

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TACONIC HILLS, NEW YORK

LOCATION: The Taconic Hills are located in extreme southeastern New York, up against the border with Massachusetts. The hills are an offshoot of the better-known Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. The hills are not high, with most elevations within 500 feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:28	10:32	11:55	13:21	14:35	15:14	14:58	13:55	12:33	11:07	9:51	9:09
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:08	5:26	6:19	7:10	8:15	9:14	9:21	8:25	7:13	5:50	3:38	3:26
AREA OF BLUE SKY	33%	36%	37%	37%	39%	41%	43%	43%	45%	42%	31%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	-8 °	-7 °	1 °	22 °	34 °	42 °	48 °	44 °	35 °	26 °	11 °	-2 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	13 °	14 °	24 °	35 °	45 °	54 °	59 °	57 °	49 °	39 °	30 °	19 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	31 °	33 °	43 °	57 °	69 °	77 °	82 °	79 °	72 °	62 °	48 °	35 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	48 °	50 °	64 °	74 °	82 °	88 °	92 °	90 °	86 °	75 °	65 °	53 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	95%	94%	83%	42%	9%	0%	0%	0%	5%	30%	63%	90%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	11%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	64%	59%	53%	55%	58%	59%	62%	66%	64%	68%	70%
DRY DAYS	64%	65%	64%	61%	58%	62%	67%	66%	67%	71%	63%	64%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	81%	79%	77%	75%	76%	78%	79%	79%	82%	78%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.43	0.44	0.48	0.55	0.56	0.62	0.59	0.58	0.58	0.48	0.53	0.48
LIKELY SNOWFALL	15.8"	14.9"	11.7"	3.2"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	4.2"	12.3"
SNOWY DAYS	36%	35%	35%	12%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	20%	36%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	2%	4%	11%	18%	21%	15%	7%	3%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	11%	12%	14%	13%	13%	15%	12%	13%	19%	18%	16%	13%

COMMENTS: The area has a standard mid-latitude four-season year. It gets sunshine on somewhat over half of the year's daylight hours. December gets the least with roughly 37%, while July gets the most with around 63%. The annual march of temperatures will proceed from about ten below zero during some frigid winter morning to the middle 90's some sunny summer afternoon. Precipitation is more than adequate in most years, with a distinct summer maximum due to the afternoon and early evening thundershowers of that season. Look for summer afternoons to be sunny, humid, and warm to hot. Summer nights are typically cool and damp. Winter afternoons are likely to be moderately cloudy, quite humid, and cold. Half of them will warm to above freezing and half will not. Winter nights are very cold, and will drop below zero a dozen times each winter. Snowfalls are moderate, but snow flurries are common. The ground will be snow-covered for much of the winter but not continuously. Spring and autumn are seasons of rapid weather changes.