

General Climate Information for Bend, Oregon

Bend enjoys the predominately dry climate of the Great Basin. Sunny days, low humidity, and cool nights provide the most common weather pattern.

Average Temperatures:

Month	High	Low	Month	High	Low	Month	High	Low
January	41F	21F	May	65F	34F	September	74F	37F
February	46F	24F	June	73F	40F	October	63F	31F
March	50F	24F	July	82F	44F	November	49F	26F
April	57F	28F	August	80F	43F	December	43F	23F

Temperature

Moderate days and cool nights characterize Bend's year-round climate. Because of high altitude and clear air, nighttime temperatures average 30F to 40F below daytime highs. Evenings are generally cool, even in the summer, requiring sweaters or jackets. Annual temperature extremes show that only one year out of five has a temperature colder than -17F or warmer than 100F. Frost can occur during any summer month.

Precipitation

The average annual precipitation in Bend is less than 12 inches, over half falls between November and February, often as snow. Brief thunderstorms usually provide most of the light summer rain. The average annual snowfall is 33.8 inches. Snow depth in Bend exceeds 24 inches in only one winter out of twenty. At Mt. Bachelor, the ski resort 22miles southwest of Bend snow normally reaches depths of 160 to 180 inches.

Sunshine:

Bend has the highest average number of sunny days in the state. Clear days average 158 days per year with an additional 105 days that are mostly sunny. Many of the remaining days provide substantial sunshine. Days that are totally cloudy do not often occur.

Wind

Surface winds prevail out of the South and Southeast from October to February, then West and Northwest for the remaining months. Wind speeds average from 5 to 7 mph most months.

Growing Season

Because severe frosts have occurred as late as May 31st and as early as September 1st, the general advice is to plan for a 92 day growing season. Any transplanting of annual bedding plants in Bend before Memorial Day involves an element of risk. Some of the lowest minimums on record have occurred during the months of June, July, and August.