head of the Sacramento Valley—the northern half of California’s Great Central Valley. The city is situated on the banks of the Sacramento River. Low hills close off the north, the Coastal Range forms a barrier to the west, Mount Lassen and the southern end of the Cascade Range rise to the west. Only the south is open. Elevations in Red Bluff are some 350 feet above sea level. Trinity National Forest covers the Coast Range, with Lassen National Forest to the east. The southwest entrance to Lassen Volcanic National Park is some sixty miles east.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:41	10:40	11:55	13:15	14:23	14:59	14:44	13:46	12:31	11:11	10:01	9:23
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:58	6:27	8:01	10:15	11:49	13:08	14:03	12:56	11:14	8:52	6:04	4:45
AREA OF BLUE SKY	40%	43%	47%	55%	62%	75%	89%	86%	80%	67%	51%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	26°	30°	33°	37°	42°	51°	57°	55°	50°	41°	32°	28°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	37°	41°	43°	47°	54°	62°	66°	64°	60°	51°	43°	38°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54°	60°	64°	71°	81°	90°	98°	96°	89°	78°	64°	55°
HIGH FOR MONTH	69°	74°	79°	88°	98°	106°	110°	108°	105°	95°	80°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	28%	11%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	21%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	23%	54%	88%	81%	57%	16%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	56%	48%	38%	33%	26%	22%	23%	25%	36%	52%	64%
DRY DAYS	65%	66%	68%	77%	83%	90%	99%	99%	93%	86%	74%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	79%	81%	88%	92%	96%	99%	98%	96%	93%	82%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.72	0.63	0.48	0.27	0.16	0.08	0.01	0.02	0.09	0.21	0.49	0.64
SNOWY DAYS	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	16%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	16%

**COMMENTS:** Bright sunshine is likely on 75% of the year’s daylight hours. This might range from a low of 51% in December and January, to a high of 95% in July. The year’s lowest temperature should be close to 24°, and the highest should be near 111°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 7° cooler than actual ones. Contrary to expectation, summer winds out of the north bring rising temperatures and plummeting humidities—greatly increasing the danger of wildfires. Winds from the south, in contrast, bring the cooling “bay breezes”. During the winter months, fogs form during the night and may persist into late morning. These “tule fogs” can create hazardous driving conditions.