

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MENDOCINO COAST, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: The Mendocino Coast is located along the northern coast of California, from Point Arenas on the south, all the way north to where Highway 1 turns inland to Leggett. It includes the towns of Fort Bragg and Mendocino, and a number of smaller communities along the coast. Elevations range from sea level to several hundred feet above it, as the highway climbs and drops.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:44	10:42	11:56	13:13	14:20	14:55	14:40	13:44	12:30	11:13	10:04	9:27
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:37	5:32	6:46	8:17	8:59	9:43	8:45	7:34	7:33	6:32	5:05	4:25
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	36%	38%	43%	46%	50%	49%	46%	53%	49%	41%	38%
LOW FOR MONTH	32 °	34 °	35 °	36 °	40 °	44 °	44 °	43 °	43 °	39 °	36 °	32 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	40 °	41 °	41 °	43 °	46 °	49 °	49 °	50 °	49 °	47 °	44 °	41 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56 °	57 °	57 °	59 °	61 °	63 °	64 °	64 °	65 °	63 °	60 °	57 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	67 °	68 °	69 °	70 °	75 °	75 °	73 °	72 °	76 °	78 °	71 °	69 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	15%	11%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	11%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	72%	67%	63%	63%	63%	64%	68%	64%	68%	68%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	52 °	51 °	51 °	50 °	51 °	52 °	52 °	54 °	54 °	54 °	55 °	55 °
DRY DAYS	49%	50%	51%	61%	73%	82%	93%	91%	85%	72%	55%	50%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	65%	67%	71%	80%	90%	96%	99%	97%	96%	86%	75%	68%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.24	1.13	0.80	0.46	0.22	0.08	0.01	0.03	0.11	0.38	0.82	1.06
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	23%	23%	21%	30%	43%	47%	71%	67%	57%	45%	22%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 57% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 47% in January and February, to a high of 65% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 30°, and the highest might well be near 80°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will often be two to three degrees cooler than actual ones. Summers are moderately sunny (all that fog), mild in temperatures, and virtually rainless. Winters are cloudier, a few degrees cooler, and quite rainy. Most visitors use the beaches for wildlife viewing, shell collecting, and collecting pebbles and driftwood. Morning and evening fogs are a fact of life. You can watch them form offshore during the day, then start to roll in the late afternoon. There, they stay until the sun burns them off in the late morning. Sometimes, they stay all day. These fogs only affect the lower couple of hundred feet. Get above them up the slopes of the mountains, and the skies will be clear and sunny (or starry, during the night).