

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SAN FRANCISCO BAY'S WESTERN SHORE, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: San Francisco Bay is located off the Pacific Coast of California, about two-thirds of the way up from the southern border. This Guide covers the communities of Daly City, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Burlingame and San Mateo. Elevations range from sea level to over 1,800' above it along the mountain crest to the west. This area is the site of San Francisco's sports stadium at Candlestick Point, the area's International Airport (SFO), and San Bruno Mountain Park. Farther south, the Bay shallows, and is given over to the salt evaporation ponds that are so noticeable to air travelers.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:54	10:47	11:56	13:09	14:11	14:43	14:30	13:37	12:28	11:16	10:12	9:38
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:42	5:36	7:07	8:28	9:47	10:44	10:44	9:41	9:10	7:44	5:46	4:48
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	38%	43%	48%	55%	62%	70%	67%	67%	61%	48%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	33 °	37 °	39 °	41 °	45 °	48 °	50 °	51 °	49 °	45 °	39 °	34 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42 °	44 °	46 °	47 °	50 °	52 °	54 °	55 °	54 °	52 °	47 °	43 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56 °	59 °	61 °	64 °	66 °	70 °	71 °	72 °	73 °	70 °	63 °	56 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	64 °	68 °	73 °	79 °	84 °	88 °	87 °	86 °	90 °	86 °	74 °	65 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%	5%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	65%	63%	61%	60%	59%	60%	62%	59%	60%	63%	68%
NEARBY WATERS	52 °	51 °	53 °	54 °	55 °	57 °	61 °	63 °	62 °	58 °	57 °	56 °
DRY DAYS	67%	68%	66%	80%	91%	97%	99%	98%	96%	88%	75%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	79%	80%	90%	97%	99%	99%	99%	98%	95%	85%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.69	0.60	0.48	0.22	0.06	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.15	0.37	0.56
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	15%	12%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	5%	8%	10%	14%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 63% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 47% in cloudy January, to a high of 74% in sunny July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to freezing at some chilly winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 95 ° on some windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be one or two degrees cooler than actual ones. The northern extension of the Santa Cruz Mountains protects this bayside area from much of the low cloud and fog of the Pacific Coast, and also produces a "rain shadow" effect that lessens precipitation. Winter is the rainy season, although the number of rainy days is much less than in many other parts of the country. Summers are mild to warm, rarely hot, and occasionally quite chilly. The prevailing northwest winds off the Pacific have much to do with this, averaging around fifteen mph in the mornings and rising to around twenty-five mph in the afternoons. Early morning fogs and low cloud usually burn off by noon, but may return in the evening. The hottest days occur when the winds drop and the fog does not appear.