

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SANDPOINT AND LAKE PEND OREILLE, IDAHO

LOCATION: The resort community of Sandpoint is located in the “panhandle” of northern Idaho. The pleasant town sits on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho’s largest lake, and the second-deepest (after Crater Lake in Oregon) in the country. Elevations are some 2,100 feet above sea level. Winter sports are popular at nearby Schweitzer Mountain Resort, some 11 miles north of town, and summer activities are popular throughout the region.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:50	10:11	11:52	13:39	15:11	16:01	15:40	14:21	12:39	10:53	9:18	8:26
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:26	4:06	6:10	8:12	9:24	10:24	12:27	10:55	8:24	5:44	2:37	1:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	19%	25%	31%	35%	38%	42%	63%	61%	51%	39%	22%	17%
LOW FOR MONTH	-2 °	2 °	11 °	23 °	28 °	34 °	37 °	35 °	27 °	21 °	12 °	3 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	20 °	23 °	28 °	34 °	40 °	46 °	48 °	47 °	41 °	34 °	28 °	23 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	32 °	38 °	46 °	57 °	66 °	73 °	82 °	81 °	70 °	57 °	42 °	34 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	46 °	51 °	61 °	75 °	85 °	91 °	97 °	96 °	89 °	74 °	56 °	48 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	90%	87%	75%	44%	13%	1%	0%	0%	12%	43%	70%	87%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	16%	14%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	77%	68%	54%	42%	40%	39%	29%	30%	37%	51%	73%	81%
DRY DAYS	55%	57%	61%	67%	65%	67%	84%	84%	77%	68%	57%	52%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	71%	74%	80%	81%	80%	90%	90%	87%	81%	70%	68%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.65	0.56	0.44	0.35	0.37	0.38	0.16	0.19	0.28	0.42	0.71	0.74
LIKELY SNOWFALL	22.8"	13.3"	6.3"	0.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	6.7"	20.4"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	25%	18%	9%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	22%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	1%	2%	6%	12%	11%	10%	4%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	25%	22%	10%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%	14%	23%	30%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 54% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 21% in January, to a high of 79% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 99° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones, except during spring and autumn. During those two changeable seasons, sensible temperatures will average about 5° cooler than actual ones, due to the combination of temperature and humidity. The area gets a four season year, strongly influenced by winds from the west. These winds moderate temperatures. Summers are hot, but not very hot. Winters are cold, but not very cold. The best weather comes from June through September. Only July and August can be counted on to be frost-free.