

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ACADIA NATIONAL PARK AND BAR HARBOR, MAINE

LOCATION: Acadia National Park is located on the rocky coast of Maine, about two-thirds of the way up the coast from Portland to Eastport. Most of the Park is situated on Mount Desert Island, the nearby Schoodic Peninsula, and the remote Isle au Haut. Elevations range from sea level to some 1,530 feet above it at the summit of Cadillac Mountain. Several communities dot the margins of the Park, offering services to visitors. The chief of these, and a resort in its own right, is Bar Harbor. This resort town is situated on the northeast shore of Mount Desert Island, facing Frenchman Bay.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:16	10:26	11:54	13:26	14:46	15:29	15:11	14:03	12:35	11:03	9:41	8:56
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:32	5:36	6:27	7:03	7:58	8:42	9:00	8:27	7:11	5:52	4:00	4:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	42%	40%	38%	36%	38%	42%	44%	45%	42%	33%	36%
LOW FOR MONTH	-3 °	-3 °	7 °	22 °	32 °	41 °	46 °	45 °	38 °	30 °	14 °	-1 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	14 °	15 °	23 °	32 °	42 °	50 °	56 °	55 °	50 °	40 °	31 °	19 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	33 °	33 °	41 °	52 °	63 °	71 °	77 °	75 °	68 °	58 °	47 °	36 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	48 °	45 °	59 °	67 °	78 °	84 °	86 °	87 °	82 °	74 °	59 °	51 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	96%	98%	88%	53%	11%	0%	0%	0%	3%	26%	61%	89%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	65%	64%	65%	66%	69%	71%	69%	70%	68%	71%	68%
NEARBY WATERS	38 °	36 °	38 °	44 °	49 °	55 °	69 °	62 °	58 °	54 °	52 °	44 °
DRY DAYS	56%	59%	62%	58%	58%	61%	63%	64%	62%	62%	61%	57%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	77%	80%	77%	76%	79%	81%	82%	80%	78%	74%	74%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.76	0.73	0.73	0.63	0.60	0.52	0.52	0.51	0.66	0.71	0.87	0.77
LIKELY SNOWFALL	16.9"	19.4"	12.3"	3.9"	0.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	3.2"	11.2"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	37%	35%	26%	12%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	15%	32%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	1%	1%	4%	11%	13%	10%	6%	3%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	10%	10%	12%	19%	23%	32%	27%	19%	14%	9%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 53% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 41% in November, to a high of 60% in August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -5°, and the highest should be near 88°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a degree or two cooler than actual ones much of the time. Look for more than a quarter of the year's days to be bright and sunny, with September getting a third such days. This is New England, where Mark Twain remarked, "If you don't like the weather, just wait a minute. It'll be sure to change!"