

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CARLSBAD CITY AREA, NEW MEXICO

LOCATION: The city of Carlsbad is located in the southeastern corner of New Mexico. It is the seat of Eddy County. Carlsbad is situated on the banks of the Pecos River, and is surrounded by rich agricultural lands. Elevations are in the area of 3,100 feet above sea level. Carlsbad lies at the junction of US-180, US-285, and US-62. The airport offers connections to Albuquerque, Hobbs, and Roswell. Scheduled bus service is available to those three towns plus El Paso. A shuttle bus will take you to Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Many visitors to Carlsbad Caverns National Park choose to stay in Carlsbad, since the Park offers no overnight accommodations. In addition, Carlsbad offers Presidents Park, Living Desert State Park, Lake Carlsbad, and the Carlsbad Museum and Art Center. Worth a side-trip is Sitting Bull Falls, some 40 miles to the southwest.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:17	11:01	11:58	12:58	13:49	14:15	14:04	13:21	12:24	11:25	10:33	10:05
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:19	8:06	9:11	10:20	10:56	11:39	10:46	10:01	9:15	8:44	7:51	7:03
AREA OF BLUE SKY	57%	58%	58%	62%	62%	68%	60%	60%	65%	68%	64%	60%
LOW FOR MONTH	5 °	6 °	23 °	34 °	43 °	53 °	59 °	57 °	47 °	35 °	18 °	13 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	28 °	32 °	38 °	47 °	55 °	64 °	67 °	66 °	60 °	48 °	36 °	29 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	59 °	64 °	71 °	80 °	88 °	95 °	96 °	94 °	88 °	79 °	67 °	59 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	74 °	82 °	85 °	91 °	98 °	104 °	104 °	102 °	97 °	90 °	82 °	73 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	68%	52%	26%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	35%	68%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	13%	47%	85%	89%	82%	52%	13%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	39%	33%	25%	23%	24%	25%	32%	35%	37%	36%	37%	42%
DRY DAYS	94%	93%	94%	93%	87%	87%	81%	84%	83%	87%	90%	90%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	96%	97%	97%	92%	93%	90%	90%	90%	92%	97%	97%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.18	0.22	0.31	0.29	0.32	0.22	0.08	0.07
LIKELY SNOWFALL	1.2 "	1.2 "	0.6 "	0.2 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.9 "	1.3 "
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	2%	6%	13%	19%	26%	25%	13%	5%	2%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	10%	8%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	5%	6%	7%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 76% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a "low" of 70% in December, to a high of 82% in June. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 1 ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 107 ° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5 ° cooler than actual ones, due to the low humidity. Winter days are among the sunniest in the country, and afternoons are almost always above the freezing point. For some reason, however, Carlsbad has not attracted its fair share of the retirees that have swarmed over the various communities in the southwestern corner of the state.