

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD, MASSACHUSETTS

LOCATION: The island of Martha's Vineyard is located in the Atlantic Ocean in southeastern Massachusetts. The island is situated directly south of the arm of Cape Cod, and about three miles southeast of Wood's Hole. Elevations range from sea level to some 311 feet above it. The island is a popular summer resort, with the high season approximately from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:34	10:36	11:55	13:18	14:30	15:07	14:51	13:51	12:32	11:09	9:55	9:16
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:10	5:24	6:08	7:27	8:29	9:09	9:04	8:27	7:31	6:31	4:34	3:56
AREA OF BLUE SKY	32%	35%	38%	36%	35%	35%	32%	35%	40%	44%	31%	34%
LOW FOR MONTH	11 °	10 °	17 °	29 °	37 °	46 °	54 °	53 °	45 °	36 °	26 °	12 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	22 °	22 °	29 °	37 °	45 °	55 °	61 °	61 °	55 °	45 °	37 °	27 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	38 °	38 °	44 °	53 °	62 °	71 °	77 °	77 °	71 °	62 °	52 °	42 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	52 °	51 °	55 °	65 °	74 °	81 °	84 °	84 °	80 °	73 °	64 °	55 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	86%	91%	72%	25%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	34%	75%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	67%	64%	65%	67%	69%	70%	69%	68%	68%	68%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	40 °	37 °	38 °	41 °	49 °	57 °	63 °	65 °	62 °	56 °	50 °	46 °
DRY DAYS	58%	57%	58%	60%	67%	70%	74%	71%	73%	71%	63%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	75%	77%	75%	76%	78%	83%	84%	81%	83%	83%	77%	75%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.63	0.68	0.66	0.65	0.62	0.44	0.43	0.64	0.59	0.57	0.71	0.71
LIKELY SNOWFALL	8.9"	9.7"	6.2"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.3"	5.4"
SNOWY DAYS	14%	15%	9%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	10%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	2%	5%	9%	10%	10%	11%	6%	3%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	19%	20%	20%	26%	31%	34%	38%	32%	25%	20%	17%	16%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 56% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 42% in December, to a high of 61% in July and August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 7°, and the highest should be near 86°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The island has a four-season mid-latitude climate with warm summers and cold winters. The surrounding waters serve to delay all of the seasons, compared to mainland locations. Spring takes in April and May, while summer runs from June through September. Autumn (a delightful season on the island) includes October and November, and winter takes in the rest of the year. In true New England fashion, there is a tremendous variation in the onset, intensity, and duration of each season from one year to another. You just have to take your chances.