



WHAT ABOUT BRANSON IN NOVEMBER?

Editors NOTE:

I have heard some concern about the possible weather conditions in Branson in the month of November.

I have taken this concern to heart and did a little research on the averages for Branson in the month of November. The following temp averages are collected from 1981 to 2010. The average for November is a High of 58 and the low is 36 (of course that is for night time). Normally for only 11 days a year the thermometer does not rise above freezing. The below freezing days are most common in January.

The one great thing about visiting Branson in the middle of November the Christmas season is in full swing. If you haven't been to Branson during the holidays, you're in for an amazing surprise. In the Branson area it's called Ozark Mountain Christmas, an ongoing tradition for more than a quarter century. Celebrations run from the beginning of November through New Year's Day – there's no waiting for Thanksgiving to kickoff the holidays in Branson!

Branson offers countless opportunities for fun year-round. The following are special ways to celebrate the magic of the holidays:

LIVE SHOWS

Branson is noted for its live shows and performers. It's not called the Live Music Show Capital of the World for nothing!

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Light displays in Branson were popular long before Clark Griswold lit up his neighborhood in "Christmas Vacation." Silver Dollar City is a Christmas light aficionado's dream and there are several drive through light displays, including the 2 1/2-mile long Shepherd of the Hills Trail of Lights.

SILVER DOLLAR CITY

Experience the wonder of Silver Dollar City, where 5 million lights create an eye-popping experience sure to delight the kid in everyone.

SHOPPING

If you need to take care of some holiday shopping you won't be disappointed. Specialty shops, outlet malls and unique-to-Branson experiences await.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The holidays in Branson wouldn't be complete without several special events. Among them is the annual Veterans Homecoming Week, one of the largest events of its type in the U.S. Another not-to-be-missed event is the annual Adoration Celebration, which is in its 66th year and celebrates the true meaning of the holidays. The event includes the lighting of the Adoration Scene (displayed on Mt. Branson) and a parade. *By the way the Veterans Homecoming week concludes the day the Sam Rayburn Reunion Starts. So if you have never had the time of your life enjoying the status of a being Veteran this is the place to be. I plan to arrive on Friday or Saturday just to enjoy the festivities and of course to set thing up for a fantastic reunion.*

PLACES TO PLAY

The Ozark Mountain Christmas days are packed with fun, as many of the area's most popular attractions remain open to visitors. Whether you want to ride the Branson Scenic Railway's Polar Express Train Ride, take a zip-line tour, see a live show or tour a local winery, you can do it during the holidays in Branson.

As you can see, Branson has a lot to offer. I hope everyone is as excited as I am about the possibilities this destination brings for our reunion.