

WEATHER INFORMATION

Natural Bridges National Monument

The following summary of weather conditions at Natural Bridges National Monument (elevation 6500 feet) is over a sixteen year period from June 1965 thru December 1981. Humidity is usually between 10 and 20% in summer and 30 to 40% in winter.

MONTH	PRECIPITATION		TEMPERATURE			
	AVERAGE PRECIP. IN INCHES	AVERAGE SNOWFALL IN INCHES	HIGHEST RECORDED (YEAR)	AVERAGE MAXIMUM	AVERAGE MINIMUM	LOWEST RECORDED (YEAR)
January	.83	9.76	60 (1971)	39.94	16.16	-11 (1971)
February	1.11	8.81	64 (1972)	46.22	22.37	0 (1972)
March	1.04	8.25	73 (1971)	52.88	26.67	5 (1975)
April	.80	3.16	85 (1981)	61.5	33.44	6 (1975)
May	.71	.25	84 (1980)	72.94	40.23	18 (1967)
June	.52	-0-	101 (1970)	84.39	51.89	35 (1969)
July	1.46	-0-	104 (1971)	90.78	59.26	48 (1969)
August	1.41	-0-	99 (1969)	86.78	55.29	40 (1965)
September	.86	-0-	93 (1979)	78.04	50.55	29 (1978)
October	1.48	.91	86 (1980)	66.36	38.60	6 (1971)
November	.97	4.97	78 (1973)	50.43	27.99	-2 (1975)
December	1.28	13.52	59 (1980)	40.98	19.23	-7 (1978)
Accum. Total	12.47	49.63		64.27	36.80	

Natural Bridges National Monument is open all year, but the most pleasant season is from early April through October. The wildflower displays in spring and early summer make that time of year especially enjoyable. The weather is also mild and makes for pleasant hiking. Interpretive facilities and visitor services are available during the summer season, although at times it is too warm for pleasant hiking. Autumn, from mid-September to mid-November has the most ideal climate.

The snows in the winter months bring their own special beauty to the canyons. The scenery makes for spectacular photography. Due to the snow, mud, and ice, the canyon trails (with the exception of Owachomo Trail) are ordinarily closed during winter months. Nevertheless, excellent views may be obtained from the view points and the Bridgeview Drive.