

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ROME AREA, GEORGIA

LOCATION: Rome is located in the northwestern quadrant of the state of Georgia, some sixty miles northwest of Atlanta. Rome lies in the foothills of the southern Appalachian Mountains, and—like its Italian namesake—is situated on seven hills. The town is also at the junction where the Oostanaula and Etowah river become the Coosa River. Elevations are around six-hundred feet above sea level. One of the districts of the Chattahoochee National Forest is a few miles north of town.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:09	10:56	11:57	13:02	13:56	14:25	14:13	13:27	12:26	11:22	10:26	9:56
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:24	5:27	6:18	8:07	9:08	9:10	8:46	8:30	7:52	7:25	6:00	4:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	39%	40%	45%	46%	44%	42%	45%	49%	56%	48%	38%
LOW FOR MONTH	15°	16°	24°	32°	43°	53°	59°	58°	47°	33°	21°	17°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	32°	34°	40°	48°	56°	64°	68°	67°	61°	49°	39°	33°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	53°	57°	65°	75°	82°	89°	91°	90°	86°	75°	63°	54°
HIGH FOR MONTH	70°	73°	81°	87°	92°	98°	99°	98°	96°	87°	78°	70°
FROSTY MORNINGS	60%	57%	32%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	37%	56%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	13%	38%	53%	55%	25%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	54%	50%	47%	50%	53%	54%	53%	51%	51%	50%	56%
DRY DAYS	63%	62%	64%	68%	69%	67%	63%	66%	75%	79%	72%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	73%	72%	78%	80%	79%	76%	79%	84%	87%	81%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.82	0.88	0.97	0.77	0.61	0.68	0.71	0.63	0.53	0.44	0.58	0.78
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	5%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	5%	7%	12%	16%	22%	33%	40%	32%	13%	5%	6%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	11%	5%	4%	3%	5%	6%	8%	8%	7%	10%	8%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 43% in January, to a high of 66% in May and October. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 11 , and the highest should be near 101. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be slightly higher than actual ones from June through August, due to the combinations of heat and humidity. The Rome area has a four-season year. Rainfall is abundant in all seasons, with a peak in March. Afternoon humidity is moderate throughout the year. Winter (mid-November through mid-March) has cool day and cold nights. More than half the sunrises will find temperatures below freezing. One or two days each year will fail to warm above that mark, usually when the rest of the country is in the grip of an Arctic outbreak. Snowfalls are light and do not remain on the ground for long. Some year will get no snow on the ground at all. Summer (June through early September) features hot to very hot days and warm and sultry to mild and damp nights. Much of the rain that falls comes as afternoon and evening thundershowers. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition between the two extremes. Warm spells and cool spells alternate as the various frontal systems pass across the area. These two seasons, however, bring the Rome area its best weather. April, May, and October are particularly nice.