

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HANKSVILLE RECREATION AREA, UTAH

LOCATION: Hanksville is located in south-central Utah. The small town is situated on the Fremont River, near its junction with the Dirty Devil River, in the canyonlands of the Colorado Plateau region. Elevations are around 4,300 feet above sea level. Hanksville is a supply point and base of operations for excursions to the Horseshoe Canyon outlier and the Maze section of Canyonlands National Park, the Hans Flat extension of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Goblin Valley State Reserve, the San Rafael Reef, Lake Powell, the free-roaming bison herds of the Henry Mountains, and the fantastic domes of Capitol Reef National Park. Some of these are difficult of access (understatement). Always check with knowledgeable locals before venturing into the back-country.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:50	10:45	11:56	13:11	14:15	14:48	14:34	13:40	12:29	11:15	10:09	9:34
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:06	6:51	7:58	9:03	10:27	12:00	11:07	10:21	9:50	8:29	6:53	5:52
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	45%	47%	47%	52%	66%	60%	61%	67%	64%	56%	49%
LOW FOR MONTH	-13 °	-2 °	16 °	23 °	34 °	42 °	49 °	47 °	36 °	15 °	7 °	-5 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	10 °	19 °	27 °	36 °	45 °	53 °	61 °	58 °	48 °	36 °	22 °	14 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	40 °	48 °	59 °	70 °	80 °	91 °	97 °	94 °	85 °	72 °	56 °	43 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	53 °	61 °	72 °	82 °	92 °	101 °	105 °	101 °	95 °	84 °	74 °	51 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	98%	92%	71%	31%	5%	0%	0%	0%	3%	32%	87%	97%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	2%	21%	68%	93%	83%	38%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	60%	50%	38%	29%	25%	19%	23%	27%	27%	33%	45%	58%
DRY DAYS	88%	89%	88%	90%	89%	93%	85%	84%	88%	88%	91%	90%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	97%	97%	96%	95%	97%	96%	93%	94%	94%	97%	97%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.09	0.13	0.09	0.10	0.06	0.05
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.9"	1.5"	0.7"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.2"	2.7"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	11%	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	8%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	3%	7%	13%	15%	32%	33%	15%	5%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	6%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 71% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 61% in December, to a high of 81% in June. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -17° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 108° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 6° cooler than actual ones during the warmer weather, due to the low humidity. Summers are long, sunny, very hot and very dry. The summer thunderstorms actually drop rain only on about half the days that hear thunder. Winters are short, sunny, very cold, and dry. Occasional winter frontal storms drop light snows. The best weather comes just before and just after the heat of midsummer; that is, in May and June and again in September and October.