

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK, U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

LOCATION: Virgin Islands National Park is located primarily on the island of St. John in the U. S. Virgin Islands. It covers some twenty-three square miles of land and water, and takes up about two-thirds of the island proper. Another twenty-two square miles of shoals and reef is protected by the *Virgin Islands Coral Reef National Monument*. Elevations range from sea level to 1,276 above it at the summit of Bordeau Mountain. Cruz Bay (more than 1,000 souls) is the commercial and administrative center of the island, and contains the HQ and Visitor Center. Camping is prohibited in Virgin Islands National Park except at designated sites in the Cinnamon Bay Campground. The campground also has cottages and tent cabins. All sites are usually filled months in advance.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:10	11:32	12:02	12:33	13:00	13:13	13:08	12:45	12:16	11:45	11:18	11:04
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:21	8:52	9:36	9:30	9:07	9:50	10:04	9:47	8:52	8:38	7:59	8:08
AREA OF BLUE SKY	58%	58%	58%	54%	45%	48%	50%	53%	48%	50%	52%	55%
LOW FOR MONTH	68°	68°	69°	71°	73°	74°	74°	74°	73°	73°	72°	68°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	73°	72°	73°	75°	77°	78°	78°	79°	78°	77°	76°	74°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	82°	83°	86°	85°	87°	88°	88°	88°	87°	86°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	88°	87°	88°	89°	91°	92°	93°	93°	93°	93°	91°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	1%	2%	6%	7%	19%	32%	39%	29%	23%	10%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	61%	63%	64%	67%	66%	65%	68%	69%	70%	69%	66%
NEARBY WATERS	79°	79°	79°	79°	80°	82°	83°	83°	84°	83°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	41%	53%	57%	59%	54%	50%	44%	43%	45%	47%	40%	41%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	83%	85%	76%	70%	70%	72%	70%	70%	66%	70%	68%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.43	0.34	0.32	0.39	0.67	0.49	0.55	0.71	0.96	0.93	0.86	0.50
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	4%	3%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 75% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a "low" of 70% in May, to a high of 80% in March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 66°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be significantly warmer than actual ones—particularly during the warmer weather. The prevailing winds are the Trade Winds, and they blow with remarkable steadiness out of the eastern quarter of the compass. They tend to be strongest in late morning or early afternoon, and weakest in the wee hours of the night. Superimposed on these winds are a lesser regime of land and sea breezes along the coasts (but not extending very far inland). The hurricane season runs from June through November, with St. Thomas has once chance in thirteen of having one of these storms pass by—most likely in the August through early October period.