

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CEDAR CITY RECREATION AREA, UTAH

LOCATION: Cedar City is located in southwestern Utah. It is situated on the banks of Coal Creek, at the margin between the Great Basin region and the Colorado Plateau region. The Markagunt Plateau to the east of town rises to 11,306 feet above sea level at Brian Head. The Plateau contains Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Dixie National Forest, and the ski resort at Brian Head. The City itself is the site of Southern Utah University and the summer Shakespearean Festival—as well as a number of other attractions and events. Elevations are some 5,620 feet above sea level.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 9:53 | 10:47 | 11:56 | 13:09 | 14:11 | 14:44 | 14:30 | 13:38 | 12:28 | 11:16 | 10:12 | 9:37 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 6:02 | 6:54 | 7:49 | 9:09 | 10:34 | 12:18 | 11:01 | 10:38 | 10:06 | 8:44 | 6:53 | 5:58 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 46% | 44% | 47% | 50% | 54% | 69% | 62% | 64% | 70% | 66% | 55% | 48% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | -4 ° | 0 ° | 9 ° | 20 ° | 27 ° | 39 ° | 48 ° | 46 ° | 36 ° | 15 ° | 10 ° | 1 ° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 18 ° | 22 ° | 27 ° | 34 ° | 42 ° | 51 ° | 59 ° | 57 ° | 49 ° | 38 ° | 27 ° | 19 ° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 42 ° | 46 ° | 52 ° | 61 ° | 71 ° | 82 ° | 88 ° | 86 ° | 79 ° | 66 ° | 53 ° | 44 ° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 55 ° | 58 ° | 65 ° | 72 ° | 83 ° | 92 ° | 95 ° | 93 ° | 88 ° | 78 ° | 64 ° | 58 ° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 94% | 89% | 75% | 46% | 13% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 29% | 74% | 90% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90 ° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 18% | 46% | 28% | 5% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 56% | 50% | 39% | 29% | 25% | 18% | 22% | 25% | 23% | 29% | 43% | 57% |
| DRY DAYS | 82% | 80% | 78% | 82% | 84% | 91% | 81% | 80% | 88% | 87% | 87% | 84% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 92% | 91% | 90% | 90% | 94% | 97% | 90% | 91% | 93% | 92% | 90% | 90% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.13 | 0.08 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.13 |
| LIKELY SNOWFALL | 9.8" | 8.1" | 7.8" | 3.2" | 1.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.1" | 1.0" | 4.8" | 7.7" |
| DAYS WITH SOME SNOW | 18% | 18% | 14% | 5% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 7% | 15% |
| DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER | 0% | 1% | 1% | 6% | 10% | 8% | 33% | 33% | 10% | 3% | 1% | 0% |
| DAYS WITH SOME FOG | 4% | 3% | 2% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 5% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 72% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 61% in January, to a high of 84% in June. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -7° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 97° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones during the warmer month, due to the low humidity. Summers are hot, sunny, and dry—with thunderstorms in July and August. Only half of these storms actually bring any rain. Winters are cold, sunny, and dry, with occasional light frontal precipitation. Much of this precipitation comes as snow. The best weather comes during the summer—from late May through early October.