

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LAKE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, WASHINGTON

LOCATION: The Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area is located along the Columbia River and the Spokane River upstream from Grand Coulee Dam in northeastern Washington. The NRA covers some 157 square miles of lakeshore, reaching as far north on the Columbia arm as Northport, and as far east on the Spokane arm as the Wellpinit Road bridge. Elevations vary, but are roughly in the 1,700 feet above sea level range. Activities include boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and visiting historic points of interest. The landscape is dominated by old lava flows and the coulees cut into them by the various waterways. Grand Coulee Dam is said to be the most massive concrete structure in the world.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:50	10:11	11:52	13:39	15:12	16:02	15:40	14:21	12:39	10:53	9:18	8:26
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:14	3:54	6:03	8:04	9:18	10:19	12:10	10:45	8:24	5:34	2:28	1:45
AREA OF BLUE SKY	18%	24%	30%	33%	36%	40%	61%	60%	50%	38%	21%	17%
LOW FOR MONTH	-3 °	3 °	12 °	24 °	29 °	36 °	42 °	39 °	30 °	23 °	14 °	4 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	20 °	23 °	29 °	35 °	43 °	49 °	53 °	52 °	45 °	37 °	30 °	23 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	32 °	39 °	50 °	62 °	72 °	79 °	87 °	86 °	76 °	60 °	43 °	34 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	47 °	53 °	67 °	81 °	93 °	99 °	103 °	102 °	94 °	76 °	57 °	48 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	92%	87%	70%	34%	7%	0%	0%	0%	5%	27%	62%	86%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	13%	43%	40%	8%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	78%	68%	52%	41%	39%	36%	27%	29%	36%	50%	73%	80%
DRY DAYS	64%	68%	71%	75%	73%	73%	86%	85%	83%	76%	61%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	85%	86%	86%	87%	84%	92%	93%	93%	88%	79%	78%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.28	0.23	0.20	0.19	0.24	0.25	0.13	0.13	0.15	0.19	0.31	0.34
LIKELY SNOWFALL	14.6"	6.4"	2.2"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	5.0"	13.4"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	30%	16%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	25%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%	9%	8%	7%	2%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	25%	20%	9%	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	11%	22%	31%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 54% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 21% in December, to a high of 78% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -5 ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 105 ° 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 weather, due to the relatively low afternoon humidity. During the winter months (December through February), roughly one day in three will remain below freezing all day long; and three or four nights will drop below freezing. This summary is an average, taking into account the considerable geographic spread of the NRA. Snowfalls vary considerably from place to place and year to year. They generally increase as you go upstream away from the dam.