

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LAKE RESORTS

LOCATION: The lake country lies south of the White Mountains in more-or-less central New Hampshire. State officials list some 273 lakes in the region. The largest is Lake Winnepesaukee. Squam Lake, to the north of it, was the setting for the movie *On Golden Pond*. Other major lakes are Winnisquam, Sunipee, Newfound, and Ossipee. Elevations vary, but are almost always less than 700 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:21	10:28	11:54	13:24	14:42	15:23	15:05	13:59	12:34	11:04	9:45	9:02
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:31	5:29	6:10	6:50	7:45	8:44	9:07	8:13	6:47	5:33	3:50	3:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	40%	40%	38%	37%	41%	42%	44%	43%	41%	32%	34%
LOW FOR MONTH	-9 °	-7 °	4 °	21 °	36 °	46 °	52 °	48 °	39 °	31 °	17 °	0 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	11 °	12 °	22 °	33 °	44 °	54 °	59 °	58 °	50 °	40 °	31 °	17 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	29 °	32 °	41 °	55 °	68 °	76 °	81 °	79 °	70 °	59 °	46 °	33 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	47 °	48 °	63 °	73 °	81 °	88 °	90 °	89 °	82 °	73 °	62 °	46 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	98%	100%	92%	50%	6%	0%	0%	0%	1%	18%	63%	94%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	11%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	54%	51%	46%	47%	51%	51%	53%	55%	53%	60%	62%
DRY DAYS	64%	61%	64%	61%	59%	63%	63%	65%	66%	67%	60%	64%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	79%	77%	77%	74%	77%	77%	81%	80%	81%	75%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.49	0.48	0.53	0.54	0.57	0.57	0.58	0.53	0.63	0.53	0.71	0.58
LIKELY SNOWFALL	20.2 "	19.9 "	17.2 "	4.3 "	0.4 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.2 "	5.3 "	16.3 "
SNOWY DAYS	36%	35%	26%	14%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	14%	34%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%	11%	14%	11%	5%	1%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	10%	10%	12%	12%	17%	21%	27%	33%	36%	28%	17%	13%

COMMENTS: The area has a mid-latitude four-season year, with a short summer season that is warm more often than hot, and a long winter season that is cold and snowy. About half the year's daylight hours get sunshine, ranging from a low of 39% in November to a high of 60% in July. The annual range of temperatures runs from well below zero to the low 90's. Precipitation is very evenly distributed throughout the year, with a consistent one day in three of rain or snow--depending upon the season. Summer afternoons are long, moderately sunny, moderately humid, and warm--occasionally hot and hardly ever very hot. Summer nights start out mild, but cool quickly by morning. Early morning fogs are common on the lakes and streams. Winter afternoons are generally short, moderately cloudy, moderately humid, and below freezing half the time. Winter nights are very cold, and will drop below zero a dozen times a winter. The ground (and many lakes) are usually frozen from December through early March, and snow-covered much of that time.