

North Conway, NH (NCON3) Monthly Weather Summary

October 2024 Summary

Summary

A total of 1.58 inches fell over the past month, making October 2024 the seventh driest October since records began in 1959. Abnormally dry conditions now cover most of New Hampshire from north to south, with moderate to severe drought now present on New Hampshire's seacoast according to the United State Drought Monitor. Precipitation for the calendar year had been plentiful, but two consecutive drier than normal months have seen our total of 41.90 inches now sit just 0.81 inches above normal. Moderate to severe drought has now spread across much of New England and the broader northeast. Pockets of West Virginia and Ohio are now experiencing Extreme to Exceptional drought according to the United States Drought Monitor report on October 29th.

Back in North Conway, warm conditions were observed across several stretches in October. Daily maximum temperatures averaged more than three degrees above normal for the month. The maximum and minimum temperatures for the month of 79F recorded on the 21st-22nd and 23F on the 28th-29th respectively demonstrate the broad range of temperatures experienced through October. The first frost and freeze of the season was observed on the 17th, which is roughly one to two weeks later than the norm. On the evening of the 27th, snowflakes were observed in North Conway Village, also marking the first frozen precipitation of the season. Historically, October averages a marginal 0.3 inches of snow.

Temperature

Average Maximum Temperature: 61.8F [+3.1F]

Average Minimum Temperature: 38.1F [+1.5F]

Mean Temperature: 50.0F [+2.3F]

Maximum Temperature for the Month: 79F on the 21st-22nd

Minimum Temperature for the Month: 23F on the 28th-29th

Precipitation

Total: 1.58 inches [-3.88 inches below normal]

Greatest in 24 hours: 0.71 inches on the 13th-14th

Total Year-to-Date: 41.90 inches [+0.81 inches above normal]

Snowfall: Trace [- 0.3 below normal]

Snowfall this Season: Trace [- 0.3 inches below normal]

Wind

Average wind speed: 1.3 MPH

Peak Gust and Direction: 22.8 MPH from the W on the 12th

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Pine Street, North Conway, New Hampshire

Period of Observation: 8:00 AM – 8: 00 AM

30 Year Climate Normals Based on Averages from 1991-2020. Access to climate normals for stations across the country available here: <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/us-climate-normals/>