



## *A Visitors Guide to Bryson City, Swain County, and the Great Smoky Mountains*

# *Weather*

Few climates anywhere in the world can match the year-round pleasant nature of Swain County's climate. The lack of seasonal extremes allows for frequent outdoor activities and comfortable living throughout the year. Among the most valued aspects of Swain County's climate are the cool summer nights which have lured visitors to the area for generations. In the Bryson City area, July temperatures reflect an average daily high of 84 degrees and an average low of 62.4 degrees. Winter temperatures, while cool, are not uncomfortable. The average daily high in January is 47.5 degrees, while the average low is 26 degrees.

Winter always brings some snow to the mountains; the average is around 11 inches each year.

However, the amount of snow at any one time is rarely a major inconvenience and tends to lend charm to the winter season. Crews work around the clock in the event of snow to keep highways passable.

Annual precipitation averages around 47.71 inches. The average relative humidity is about 70 percent in the summer and 66 percent during the winter.

Elevations in Swain County range from 1,085 to 6,643 feet.

Month	High (F)	Low (F)	Rain	Snow
January	47.5	26.0	3.48	4.6
February	50.6	27.6	3.60	2.8
March	58.4	34.4	5.13	1.6
April	68.6	42.7	3.84	0.9
May	75.6	51.0	4.19	0.0
June	81.4	58.2	4.20	0.0
July	84.0	62.4	4.43	0.0
August	83.5	61.6	4.79	0.0
September	77.9	55.8	3.96	0.0
October	68.7	43.3	3.29	0.0
November	58.6	34.2	3.29	0.0
December	50.3	28.2	3.51	0.0