

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PIOCHE AND CATHEDRAL GORGE, NEVADA

LOCATION: Pioche is located in southeastern Nevada. The town is situated in the sagebrush plains of the upper drainage of Meadow Valley Wash, which is dry most of the year. North-south mountain ranges parallel it to both the east and the west. Elevations are about 6,200 feet above sea level. Nearby are Cathedral Gorge State Park, Echo Canyon State Recreation Area, and Spring Valley State Park. The town itself has a pleasant quiet that belies its hell-roaring past. It is quite off the beaten track, which many find to be an attraction in itself.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:52	10:46	11:56	13:10	14:13	14:45	14:32	13:39	12:29	11:16	10:11	9:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:46	7:22	8:41	9:41	11:10	12:48	11:16	10:49	10:28	9:10	7:36	6:26
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	50%	52%	55%	60%	73%	64%	66%	73%	70%	62%	54%
LOW FOR MONTH	2°	8°	11°	21°	28°	35°	45°	43°	35°	23°	12°	8°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21°	24°	27°	34°	43°	51°	58°	57°	50°	40°	29°	23°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	41°	45°	51°	60°	70°	81°	89°	86°	78°	66°	52°	43°
HIGH FOR MONTH	54°	58°	65°	73°	81°	93°	99°	91°	89°	79°	66°	57°
FROSTY MORNINGS	94%	88%	76%	43%	11%	0%	0%	0%	2%	21%	62%	90%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	47%	27%	5%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	48%	43%	36%	28%	23%	16%	21%	25%	24%	27%	37%	49%
DRY DAYS	81%	77%	73%	74%	87%	93%	77%	76%	92%	82%	80%	79%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	89%	89%	90%	94%	97%	90%	90%	97%	94%	90%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.25	0.23	0.23	0.20	0.14	0.06	0.16	0.20	0.12	0.15	0.16	0.23
LIKELY SNOWFALL	11.1"	7.2"	8.5"	3.4"	0.6"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.2"	3.8"	7.2"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	14%	13%	16%	8%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	8%	10%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	3%	6%	11%	9%	30%	33%	11%	3%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 76% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a “low” of 67% in December, to a high of 87% 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 105° 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. Summers are hot, sunny, and dry. Winters are cold, sunny, and dry. About a dozen winter afternoons will fail to warm to above the freezing point, and below freezing temperatures will occur in every month from late September through May. The best weather comes in June and September.