

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO UKIAH AND THE YOKAYA VALLEY WINE DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

DESCRIPTION: Ukiah is the seat of Mendocino County in northwestern California. The town is situated in the narrow Yokaya Valley of the Russian River, along US-101 (the Redwood Highway). Elevations are around 625 feet above sea level. It is a pleasant place to stay while visiting the three-dozen wineries in the area. Lake Mendocino, north of town, is a popular recreation area. There are two hot-spring resorts in the area, Vichy and Orr. Orr is clothing-optional.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:46	10:43	11:56	13:13	14:18	14:53	14:38	13:43	12:30	11:13	10:06	9:29
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:08	6:28	7:05	8:50	10:04	11:56	12:17	11:29	9:47	8:17	6:09	3:59
AREA OF BLUE SKY	30%	40%	40%	47%	54%	68%	78%	77%	71%	63%	46%	31%
LOW FOR MONTH	19 °	23 °	25 °	29 °	33 °	39 °	44 °	42 °	37 °	30 °	23 °	19 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	35 °	37 °	38 °	41 °	45 °	50 °	52 °	51 °	48 °	43 °	38 °	35 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56 °	61 °	65 °	71 °	77 °	85 °	93 °	93 °	87 °	77 °	64 °	56 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	70 °	74 °	80 °	87 °	96 °	103 °	109 °	108 °	104 °	95 °	80 °	71 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	40%	26%	15%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	22%	38%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	3%	12%	32%	68%	66%	44%	13%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	48%	42%	37%	34%	31%	24%	25%	27%	34%	48%	54%
DRY DAYS	57%	57%	66%	78%	87%	93%	99%	98%	93%	84%	71%	60%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	68%	74%	83%	90%	97%	99%	99%	97%	90%	77%	71%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.28	1.14	0.76	0.39	0.17	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.08	0.28	0.74	1.11
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	28%	19%	11%	7%	4%	3%	2%	6%	8%	12%	24%	28%

CLIMATE: Bright sunshine is likely on 67% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 42% in rainy December and January, to a high of 84% in virtually rainless July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 17 ° at some clear and calm winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 111 ° 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 five degrees cooler than actual ones due to the low afternoon humidity. Ukiah has very hot summers and mild winters. Its climate is more akin to that of the Central Valley some fifty miles to the east then it is to the Pacific Coast, less than thirty miles to the west. Pacific influences do reach Ukiah during the winter months, however, and account for the mildness of that season. Snow flurries are common enough, but snow on the ground is rare on the valley floor. The mountains both east and west of town will occasionally be snow-covered.