

Grandfather Mountain Reported Record High Temperatures in November

GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN—The first two days of November will be remembered for record high temperatures at the official US Weather Service reporting station on Grandfather Mountain, but the last two days will be remembered for cold, snow and high winds.

The high temperature on November 1st of 67 degrees broke the previous record for that date of 65 degrees set in 1974. The reading of 68 degrees on November 2nd broke that day's previous record daily high of 65 degrees set in 1971.

Another record-breaking warm spell came through November 22 and 23. The reading of 63 degrees on the 22nd broke the previous daily high record of 57 degrees set on November 22, 1973. The high temperature of 59 degrees on the 23rd broke the earlier daily high temperature record of 56 degrees set November 23, 1983.

The average high temperature of 51 degrees was 4.91 degrees above normal for November and the average low temperature of 37.83 degrees was 5.96 degrees above normal for this time of year.

Total rainfall for November was 6.25 inches, which was 1.89 inches, or 43 percent, above the norm. Total rainfall for the year-to-date is 65.78 inches, which is 7.11 inches, or 12 percent, above normal for this point in the year.

The single day rainfall total of 4.4 inches on November 19 was equal

to the 47-year average rainfall total for the month. The storm did not, however, produce enough rain to challenge the record for the most precipitation in one November day of 5.7 inches set on Nov. 6, 1977.

There were 3.0 inches of snow at Grandfather Mountain in November, all of which fell on November 29th. That total is only slightly less than the 47-year average for

November of 3.04 inches.

Winds exceeded 60 mph on five days in November. Gusts crossed the 100 mph mark once, reaching 129.95 mph on November 13.

For more information on the 47 years of weather data from Grandfather Mountain, see the interactive weather database at www.grandfather.com.



RUTH WILSON JUST LOVES PUTTERING around in her flowers at her home on Oakland Avenue. It is something she can continue to do in spite of recent triple by-pass surgery. She has penny plants, geraniums, begonias — more kinds than she can think of, really — and she tends to them everyday. Recently her hobby paid off when the Statesville Appearance Commission recognized her residence with an award. Wilson also promises color in her garden over the winter with the pansies she'll be growing and the birds she'll be feeding.

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