

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO COOPERSTOWN AND OTSEGO LAKE, NEW YORK

LOCATION: Cooperstown and Otsego Lake are located in east-central New York, roughly equidistant from both Utica and Albany. The lake is situated in the glaciated uplands between the Adirondacks and the Catskills, and Cooperstown lies at the southern end of the lake. Elevations are some 1,240 feet above sea level. Cooperstown is the site of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:26	10:31	11:54	13:22	14:37	15:17	15:00	13:56	12:33	11:06	9:49	9:07
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:37	4:47	5:55	6:57	8:18	9:21	9:34	8:26	7:04	5:27	3:14	2:55
AREA OF BLUE SKY	27%	30%	33%	36%	38%	41%	43%	42%	43%	38%	26%	25%
LOW FOR MONTH	-10 °	-11 °	1 °	19 °	31 °	40 °	46 °	42 °	34 °	25 °	8 °	-6 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	12 °	12 °	21 °	32 °	42 °	52 °	56 °	55 °	48 °	38 °	29 °	17 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	30 °	31 °	40 °	54 °	66 °	75 °	79 °	77 °	70 °	59 °	45 °	34 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	48 °	47 °	61 °	71 °	78 °	85 °	89 °	87 °	84 °	74 °	62 °	50 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	97%	96%	86%	52%	16%	1%	0%	1%	5%	31%	68%	94%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	65%	59%	52%	52%	54%	53%	55%	58%	58%	65%	69%
DRY DAYS	59%	59%	60%	59%	61%	60%	62%	65%	66%	65%	59%	62%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	77%	74%	72%	73%	73%	76%	77%	77%	79%	73%	74%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.45	0.46	0.49	0.51	0.59	0.68	0.69	0.65	0.61	0.54	0.53	0.48
LIKELY SNOWFALL	16.9"	17.9"	14.0"	3.9"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.3"	5.8"	15.9"
SNOWY DAYS	23%	25%	19%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	13%	22%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	1%	4%	7%	14%	15%	14%	7%	2%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	7%	9%	4%	3%

COMMENTS: The area has a mid-latitude four-season year. The sun will shine on just over half of the year's daylight hours. Look for it to shine a third of the time in December and two-thirds of the time in July. In an average year, you can expect temperatures to range from ten to fifteen degrees below zero some frigid winter morning to the low 90's some windless summer afternoon. Precipitation is moderate and evenly distributed throughout the year, with a slight summer maximum due to thunderstorms. A typical summer afternoon will be sunny, moderately humid, and warm more often than hot. Summer nights are cool and dewy. A typical winter afternoon will be cloudy, quite humid, and cold--with half the afternoons making it above freezing and half not. Winter nights are very cold and will drop below zero one night in five or six. Snowfalls are heavy, and the ground is often snow-covered for weeks at a time. Spring and autumn are seasons of rapid weather changes from cold to warm and *vice-versa*.