

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE AMERICUS RECREATION AREA, GEORGIA

LOCATION: Americus is located in southwestern Georgia, some fifty miles southeast of Columbus. Americus is situated in the Upper Coastal Plain of the Atlantic Seaboard, and in an area that was once pine forests. The landscape is level to gently rolling, and now produces peanuts, corn, cotton, and pecans. Elevations are around 360 feet above sea level. The town is a good base of operations for visits to the *Andersonville National Historic Site and National Prisoner of War Museum* in nearby Andersonville. It serves the same function for visitors to the *Jimmy Carter National Historic Site* in nearby Plains.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:19	11:02	11:58	12:57	13:47	14:13	14:02	13:20	12:24	11:25	10:34	10:06
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:06	5:57	7:00	8:38	9:04	9:26	8:40	8:45	7:41	7:35	6:15	5:03
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	40%	42%	47%	45%	44%	38%	43%	46%	55%	49%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	20 °	18 °	30 °	41 °	51 °	56 °	63 °	63 °	52 °	42 °	28 °	20 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	38 °	39 °	46 °	53 °	61 °	68 °	70 °	70 °	66 °	54 °	44 °	39 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	59 °	62 °	70 °	78 °	85 °	91 °	91 °	92 °	88 °	79 °	69 °	61 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	72 °	73 °	81 °	86 °	94 °	99 °	100 °	101 °	99 °	88 °	79 °	71 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	34%	27%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	29%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	3%	26%	60%	65%	71%	42%	5%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	51%	49%	45%	48%	51%	56%	55%	55%	50%	50%	55%
DRY DAYS	73%	70%	73%	79%	74%	69%	61%	65%	76%	83%	79%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	77%	76%	82%	81%	77%	73%	77%	80%	90%	87%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.71	0.85	0.84	0.65	0.57	0.73	0.88	0.76	0.59	0.36	0.45	0.66
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	7%	12%	15%	21%	30%	43%	30%	12%	3%	4%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	14%	12%	8%	7%	6%	6%	7%	9%	9%	9%	12%	15%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 50% in December and January, to a high of 67% in April. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 16 °, and the highest should be near 103 °. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be significantly higher than actual ones from June through August, due to the combination of heat and humidity. The Americus area has a four-season year. Rainfall is abundant in all seasons, with a major peak in February and March (frontal storms) and a minor one in July (thunderstorms). Humidity is moderately high throughout the year. Morning dews and light ground mists are common. Winter (December through February) has cool to mild days and chilly to cold nights. One winter sunrise in three will start the day below freezing. Snow flurries are not rare, but snow on the ground is. Summer (late May through late September) features hot to very hot days and warm to mild nights. Most summer rain comes from afternoon and evening thundershowers. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the area much of its nicest weather. April and October are particularly nice.