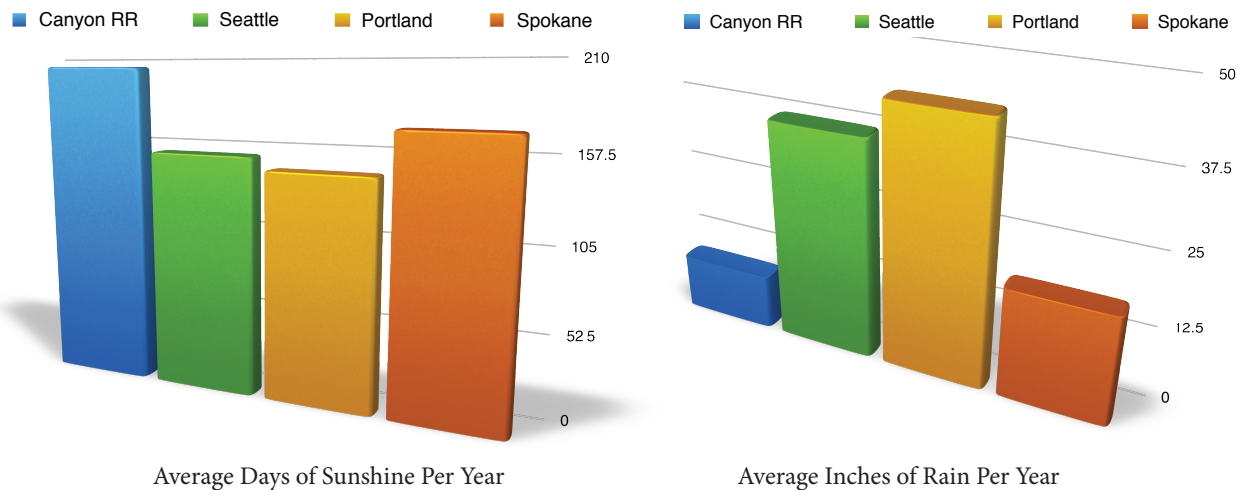


Central Washington Weather



Quick Facts and The Future of Trout.

It's no surprise that the rain-shadow effect of the cascades helps create ideal recreational weather in Central Washington. Even in winter, the ample sun helps keep roads clear and safe. The Pacific Northwest coastal area is notorious for foul weather that hampers even the most hardened of outdoor adventurers, however, travel just a little east and conditions improve drastically. As you can clearly see above, Canyon River Ranch wins the battle for the sun, this in turn gives us ideal climatological conditions- for being outside! According to climatology experts, like Cliff Mass of the University of Washington, the Pacific Northwest will be somewhat sheltered from the possible effects of continued global climate change. It's no secret CRR is closely tied to the health and continued management of the Yakima River. If predictions are true, the Yakima River will be in good standing for years to come.

The Yakima is technically a tailwater fishery, meaning that at its heart, cool, nutrient rich water expelled from multiple dams, feeds its fertility. This water is primarily used to irrigate the verdant fields of the Kittitas and Yakima Valleys. This desert necessity has a huge windfall, that being- fairly stable river flows, and more importantly, river temperatures. Rainbow and Cutthroat trout are temperature sensitive creatures. Ideally they need cool clean water, and the Yakima, due to its use as a conduit for irrigation, stays very cool, all summer long.

According to Weather.com, overall temperatures at Canyon River Ranch are 6.27 Degrees Fahrenheit warmer than the area around Suncadia each day of the year and 3.45 degrees warmer than Chelan for the same period!