

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE WHISKEYTOWN - SHASTA - TRINITY NRA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: The Whiskeytown – Shasta – Trinity National Recreation Area is located in north-central California. The NRA covers some 67 square miles and surrounds four reservoir lakes in the drainage of the Sacramento River: Whiskeytown Lake, Shasta Lake, Trinity Lake, and Lewiston Lake. Elevations are between 500 and 1,000 feet above sea level for almost all of the facilities. The service center and HQ for the NRA is Redding. The lakes are extremely popular for water sports, camping, and house-boating. Other accommodations are available in Redding, Weaverville, and other nearby towns.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:38	10:38	11:55	13:16	14:25	15:02	14:46	13:48	12:31	11:11	9:59	9:21
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:43	8:29	9:50	11:34	12:51	13:56	14:16	13:19	11:43	10:10	8:12	6:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	41%	40%	42%	52%	68%	86%	84%	81%	68%	52%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	26°	29°	32°	38°	42°	50°	57°	55°	50°	40°	32°	28°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	37°	40°	43°	48°	54°	61°	67°	65°	60°	52°	44°	38°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54°	60°	65°	72°	81°	90°	98°	96°	90°	78°	64°	56°
HIGH FOR MONTH	69°	74°	80°	90°	98°	107°	110°	107°	105°	95°	80°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	27%	10%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	18%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	26%	56%	90%	84%	59%	16%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	50%	46%	36%	28%	24%	19%	20%	22%	32%	50%	59%
DRY DAYS	59%	62%	68%	75%	82%	91%	98%	97%	93%	84%	72%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	69%	71%	77%	83%	89%	93%	99%	98%	95%	90%	80%	73%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.22	1.07	0.80	0.47	0.28	0.15	0.02	0.03	0.14	0.35	0.73	1.06
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.7"	0.6"	0.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.4"	1.3"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	2%	4%	4%	6%	6%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	18%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	15%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 86% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a “low” of 70% in January, to a high of 97% in sunny July and August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 24° at some clear and calm winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 111° on some equally clear and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially lower than actual ones throughout the year, but particularly during the warmer weather. During the warmer months, winds from the south (the “Delta breezes”) bring welcome cooler temperatures and a touch of humidity. On the other hand, gravity winds out of the north bring higher temperatures as they descend the mountain slopes and often produce single-digit humidity. During the cooler months, fog forms under clear skies during the night. It usually burns off by noon, but occasionally persists throughout the day. It can be a real driving hazard. Snowfall averages are a bit misleading, since half the years get no ground accumulations of snow at all.