

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO VIRGINIA CITY AND THE COMSTOCK LODGE, NEVADA

LOCATION: Virginia City is located in extreme west-central Nevada. The town is situated in a gulch on the side of Mount Davidson, overlooking the sagebrush desert of the western portion of the Basin and Range province. Elevations are around 6,300 feet above sea level, but vary depending upon how far up the slope or gully you happen to be. Virginia City is an arch-typical mining boom town, built by riches from the famous Comstock Lode of silver ore. Most visitors arrive on day trips from nearby Reno. Therefore, if you really want to savor the town, stay overnight. Be warned that summer nights can feel downright chilly, due to clear skies and the low humidity. Bring a sweater or light jacket.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:45	10:42	11:56	13:13	14:19	14:54	14:39	13:43	12:30	11:13	10:05	9:28
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:54	6:58	8:33	10:05	11:05	12:07	12:55	12:10	10:48	8:46	6:46	5:34
AREA OF BLUE SKY	40%	40%	43%	46%	54%	66%	80%	79%	76%	62%	47%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	11 °	14 °	20 °	25 °	32 °	42 °	51 °	50 °	42 °	31 °	22 °	15 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	24 °	26 °	30 °	34 °	42 °	51 °	58 °	57 °	50 °	40 °	31 °	25 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	41 °	44 °	49 °	56 °	65 °	74 °	83 °	82 °	74 °	63 °	49 °	42 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	53 °	55 °	61 °	67 °	77 °	85 °	89 °	88 °	82 °	73 °	59 °	53 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	67%	64%	52%	36%	15%	4%	0%	0%	4%	18%	48%	67%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	13%	18%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	52%	44%	36%	30%	28%	24%	20%	20%	24%	29%	42%	53%
DRY DAYS	70%	71%	72%	83%	86%	89%	93%	92%	92%	86%	81%	75%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	85%	86%	87%	93%	94%	94%	97%	97%	97%	94%	90%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.32	0.30	0.22	0.10	0.14	0.12	0.05	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.22	0.31
LIKELY SNOWFALL	11.7"	12.1"	7.3"	2.5"	1.6"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	1.5"	5.9"	13.2"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	17%	21%	15%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	8%	17%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	10%	12%	10%	5%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	8%	4%	3%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	9%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 75% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 59% in December, to a high of 89% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 9° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 91° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 6° cooler than actual ones due to the low humidity. The best weather comes from June through September.