



Weather

MONTH	DAILY TEMPERATURE [Degrees Fahrenheit] [Degrees Celsius]				TOTAL PRECIPITATION [Inches of rain & melted snow] [Centimeters of rain & melted snow]			TOTAL SNOWFALL [Inches] [Centimeters]		
	AVERAGE		RECORD		MONTHLY AVERAGE	RECORD		MONTHLY AVERAGE	RECORD	
	High	Low	High	Low		High	Low		High	Low
January	40.3 4.6	21.9 -5.6	81 27.2	-13 -25	1.91 4.85	6.71 17	0.07 0.18	9.2 23.4	41.9 106.4	0 0
February	44.3 6.8	25.4 -3.7	69 20.6	-13 -25	1.73 4.39	9.5 24.1	0 0	7.0 17.8	28.5 72.4	0 0
March	48.5 9.2	27.3 -2.6	74 23.3	3 -16.1	1.84 4.67	8.67 22	0.005 0.013	8.3 21.1	30.7 78	0.05 0.13
April	55.8 13.2	31.5 -0.3	88 31.1	4 -15.6	1.02 2.59	3.36 8.5	0.005 0.013	4.0 10.2	25.2 64	0 0
May	65.0 18.3	38.0 3.3	93 33.9	19 -7.2	1.37 3.48	4.47 11.4	0.03 0.08	1.2 3	8.3 21.1	0 0
June	72.6 22.6	43.7 6.5	98 36.7	19 -7.2	1.10 2.79	3.72 9.45	0 0	0.1 0.3	1.5 3.8	0 0
July	82.4 28.0	51.0 10.6	101 38.3	27 -2.8	0.50 1.27	4.7 11.9	0 0	0 0	0.5 1.3	0 0
August	82.2 27.9	50.3 10.2	102 38.9	30 -1.1	0.49 1.24	2.57 6.5	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
September	75.3 24.1	44.4 6.9	99 37.2	16 -8.9	0.56 1.42	1.93 4.9	0 0	0 0	1.3 3.3	0 0
October	63.6 17.6	36.4 2.4	89 31.7	0 -17.8	1.27 3.23	8.3 21.1	0 0	0.5 1.3	4.5 11.4	0 0
November	48.7 9.3	28.5 -1.9	74 23.3	2 -16.7	1.50 3.81	6.49 16.5	0.005 0.013	5.0 12.7	31 78.7	0 0
December	41.0 5.0	23.0 -5.0	69 20.6	-18 -27.8	2.04 5.18	7.49 19	0.14 0.36	8.7 22.1	47.7 121.2	0 0

This information was obtained at the Indian Well Headquarters Weather Station, Lava Beds National Monument, California. This reflects temperature and precipitation data from a 56-year period (December 1945 through September 2001).

What to Expect

At Lava Beds the average annual precipitation total is 15.33 inches (39 cm) with an average annual snowfall of 44.1 inches (112 cm). The most snow accumulation occurs in the month of January.

July tends to be the hottest month and August the driest. December is the wettest and January the coldest.

Elevations within the monument boundary vary from about 4020 ft to 5680 ft. Be prepared for a wide range of weather conditions. The monument is within a high desert area and tends to be hot and dry during summer days. Summer evenings average 45°F to 50°F (7.2°C to 10°C). Carry plenty of drinking water at all times. Conditions may change with little notice.

Thunderstorms with lightning are common during the

summer. August is the only month with no snow reported.

Winter conditions vary from year to year. Some years will have more snowfall than others. Roads may be icy. High winds are frequent. The monument and its campground are open all year.

Some of the surrounding areas are not open in the winter due to road conditions. Inquire at the Visitor Center before trying to reach the Medicine Lake highlands anytime after Labor Day.