

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE GRAND ISLAND NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, MICHIGAN

LOCATION: Grand Island National Recreation Area is located in Lake Superior just a half-mile north of Munising, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The island NRA covers some twenty square miles of forests, lakes, beaches, and cliffs. It is reached by seasonal (June through September) private ferry from Munising. Elevations are some six-hundred feet above sea level. Activities include primitive camping (no water or flush toilets), mountain biking, snowmobiling, hiking, fishing and limited swimming (check lake temperatures below). The NRA is administered by the Forest Service, whose HQ is in Munising.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:03	10:18	11:53	13:33	14:59	15:46	15:26	14:12	12:37	10:58	9:29	8:40
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:52	4:16	5:47	7:06	8:14	9:09	9:48	8:15	6:05	4:22	2:23	2:12
AREA OF BLUE SKY	20%	26%	31%	36%	36%	39%	44%	41%	35%	29%	17%	18%
LOW FOR MONTH	-15 °	-17 °	-15 °	6 °	19 °	29 °	35 °	33 °	26 °	19 °	3 °	-11 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	9 °	7 °	15 °	27 °	36 °	46 °	51 °	51 °	45 °	36 °	26 °	15 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	25 °	26 °	34 °	48 °	60 °	71 °	76 °	75 °	67 °	56 °	40 °	29 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	43 °	48 °	60 °	81 °	93 °	95 °	97 °	98 °	91 °	83 °	63 °	47 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	97%	73%	32%	7%	0%	0%	7%	32%	77%	97%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	75%	73%	70%	64%	62%	64%	64%	64%	67%	66%	74%	76%
NEARBY WATERS	39 °	36 °	33 °	35 °	36 °	38 °	42 °	52 °	53 °	46 °	42 °	43 °
DRY DAYS	52%	57%	68%	70%	65%	67%	68%	71%	63%	61%	53%	55%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	80%	84%	82%	80%	79%	81%	81%	76%	77%	72%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.39	0.33	0.31	0.38	0.46	0.53	0.52	0.46	0.62	0.50	0.56	0.41
LIKELY SNOWFALL	27.4"	20.2"	16.6"	8.4"	0.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	3.5"	19.4"	26.9"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	48%	43%	28%	11%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	27%	45%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	2%	5%	10%	19%	18%	16%	11%	4%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	3%	4%	6%	6%	8%	8%	10%	9%	9%	7%	4%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 47% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 25% in December, to a high of 63% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -19 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. From the middle of November through late March, three out of four days will remain below freezing all day long, and one night in four or five will drop below zero. The NRA gets its best weather from May through September, but insect repellent is a must.