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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,
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discusses:

AVERAGE JULY WEATHER

July is deservedly considered our hottest month. It is distinctly warmer than June, and slightly warmer than August. Average temperatures exceeding 80 degrees prevail in the Gulf states, and in most places even the northern border of the country has warmed to a daily average of 65 degrees and over.

Looking at the monthly rainfall maps, we see that the crest of the early summer rainy season of the northwestern plains has passed, leaving July drier than June. On the Pacific Coast, July is the height of the dry season. On the contrary, local showers make July the wettest month of the year in western Texas, New Mexico, and most of Arizona. East of the Mississippi, also, July is generally wetter than June, the southeastern states, particularly, showing heavy rainfall. The July rainfall results largely from local thunderstorms which are more numerous in this month than in any other month. If you dislike thunderstorms, do not visit the west coast of Florida in July, for here thunderstorms are usually provided on more than twenty days of the month, furnishing a rainfall of 8 to 10 inches.

(Tomorrow: Climates of Lake-side Camps)

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