

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE APOSTLE ISLANDS NATIONAL LAKESHORE, WISCONSIN

LOCATION: The Apostle Islands are a group of 21 islands off the tip of Wisconsin's Bayfield Peninsula in southwestern Lake Superior. Twenty of the islands are under federal management as part of the National Lakeshore. The largest of the islands, Madeline, is not. It consists of private holdings. Elevations are close to 800 feet above sea level. Access to the islands is by boat only. There is summer ferry service.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:01	10:17	11:53	13:34	15:01	15:48	15:29	14:14	12:37	10:57	9:27	8:38
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:29	4:50	6:16	7:31	8:31	9:13	9:52	8:27	6:22	4:36	2:50	2:48
AREA OF BLUE SKY	27%	29%	30%	32%	34%	35%	41%	40%	34%	32%	21%	24%
LOW FOR MONTH	-20 °	-16 °	-8 °	15 °	28 °	37 °	45 °	43 °	32 °	23 °	3 °	-12 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	6 °	7 °	18 °	31 °	40 °	49 °	56 °	56 °	48 °	39 °	26 °	13 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	22 °	27 °	36 °	50 °	63 °	72 °	78 °	76 °	67 °	57 °	39 °	27 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	38 °	42 °	52 °	72 °	82 °	87 °	90 °	89 °	83 °	74 °	56 °	42 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	94%	68%	24%	3%	0%	0%	9%	38%	82%	98%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	64%	63%	55%	55%	59%	58%	61%	62%	60%	68%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	40 °	37 °	34 °	35 °	37 °	40 °	44 °	56 °	55 °	47 °	42 °	43 °
DRY DAYS	68%	71%	70%	70%	65%	85%	67%	66%	65%	72%	68%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	91%	87%	84%	77%	75%	77%	79%	78%	84%	86%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.21	0.19	0.26	0.36	0.58	0.61	0.60	0.62	0.54	0.38	0.32	0.23
LIKELY SNOWFALL	13.6"	13.5"	12.5"	4.7"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.6"	10.3"	12.4"
SNOWY DAYS	32%	29%	30%	14%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	26%	31%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	2%	5%	11%	22%	24%	21%	12%	4%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	6%	9%	10%	15%	18%	14%	14%	13%	10%	8%	8%
NICE DAY INDEX	66	70	72	75	76	81	82	82	77	74	66	66

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 49% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 30% in November to a high of 64% in July. The low temperature for the year will be near -22° some windless winter sunrise, while the high will be around 93° some sunny summer afternoon. Precipitation is light, and is concentrated during the summer months. Surrounded by the cool waters of Lake Superior, all the seasons are delayed by a few weeks over what is usually the case farther inland. Lakes (but not the deeper waters of Lake Superior) and streams freeze up in late November, and don't "break up" until early April.