

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SHELTER COVE AND THE KING RANGE COAST, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: Shelter Cove is located in Humboldt County on the Pacific Coast of northern California. The town is situated several hundred feet above the Pacific on a stubby peninsula ending in Point Delgada. The peninsula protects a small cove from the north winds, and gives the town its name. Elevations are within a few hundred feet of sea level. This pleasant community is quite isolated by a single, 25-mile access road, and is surrounded by the ***King Mountain Conservation Area***. The climatic information in this *Guide* also applies to the ***Sinkyone Wilderness State Park***, down the coast to the south. Access to this park is via unpaved roads that may require 4-wheel drive in wet weather. RV's and vehicles with trailers should not attempt the drive.

	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	14:58	14:43	13:46	12:30	11:12	10:02	9:24
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:30	5:20	6:52	8:23	9:23	10:04	9:12	8:04	7:36	6:19	5:02	4:12
AREA OF BLUE SKY	30%	28%	30%	33%	37%	40%	41%	39%	44%	41%	33%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	37°	36°	36°	36°	38°	42°	45°	46°	44°	42°	39°	38°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	46°	45°	45°	46°	49°	51°	53°	53°	53°	51°	48°	46°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	58°	58°	59°	61°	66°	69°	69°	69°	70°	67°	62°	58°
HIGH FOR MONTH	68°	69°	71°	75°	82°	83°	81°	82°	86°	84°	72°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	75%	74%	71%	68%	70%	68%	71%	73%	70%	70%	77%	72%
NEARBY WATERS	52°	51°	51°	50°	51°	53°	53°	54°	55°	54°	55°	54°
DRY DAYS	55%	46%	61%	70%	81%	90%	97%	94%	90%	77%	60%	58%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	60%	56%	67%	78%	87%	96%	99%	97%	94%	81%	66%	63%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.67	1.81	1.35	0.63	0.46	0.20	0.03	0.11	0.22	0.64	1.40	1.70
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	41%	42%	32%	30%	30%	38%	54%	56%	49%	49%	39%	40%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 57% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 45% in rainy and low-sun December, to a high of 60% in sunny and high-sun June. The mountains that rise steeply immediately to the east shade the coast from the morning sun. The lower the sun angle, the longer this shading lasts. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to freezing at some clear and calm winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 87° 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 degree or two warmer than actual ones on sunny days, and up to 3° cooler than actual ones when the fog rolls in. Like all of the coastal area of California, the area is subject to frequent incursions of fog and low cloud from off the Pacific. These tend to move inland in the late afternoon or early evening, and hang around until the sun burns them off the next morning—or sometimes hang around all day.