

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE GIANT REDWOOD COUNTRY, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: The Giant Redwood Country of California is located in that state's northwestern corner. The giant trees are found in Redwood National Park, and in a number of California State Parks along the coast and for some distance inland up Redwood Creek. The trees have been protected in an amalgam of state and federal lands, with one giving way to the other without any obvious sign. Park Headquarters is in Crescent City. These are the tallest trees on earth. Elevations are generally within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:34	10:36	11:55	13:18	14:30	15:07	14:51	13:51	12:32	11:09	9:56	9:16
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:50	4:40	5:52	7:19	8:03	8:32	7:49	6:34	6:29	5:21	4:03	3:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	29%	29%	30%	34%	36%	38%	38%	34%	42%	38%	31%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	28 °	31 °	32 °	34 °	37 °	41 °	44 °	44 °	39 °	36 °	33 °	30 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	37 °	39 °	39 °	40 °	44 °	48 °	50 °	50 °	48 °	45 °	42 °	38 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	53 °	56 °	56 °	58 °	62 °	65 °	67 °	68 °	69 °	65 °	58 °	53 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	62 °	66 °	68 °	74 °	76 °	82 °	81 °	83 °	82 °	78 °	67 °	63 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	7%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	62%	58%	59%	55%	60%	56%	60%	56%	59%	67%	71%
NEARBY WATERS	51 °	51 °	51 °	51 °	52 °	54 °	54 °	56 °	55 °	55 °	54 °	53 °
DRY DAYS	47%	46%	52%	61%	72%	85%	95%	95%	83%	74%	58%	50%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	41%	52%	58%	74%	83%	92%	98%	97%	90%	79%	60%	52%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	2.23	1.76	1.57	0.86	0.51	0.18	0.04	0.14	0.32	0.85	1.87	2.02
SNOWY DAYS	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	16%	12%	7%	8%	6%	11%	19%	25%	34%	38%	26%	18%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 49% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 39% in December, to a high of 56% in May and June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 25°, and the highest might well be near 87°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will often be about three degrees lower than actual ones. Wherever you find natural groves of these big trees, you find fog and mist as well. The trees collect this moisture on their foliage and branches and drip droplets of water down around their root system. Consequently, walking through the forest is a damp experience under the best of circumstances. Even during the warmest month (September) days are better described as mild rather than hot--or even warm. On the other hand, frost will occur only a half-dozen times each winter, and a snow flurry perhaps one year in two.