

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MACON AREA, GEORGIA

LOCATION: Macon is located in almost the geographical center of Georgia. The city is situated on the banks of the Ocmulgee River. The landscape is essentially flat and mostly wooded. Swamps and marshes are common along the watercourses. Elevations are in the neighborhood of 330 feet above sea level. Macon is home to Wesleyan College and Mercer University. The city is noted for its many antebellum homes, and for the blooming of more than a quarter million Japanese cherry trees in March. Ocmulgee National Monument (day use only) is just to the east of Macon.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:16	11:00	11:58	12:59	13:50	14:17	14:06	13:22	12:25	11:24	10:31	10:03
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:35	6:19	7:36	9:09	9:58	10:09	9:31	9:26	8:30	8:02	6:50	5:28
AREA OF BLUE SKY	40%	42%	45%	49%	47%	44%	39%	44%	47%	56%	52%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	20°	22°	28°	36°	47°	58°	65°	63°	52°	37°	27°	21°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	36°	38°	45°	52°	60°	68°	71°	70°	65°	53°	44°	38°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	57°	60°	68°	76°	84°	90°	91°	90°	86°	77°	67°	59°
HIGH FOR MONTH	75°	77°	83°	89°	94°	99°	99°	98°	96°	89°	81°	76°
FROSTY MORNINGS	44%	34%	13%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	36%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	4%	25%	60%	73%	70%	38%	4%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	52%	48%	46%	42%	46%	51%	55%	54%	54%	48%	47%	52%
DRY DAYS	67%	65%	68%	75%	71%	66%	59%	65%	74%	81%	76%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	76%	77%	83%	84%	79%	75%	78%	85%	88%	86%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.65	0.80	0.79	0.59	0.50	0.63	0.80	0.67	0.51	0.38	0.45	0.64
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	7%	11%	14%	20%	30%	43%	30%	11%	3%	4%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	17%	15%	11%	8%	9%	10%	11%	14%	15%	12%	16%	17%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 65% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 54% in December and January, to a high of 72% in May and October. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 15°, and the highest should be near 101°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones, perhaps just a bit higher during the warmer summer days. The Macon area has a four-season year. Rainfall is abundant in all seasons, with a peak in February and another in July. Humidity is moderate in the spring and high moderate the rest of the year. Winter (December through February) has cool days and cold nights. Temperatures will drop below freezing about two nights out of five, but will almost always warm to above freezing the next day. Snow flurries occur in most years, but most years will see no snow on the ground. Summer (mid-May through late September) has hot to very hot days and warm sultry nights. Rain comes mostly from afternoon and evening thundershowers. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the area some of its very best days. April and October are the pick of the bunch.