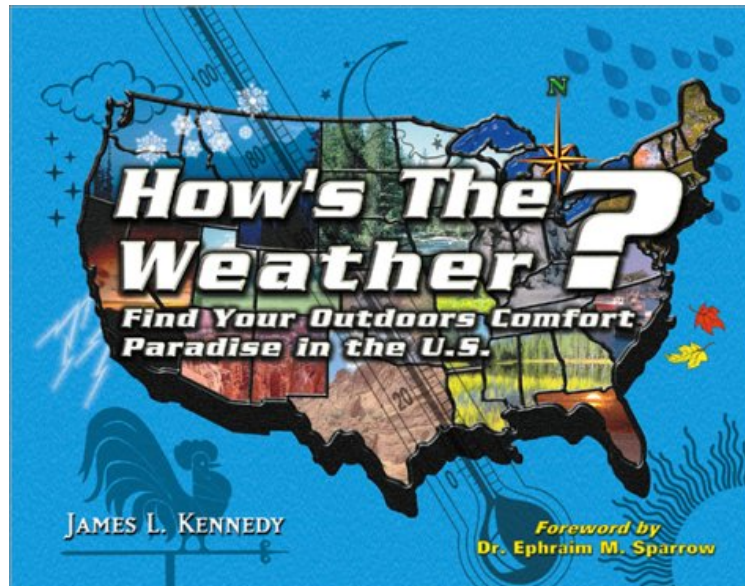


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great guide for planning vacationsBy Joseph L. BastThose of us from northern states (I'm from Wisconsin) are often only dimly aware of weather patterns in other parts of the country. We assume "the South" is hot most of the time, "the West" is dry, and "the East" is pretty much the same as we are just worse ... hotter in the summer, colder and damper in the winter.This creates a problem when we plan our vacations. What's the weather like in Florida in March, compared to July? Or Arizona in December compared to May? "How's the Weather" is intended to answer those questions, and it does so with astonishing precision. The author constructs a "comfort index" that takes into account temperature and humidity, sets "perfect" equal to zero, and draws isoline contour maps to show how far from perfect every part of the country is in any given month. Later in the book, tables present average temperature and precipitation for more than 300 cities for every month.The book ends with some discussion of discussion of some scientific and weather issues that are "off the beaten path," including a very good and precise discussion of climate change. The book itself is oversized, nicely bound so it stays open while in use, and has some clever writing. Anyone who is a weather fanatic will have to have a copy of this book.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A fascinating book for meteorology buffsBy Midwest Book ReviewHow's The Weather?: Find Your Outdoors Comfort Paradise In The U.S. is a handy, practical, guide to selecting the right locale for a picnic, a weekend outing, two week's vacation, or any other recreational getaway so as not to have outdoor entertainment spoiled by a run of bad weather. Historical U.S. climate data is compiled and distilled in a format accessible to the lay reader. Judging weather is an imprecise science and does require some understanding of mathematical analysis, at least

if one is using the formulas and data presented here. Overall however, you will not find a guide that takes such a complex subject as meteorology and distills it down into a simpler set of rules and guidelines than this one, at least not without sacrificing accuracy. *How's The Weather?* is a fascinating book for meteorology buffs as well as the non-specialist general reader trying to plan their vacation anywhere in the U.S.

*How's The Weather?* contains numerous contour (isoline) charts and tables to express "outdoors leisure thermal comfort" data for more than 300 cities within the 50 states. Thermal comfort, referred to throughout the book as "Predicted Mean Vote" (PMV), is computed from up to 50 years of historical dew point and ambient temperature climate data as recorded by the Federal Climate Complex, Asheville, North Carolina. The PMV comfort scale is based on the work of Dr. P.O. Fanger and employs a simple-to-understand index. Also, the book provides comprehensive tables of average monthly precipitation and snow depth -- these tables, together with thermal comfort information, enable the traveler to plan for optimum weather conditions for virtually any region and time of year.

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