

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE JACKSON HOLE RESORT AREA, WYOMING

LOCATION: The Jackson Hole resort area is located in northwestern Wyoming, just south of and adjoining Grand Teton National Park. Early fur trappers referred to an open area surrounded by mountains as a “hole”, and Jackson Hole fills that bill. It is surrounded by the Grand Tetons on the west, the Gros Ventre Mountains on the east, the Wyoming Mountains to the south, and the mountains of south Yellowstone National Park to the north. The “Hole” proper includes much of the lowlands of Grand Teton National Park, but this summary deals essentially with the resort areas around the town of Jackson. Elevations lie between 6,000 and 7,000 feet above sea level.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 9:22 | 10:29 | 11:54 | 13:24 | 14:41 | 15:22 | 15:05 | 13:59 | 12:34 | 11:05 | 9:45 | 9:02 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 4:32 | 6:00 | 7:25 | 8:29 | 9:12 | 10:45 | 11:37 | 10:35 | 9:05 | 7:14 | 4:55 | 4:15 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 30% | 33% | 34% | 36% | 37% | 49% | 60% | 58% | 55% | 48% | 35% | 32% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | -24° | -21° | -18° | 9° | 21° | 24° | 32° | 28° | 18° | 9° | -6° | -23° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 3° | 6° | 13° | 24° | 30° | 36° | 40° | 39° | 31° | 24° | 14° | 7° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 26° | 32° | 39° | 51° | 62° | 71° | 82° | 80° | 71° | 59° | 39° | 29° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 42° | 45° | 51° | 63° | 74° | 83° | 91° | 87° | 82° | 71° | 52° | 45° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 97% | 96% | 97% | 87% | 61% | 27% | 10% | 19% | 63% | 84% | 93% | 97% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 66% | 60% | 51% | 43% | 39% | 34% | 29% | 30% | 35% | 44% | 59% | 67% |
| DRY DAYS | 71% | 68% | 71% | 73% | 71% | 70% | 81% | 74% | 80% | 81% | 77% | 71% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 84% | 89% | 90% | 90% | 84% | 84% | 91% | 87% | 90% | 90% | 90% | 84% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.26 | 0.23 | 0.19 | 0.21 | 0.28 | 0.25 | 0.14 | 0.21 | 0.23 | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.25 |
| LIKELY SNOWFALL | 19.0" | 15.2" | 13.8" | 5.7" | 1.4" | 0.1" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.4" | 2.3" | 9.0" | 15.7" |
| SNOWY DAYS | 37% | 37% | 35% | 20% | 8% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 10% | 25% | 35% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 0% | 0% | 1% | 3% | 13% | 22% | 28% | 24% | 10% | 1% | 0% | 0% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 6% | 5% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 6% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 63% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 47% in December, to a high of 77% in July. The expected low temperature for the year will be around -38° on some windless winter sunrise, and the high will be near 96° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a couple of degrees cooler than actual ones during the summer, and essentially the same as actual ones the rest of the year. Snowfall totals in the above table are for the valley floor. The higher elevations, especially the ski slopes, will get much more snow, will get it earlier, and will keep it later. Jackson has the best restaurants in the state, but they are not inexpensive.