



Daniel Smiley Research Center
MOHONK PRESERVE
 Mohonk Lake, New Paltz, NY 12561

Natural Science Note No. 746-18
 From records of the Mohonk Lake Cooperative Weather Station
 Established January, 1896

Annual Weather Summary for 2018

Part I: Summary of 123rd Year: 2018

Records Taken this Year: 365

Total to Date = 44,903

Table 1. Annual Deviation from 122-Year Average

	122-year average 1896-2017	Actual This Year	Deviation from Average
Temperature (°F)	48.4	50.4	+2.0
Precipitation (in.)	49.01	69.19	+20.18
Snow (in.)	59.15	63.75	+4.60

Table 2. Monthly Deviation from 122-Year Average

	Temperature (°F)			Precipitation (in.)			Snow (in.)		
	1896-2017	2018	Deviation	1896-2017	2018	Deviation	1896-2017	2018	Deviation
January	24.9	24.7	-0.2	3.47	4.61	+1.14	14.90	13.50	-1.40
February	26.1	34.0	+7.9	3.31	5.01	+1.70	15.11	12.10	-3.01
March	35.0	34.5	-0.5	4.83	3.76	-1.07	11.00	25.00	+14.00
April	47.0	43.9	-3.1	4.11	4.52	+0.41	2.88	3.45	+0.57
May	58.2	64.8	+6.6	4.17	3.60	-0.57	0.14	0.00	-0.14
June	66.3	67.9	+1.6	4.18	1.94	-2.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
July	70.9	74.9	+4.0	4.52	9.27	+4.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
August	69.1	73.5	+4.4	4.42	5.38	+0.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
September	62.3	65.0	+2.7	4.34	12.70	+8.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
October	51.9	51.2	-0.7	3.98	5.00	+1.02	0.28	0.00	-0.28
November	40.5	37.3	-3.2	3.75	8.15	+4.40	3.25	9.50	+6.25
December	29.0	33.2	+4.2	3.93	5.25	+1.32	11.59	0.20	-11.39
Year	48.4	50.4	+2.0	49.01	69.19	+20.18	59.15	63.75	+4.60

Part II: Extremes for 2018

Temperature

Highest Maximum	93°F	July 2, July 3
Lowest Maximum	7°F	Jan. 6
Highest Minimum	75°F	July 1, July 2, and Aug. 29
Lowest Minimum	-4°F	Jan. 7

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Precipitation

Greatest Rainfall, 24 hrs.	2.52.	Sept. 18
Greatest Snowfall, 24 hrs.	11.0 in.	Mar. 7
Greatest Snow on Ground	15 in.	Mar. 8
Average Annual Precipitation pH	4.76	(n=141)

Mohonk Lake

Lowest Surface pH:	4.99	June 1
Highest Surface pH:	7.25	July 4
Average Surface pH:	6.68	
Warmest Surface Temperature:	84.5°F	July 3
Ice Out	Apr. 11	<i>5.5 days later than average</i>
Ice Over for <u>2018</u>	Dec. 12	<i>11 days earlier than average</i>
Records Taken in Year	309	Total = 24,248

Frost

Last Frost:	April 21	3 days earlier than average
First Frost:	Oct. 18	3.8 days earlier than average
Length of Growing Season:	180 days	average is 180 days

Highlights:

Temperature for the year was 2.0°F above average. Precipitation was 20.18 inches above average, marking this the 2nd year for most precipitation. Snowfall was 4.60 inches above average.

Table 3. Top 10 Years with the Most Precipitation

Year	Precipitation (in.)	Rank
2011	78.77	1
2018	69.19	2
1996	68.80	3
2005	63.23	4
1990	62.79	5
2003	62.54	6
1945	62.32	7
1983	62.19	8
1902	61.72	9
1901	61.03	10

2018 was marked by several notable monthly extremes in our 122-year records:

- 5th Warmest February
- 2nd Warmest May
- 9th Warmest July
- 5th Rainiest July
- 5th Warmest August
- 1st Rainiest September
- 4th Rainiest November
- 9th Least Snowy December

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