

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CHACO CULTURE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, NEW MEXICO

LOCATION: Chaco Culture National Historical Park is located in San Juan County in the high plateau country of northwestern New Mexico. The Park lies in the drainage of the Chaco River, with the landscape one of steep canyons and high plateaus. Elevations in the Park are around 6,200 feet above sea level. The Park surrounds a major Anasazi settlement, with at least thirteen major pueblos, and thousands of minor sites. The community was occupied from 900 to 1150 AD. It is one of the most impressive ruins in the southwest, and certainly one of the most difficult to get to.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:01	10:52	11:57	13:05	14:04	14:34	14:22	13:32	12:27	11:19	10:19	9:46
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:58	7:46	8:39	10:01	11:23	12:10	10:42	9:53	9:50	8:49	7:41	6:47
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	47%	47%	50%	56%	66%	53%	55%	64%	64%	58%	52%
LOW FOR MONTH	-12 °	0 °	2 °	17 °	24 °	36 °	44 °	40 °	31 °	20 °	5 °	-12 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	13 °	18 °	22 °	29 °	38 °	47 °	55 °	53 °	44 °	33 °	21 °	13 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43 °	48 °	56 °	67 °	76 °	87 °	91 °	88 °	81 °	70 °	55 °	44 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	57 °	60 °	72 °	79 °	86 °	94 °	99 °	95 °	90 °	79 °	66 °	59 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	97%	96%	90%	63%	26%	2%	0%	0%	6%	49%	90%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	35%	62%	37%	9%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	52%	41%	32%	24%	21%	18%	27%	30%	29%	32%	41%	51%
DRY DAYS	83%	81%	82%	83%	88%	90%	68%	71%	80%	84%	86%	84%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	96%	94%	94%	96%	95%	96%	87%	85%	91%	91%	94%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.06	0.18	0.22	0.18	0.17	0.08	0.10
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.4 "	3.4 "	2.5 "	0.8 "	0.1 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.3 "	2.1 "	5.0 "
SNOWY DAYS	17%	13%	9%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	13%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	3%	5%	12%	15%	37%	37%	18%	6%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	4%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 75% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 69% in December and January, to a high of 83% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -15°, and the highest should be near 103°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones. The area has a high desert climate. . Precipitation is sparse and varies widely from year to year. Much of it comes from summer thundershowers. Do not attempt to drive the unpaved roads if it has rained in the last day or two.