

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE GETTYSBURG HISTORIC AREA, PENNSYLVANIA

LOCATION: Gettysburg and Gettysburg National Military Park are located in southeastern Pennsylvania. The small college town (Gettysburg College) and the Park are located only a few minutes' drive from the Maryland border, and less than forty miles southwest of Harrisburg. Elevations are around 500 feet above sea level. The Park covers some 6,000 acres and memorializes the site where more than fifty-thousand men were killed or injured in the battles of early July in 1863. It is, of course, the site of President Lincoln's famous "Gettysburg Address".

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:42	10:41	11:56	13:14	14:22	14:57	14:42	13:45	12:30	11:12	10:03	9:25
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:35	5:48	6:48	7:44	8:47	9:37	9:47	8:50	7:49	6:44	5:02	4:17
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	40%	40%	41%	42%	43%	45%	45%	48%	49%	41%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	1°	5°	16°	24°	40°	49°	52°	51°	43°	32°	20°	6°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	22°	23°	31°	41°	50°	60°	64°	62°	55°	44°	34°	25°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	39°	41°	51°	64°	74°	82°	87°	84°	78°	67°	54°	42°
HIGH FOR MONTH	57°	60°	70°	80°	87°	92°	96°	95°	90°	82°	68°	57°
FROSTY MORNINGS	89%	86%	61%	18%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	47%	81%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	16%	28%	21%	9%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	54%	50%	48%	51%	52%	52%	54%	55%	53%	56%	58%
DRY DAYS	66%	66%	64%	62%	64%	60%	67%	65%	70%	72%	72%	72%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	79%	75%	77%	78%	77%	83%	80%	83%	84%	81%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.49	0.49	0.57	0.61	0.62	0.64	0.60	0.64	0.58	0.52	0.50	0.50
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.1"	9.2"	6.2"	1.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.0"	6.2"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	16%	16%	10%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	10%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	3%	7%	14%	21%	24%	18%	9%	3%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	7%	5%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	5%	6%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 46% in December, to a high of 67% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -1°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Some 29% of the year's days will be clear and sunny, with September and October leading the way with roughly 38% such days. Summer afternoons are long, sunny, and hot—often very hot. Three-fourths of the winter afternoons will warm to above freezing—although often not by much. Winter snowfalls are moderate, and vary considerably from one year to the next. Less than half the winter's days find the ground snow-covered, although snow may persist longer in shady and sheltered spots.