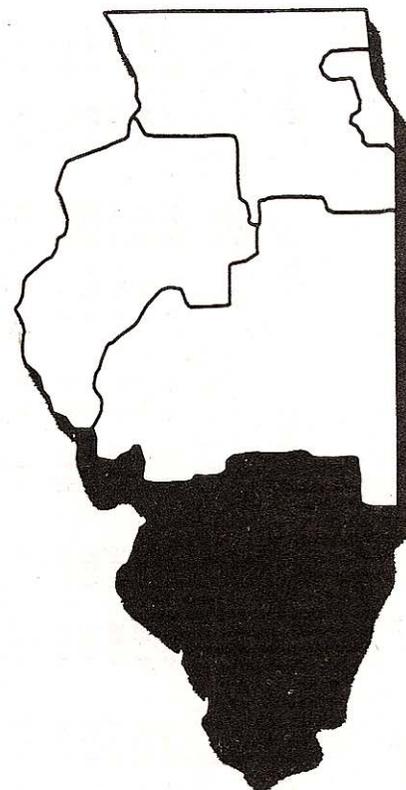


# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

"The sky slides into blue, the bluffs into bloom;  
the rapid Mississippi expands; runs sparkling  
and gurgling, all overrun eddies; one magnified  
wake. The sun comes out, a golden huzzar, from  
his tent, flashing his helm on the world. All  
things, warmed in the landscape, leap."  
Herman Melville

Southern Illinois doesn't look like it belongs in Illinois. There are no flat prairies or vast cornfields. Instead, it is the Ozark Foothills, swamps, lakes, riverfront towns, antebellum mansions and 240,000 acres of virgin wilderness. Spectacular bluffs line the Mississippi where barges travel southward past the tiny storybook villages of Elsah and Grafton on the way to the urban decay that marks East St. Louis. Named for its counterpoint on the Nile, Cairo sits at the convergence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. Weather-beaten and languorous, Cairo begins the reach into the American south. Heading north along the Ohio, the river towns continue, each offering a unique flavor. The land between these rivers is the lush and rugged quarter million acre Shawnee National Forest containing wilderness areas, waterfalls, rock outcroppings, swamps and spectacular natural beauty.



## Southern Illinois Elevation 314 Ft

	Temperature					Rel. Hum	Prec. Nor.	Wind	% Poss. Sunshine	Average Number of Days of								
	Average Maximum	Average Minimum	Extreme Monthly Highest	Extreme Monthly Lowest	12:00 p.m.					Total	Snow Total	Speed	Direction	Cir	P C	Cldy	Rain .01"	Snow 1.0"
J	45	30	37	75	.5	67	4	3	10	SW	45	8	6	17	10	1	2	1
F	48	33	41	76	.5	64	4	2	10	NE	52	8	6	14	9	1	2	1
M	57	39	48	82	6	59	5	2	11	SW	58	9	7	15	12	1	4	•
A	69	50	59	89	30	54	4	T	10	SW	63	8	9	13	12	•	6	•
M	78	59	69	98	39	57	4	0	8	SW	67	8	10	12	11	0	7	•
J	87	68	78	104	51	57	4	0	7	SW	73	8	12	10	9	0	9	•
J	90	72	81	104	54	59	3	0	6	SW	75	8	13	10	8	0	8	•
A	89	71	80	103	53	59	3	0	6	ne	77	11	12	8	8	0	6	•
S	82	62	72	103	42	57	3	0	7	ne	71	12	9	9	8	0	4	1
O	72	52	62	92	29	53	3	0	7	s	71	15	7	9	7	0	3	1
N	58	39	48	82	5	58	4	1	9	s	55	9	8	13	9	•	2	1
D	46	33	39	73	0	66	4	2	9	s	47	8	7	16	10	1	1	1
Y	68	51	59	104	.5	58	45	10	8	SW	64	112	106	147	114	3	53	7

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less than 1/2