

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE POCONO MOUNTAINS RESORT AREA, PENNSYLVANIA

LOCATION: The lake-dotted Pocono Mountains are located in northeastern Pennsylvania. They are part of the general Appalachian system of ridges and valleys trending southwest to northeast. The Poconos are only vaguely defined, but may be considered to be west of the Delaware River, east of the Lackawanna River, and north of the Appalachian Trail. Elevations range up to well above two-thousand feet. Table elevations are around 2,000 feet above sea level—typical of many of the resort areas.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:35	10:36	11:55	13:18	14:28	15:06	14:50	13:50	12:31	11:09	9:57	9:17
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:07	5:17	6:14	7:02	8:06	9:04	9:20	8:24	7:06	5:59	4:03	3:35
AREA OF BLUE SKY	30%	33%	34%	35%	36%	39%	42%	43%	43%	43%	32%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	-1 °	-5 °	9 °	20 °	33 °	40 °	46 °	45 °	37 °	26 °	14 °	2 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	16 °	16 °	23 °	35 °	44 °	53 °	58 °	56 °	50 °	40 °	30 °	19 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	31 °	33 °	42 °	55 °	67 °	74 °	78 °	77 °	70 °	60 °	46 °	34 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	50 °	50 °	60 °	72 °	78 °	85 °	88 °	86 °	83 °	73 °	62 °	50 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	95%	95%	84%	45%	8%	0%	0%	0%	2%	24%	67%	92%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	59%	54%	50%	51%	53%	53%	55%	57%	56%	61%	65%
DRY DAYS	68%	71%	69%	64%	66%	67%	66%	70%	72%	73%	70%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	79%	77%	75%	74%	75%	76%	76%	80%	81%	78%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.55	0.53	0.62	0.67	0.71	0.71	0.77	0.82	0.73	0.64	0.70	0.61
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.7"	13.1"	11.3"	2.9"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.6"	4.8"	9.1"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	24%	23%	16%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	18%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	3%	7%	12%	19%	21%	17%	9%	3%	2%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	10%	11%	9%	7%	7%	7%	8%	9%	12%	11%	10%	10%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 53% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 39% in December, to a high of 63% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -6°, and the highest should be near 90°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Roughly a quarter of the year's day will be clear and sunny, with September and October getting the most such days with one out of three. Summer afternoons are long, moderately sunny, and warm to hot. Half of the winter afternoons will warm to above the freezing point. Afternoon temperatures will warm by about 1° for each 300-foot drop in elevation, and will cool at the same rate as you go higher in elevation. Winter snows vary from year to year, and will increase with an increase in elevation, and decrease as you drop down into the valleys.