

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS RESORT AREA, WASHINGTON

LOCATION: The San Juan Islands are located off the coast of northwest Washington. These 172 islands are situated between the mainland and Vancouver Island, at the heads of the Strait of Georgia and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The islands are quite hilly, even mountainous. Elevations range from sea level to some 2,454 feet above it at the summit of Mt. Constitution on Orcas Island. Access to the islands is by boat or plane only.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:48	10:10	11:52	13:39	15:13	16:04	15:42	14:22	12:39	10:53	9:17	8:24
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:10	3:24	4:45	6:44	8:26	8:57	10:34	9:24	6:52	4:19	2:30	1:56
AREA OF BLUE SKY	24%	27%	31%	32%	36%	37%	48%	48%	47%	34%	25%	24%
LOW FOR MONTH	24 °	27 °	31 °	35 °	40 °	45 °	48 °	47 °	43 °	38 °	32 °	27 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34 °	36 °	37 °	40 °	44 °	48 °	49 °	50 °	48 °	44 °	39 °	36 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43 °	47 °	50 °	56 °	62 °	66 °	70 °	69 °	65 °	57 °	50 °	46 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	52 °	53 °	59 °	67 °	74 °	79 °	83 °	82 °	78 °	68 °	57 °	53 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	39%	31%	19%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	17%	31%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	76%	72%	68%	65%	65%	65%	65%	66%	68%	74%	78%	79%
NEARBY WATERS	46 °	45 °	46 °	48 °	51 °	54 °	56 °	57 °	55 °	52 °	49 °	48 °
DRY DAYS	44%	51%	55%	64%	71%	74%	86%	85%	72%	58%	42%	42%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	73%	76%	83%	87%	87%	90%	92%	85%	74%	70%	63%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.63	0.52	0.39	0.31	0.24	0.23	0.13	0.16	0.30	0.48	0.69	0.74
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.8"	1.5"	1.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.4"	1.3"
SNOWY DAYS	16%	10%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	12%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	11%	8%	5%	4%	6%	10%	14%	17%	21%	11%	15%

COMMENTS: The islands have a marine version of the standard mid-latitude four-season climate. Being surrounded by water does two things. It keeps the temperatures from getting both as hot and as cold as nearby mainland locations; and it delays all of the seasons somewhat. Bright sunshine occurs on 48% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 23% in December to a high of 67% in July. The low temperature for the year will be near 20° some windless winter sunrise, while the high will be around 87° some sunny summer afternoon. Precipitation is light, and is concentrated in the winter season. A typical summer afternoon will be long, sunny, humid, rainless, and mild to warm--rarely hot. Summer nights get downright chilly towards morning. A typical winter afternoon will be short, overcast, very humid, rainy about half the days, and chilly. Snowfall is extremely variable, and depends a lot on elevation.