

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE THOUSAND ISLANDS RESORT AREA, NEW YORK AND ONTARIO

LOCATION: The Thousand Islands region stretches from the eastern outlet of Lake Ontario where it empties into the St. Lawrence River, down that river roughly to Cornwall. There are just under two-thousand islands of various sizes and types in that stretch, and the area is an important summer recreation area. Elevations are all within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:18	10:27	11:54	13:26	14:44	15:26	15:09	14:01	12:34	11:03	9:42	8:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:40	4:08	5:34	6:38	8:18	9:42	9:58	8:45	6:54	4:59	2:39	2:17
AREA OF BLUE SKY	21%	27%	35%	40%	43%	49%	52%	51%	46%	38%	22%	19%
LOW FOR MONTH	-14 °	-11 °	-1 °	18 °	33 °	42 °	45 °	45 °	36 °	27 °	14 °	-11 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	10 °	11 °	22 °	35 °	45 °	55 °	60 °	58 °	51 °	41 °	31 °	17 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	29 °	30 °	40 °	54 °	66 °	75 °	80 °	79 °	71 °	59 °	46 °	33 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	48 °	47 °	61 °	72 °	79 °	87 °	90 °	88 °	83 °	73 °	62 °	50 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	95%	94%	81%	38%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3%	21%	54%	86%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	71%	68%	60%	58%	60%	59%	59%	61%	63%	72%	76%
NEARBY WATERS	36 °	34 °	34 °	38 °	43 °	52 °	67 °	70 °	66 °	58 °	48 °	44 °
DRY DAYS	47%	51%	56%	54%	58%	62%	66%	63%	61%	56%	49%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	71%	75%	76%	73%	76%	77%	81%	82%	77%	74%	68%	68%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.51	0.47	0.46	0.49	0.55	0.52	0.52	0.55	0.63	0.60	0.64	0.59
LIKELY SNOWFALL	26.6"	20.7"	14.3"	2.9"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.6"	9.8"	29.1"
SNOWY DAYS	40%	34%	23%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	15%	37%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	3%	4%	7%	11%	13%	12%	8%	3%	2%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	19%	20%	20%	19%	23%	24%	22%	29%	26%	24%	22%	20%

COMMENTS: The area has a mid-latitude four-season year, somewhat modified by the waters of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. You can expect to see bright sunshine on just under half of the year's daylight hours. This will range from a quarter of the daytime in December to about two-thirds of it in July. You can also expect to see temperatures as low as fifteen or twenty below zero during bitter cold spells in the winter and as high as the low 90's during brief hot spells in the summer. Precipitation is moderate, and reaches a maximum during the storms of late autumn and early winter. Much of this comes as snow, and during the winter the ground will be frozen and snow-covered much of the time. The lake and river themselves do not usually freeze over completely, but will be ice-rimmed for a considerable distance from shore. Weather in the area changes frequently and drastically over short periods of time.