

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SPRINGFIELD AND THE OZARK PLATEAU, MISSOURI

LOCATION: Springfield is located in southwestern Missouri. The city is situated in the rolling hills of the Ozark Plateau. Elevations are some 1,300 feet above sea level. The city is a major gateway to the recreation opportunities of the Ozarks, and is a convenient and pleasant base of operations in the area.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:56	10:48	11:56	13:08	14:09	14:41	14:28	13:36	12:28	11:17	10:14	9:40
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:01	5:49	6:46	7:51	8:45	9:46	10:40	9:40	8:32	7:15	5:32	4:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	42%	43%	45%	47%	52%	58%	57%	56%	55%	47%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	0°	5°	15°	29°	39°	51°	57°	54°	42°	30°	18°	6°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	24°	27°	35°	46°	55°	64°	68°	66°	59°	48°	36°	28°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	42°	45°	55°	66°	74°	83°	87°	87°	80°	69°	55°	45°
HIGH FOR MONTH	65°	68°	78°	84°	87°	92°	96°	96°	92°	85°	75°	66°
FROSTY MORNINGS	76%	70%	41%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	35%	67%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	36%	35%	11%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	58%	53%	52%	57%	57%	54%	52%	55%	52%	56%	61%
DRY DAYS	73%	70%	67%	64%	63%	66%	73%	72%	72%	75%	73%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	84%	80%	78%	75%	76%	84%	84%	81%	83%	85%	85%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.36	0.39	0.55	0.66	0.81	0.82	0.61	0.62	0.62	0.52	0.49	0.39
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.8"	4.7"	3.1"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.2"	3.2"
SNOWY DAYS	12%	13%	7%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	9%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	4%	13%	20%	26%	31%	27%	25%	16%	10%	7%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	9%	7%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	5%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 48% in December, to a high of 74% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -4°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. A typical summer afternoon will be very sunny, moderately humid, and hot to very hot. About one afternoon in four will get thundershowers that continue on into the evening. Summer nights are mild to warm. Winter afternoons are chilly to cold, with one out of five never making it above the freezing point. Winter nights are usually below freezing, and a couple of them will probably drop below zero. Snow is about as common as rain during the winter months, but rarely stays on the ground for long. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, when cold spells and warm spells alternate.