

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LA CROSSE AND THE GREAT RIVER ROAD, WISCONSIN

LOCATION: The city of La Crosse is located in southwestern Wisconsin, near the border with Minnesota. The city is situated on the eastern bank of the Mississippi River, near the mouths of the La Crosse and Black Rivers. Elevations range from a bit over 600 feet near to the river, to some 1,172 feet at the summit of Grandad Bluff. The Great River Road parallels the Mississippi River on both sides for much of its length. Wisconsin's portion, from Hastings to Prairie du Chien is generally considered to be more scenic than the Minnesota and Iowa sides. The landscape in the area is characterized by narrow valleys with steep hills to each side.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:20	10:28	11:54	13:25	14:43	15:25	15:07	14:00	12:34	11:04	9:43	9:00
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:25	5:45	6:42	7:54	8:56	10:13	11:09	9:36	7:30	5:58	3:53	3:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	40%	36%	37%	39%	43%	49%	48%	46%	46%	32%	34%
LOW FOR MONTH	-18 °	-14 °	1 °	22 °	33 °	44 °	51 °	48 °	35 °	25 °	9 °	-10 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	6 °	10 °	23 °	37 °	49 °	58 °	62 °	60 °	52 °	41 °	27 °	14 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	24 °	29 °	41 °	58 °	70 °	79 °	84 °	81 °	72 °	60 °	43 °	29 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	43 °	48 °	64 °	80 °	88 °	93 °	95 °	94 °	89 °	79 °	64 °	48 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	97%	95%	80%	30%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	20%	67%	93%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	10%	20%	11%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	61%	57%	49%	49%	52%	54%	55%	56%	53%	63%	68%
DRY DAYS	73%	71%	69%	68%	65%	61%	66%	68%	69%	71%	72%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	91%	91%	85%	80%	78%	77%	80%	79%	80%	85%	87%	90%
DRY HOURS	83%	86%	85%	87%	91%	93%	95%	94%	92%	92%	85%	83%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	10.9"	8.2"	8.0"	1.9"	0.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	4.0"	8.9"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	24%	21%	16%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	10%	23%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	4%	10%	17%	26%	24%	22%	16%	7%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	4%	6%	6%	3%	2%	4%	6%	11%	12%	7%	4%	4%

COMMENTS: : Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 39% in December, to a high of 74% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -21°, and the highest should be near 97°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Winters are long, quite cold, and snowy. Summers are short, sunny, and warm more often than hot. About one out of four winter nights will drop below zero, and two-thirds of the winter days will never get above freezing. On the other hand, from late June through October, one day in three will be clear and bright.