

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CONNECTICUT HILL COUNTRY, CONNECTICUT

LOCATION: The Connecticut Hill Country is located west of the Connecticut River, in the northwestern part of the state. The hills are the southern extension of the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. Elevations range from near sea level to over 2,000 feet above it.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:31	10:34	11:55	13:20	14:32	15:11	14:55	13:53	12:32	11:08	9:53	9:12
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:38	5:47	6:33	7:12	8:14	9:07	9:18	8:25	7:14	6:05	4:15	3:59
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	38%	38%	36%	38%	40%	41%	42%	43%	43%	34%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	-5 °	-5 °	6 °	19 °	33 °	41 °	49 °	45 °	37 °	26 °	12 °	-3 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	12 °	13 °	22 °	33 °	43 °	52 °	57 °	55 °	48 °	37 °	29 °	17 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	31 °	33 °	42 °	56 °	68 °	76 °	81 °	79 °	71 °	60 °	47 °	35 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	50 °	53 °	63 °	73 °	82 °	89 °	92 °	90 °	86 °	75 °	64 °	50 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	97%	98%	88%	47%	10%	0%	0%	0%	2%	27%	65%	92%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	62%	59%	55%	50%	52%	56%	57%	59%	62%	59%	62%	64%
DRY DAYS	60%	65%	62%	62%	59%	62%	62%	65%	68%	74%	67%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	77%	74%	72%	74%	77%	78%	77%	79%	82%	75%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.59	0.56	0.66	0.70	0.59	0.68	0.62	0.76	0.76	0.62	0.71	0.68
LIKELY SNOWFALL	17.1"	17.8"	17.1"	5.5"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	5.3"	15.7"
SNOWY DAYS	19%	20%	16%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	13%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	3%	5%	10%	15%	19%	15%	6%	3%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	11%	12%	13%	11%	12%	14%	11%	13%	20%	18%	15%	14%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 54% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 43% in November and December, to a high of 62% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -10°, and the highest might well be near 95°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The area has the standard mid-latitude four-season year, with warm to hot summers and cold and snowy winters. Except for some summer afternoon thundershowers, almost all of the precipitation is frontal in nature. About half the winter afternoons never make it above freezing. Winter nights are long and very cold, with virtually every night dropping below freezing. Winter snowfalls are common, and the ground is usually frozen and snow-covered from late November through early April. Spring is the season of blossoming and vegetative rebirth, while autumn is nationally famous for it "color show" among the deciduous trees.