



Conclave 2025 | Branson MO

NEWSLETTER #9

What's the Weather Going to be like?

Today we'll take a little look at the expected weather conditions during our Tour so you can start to think about what to pack. As usual, instead of doing a bunch of research and compiling a lot of details, I asked my friend, ChatGPT, to do the work for me!

Please see my "take away" comments at the end.

Tennessee

In May, Tennessee experiences pleasant spring weather. Here's what you can generally expect:

- **Temperature:** Daytime highs usually range from **70°F to 80°F (21°C to 27°C)**, while nighttime lows are typically between **50°F and 60°F (10°C to 15°C)**.
- **Rainfall:** May can be moderately rainy, with occasional thunderstorms. Average precipitation is around **4 to 5 inches** for the month.
- **Humidity:** Humidity levels begin to rise but are generally not as intense as in the summer months.
- **Sunlight:** Days are longer, with about **13 to 14 hours of daylight**, making it a great time for outdoor activities.

It's a beautiful time to visit Tennessee, as the landscape is lush and green, with many flowers and trees in full bloom.

Western North Carolina

In May, Western North Carolina enjoys lovely spring weather, perfect for outdoor activities and exploring the region's natural beauty. Here's an overview:

- **Temperature:** Daytime highs are usually between **65°F and 75°F (18°C to 24°C)**, while nighttime lows range from **45°F to 55°F (7°C to 13°C)**. Higher elevations, like in the ***Blue Ridge Mountains or Asheville***, may be slightly cooler.
- **Rainfall:** May sees moderate rainfall, with an average of **3 to 4 inches** during the month. Expect occasional showers or thunderstorms.
- **Humidity:** The humidity is mild and comfortable compared to the summer months.
- **Sunlight:** There are about **13 to 14 hours of daylight**, offering ample time for hiking, sightseeing, and outdoor adventures.

The region is particularly beautiful in May, with vibrant greenery, blooming flowers, and cascading waterfalls from spring rains. It's an excellent time to explore the **Blue Ridge Parkway, Pisgah National Forest, or Great Smoky Mountains National Park**. *(Note: We will be visiting all three!)*



SPRING BLOOM IN ASHEVILLE, NC

Kentucky

May in Kentucky offers beautiful spring weather, ideal for outdoor activities and events like the famous Kentucky Derby. Here's what you can expect:

- **Temperature:** Daytime highs typically range from **70°F to 80°F (21°C to 27°C)**, with nighttime lows between **50°F and 60°F (10°C to 15°C)**. Northern areas may be slightly cooler than southern regions.
- **Rainfall:** May is moderately rainy, with an average precipitation of **4 to 5 inches**. You might encounter occasional thunderstorms, especially in the afternoons.
- **Humidity:** The humidity begins to rise but is still generally comfortable.
- **Sunlight:** With **13 to 14 hours of daylight**, you'll have plenty of time to enjoy outdoor activities.

Kentucky is lush and green in May, with gardens and parks in full bloom. It's a great time to explore outdoor attractions like Mammoth Cave National Park, Red River Gorge, or take part in local festivals and events.



LEXINGTON'S WEEPING CHERRY TREES

Branson, MO

May in Branson, Missouri, features warm and pleasant spring weather, perfect for enjoying the area's many outdoor attractions and entertainment venues. Here's what you can expect:

- **Temperature:** Daytime highs typically range from **70°F to 80°F (21°C to 27°C)**, with nighttime lows between **50°F and 60°F (10°C to 15°C)**.
- **Rainfall:** May is one of the wetter months, with an average rainfall of about **4.5 to 5 inches**. Showers and thunderstorms are possible but usually brief.
- **Humidity:** Humidity levels are moderate but not overly uncomfortable.
- **Sunlight:** Days are long, with **13 to 14 hours of daylight**, providing plenty of time to explore.

Branson is especially vibrant in May, with the surrounding Ozark Mountains lush and green. Outdoor activities like boating on Table Rock Lake, hiking, and enjoying the entertainment along the Branson Strip are all popular during this time.

My comments: As you can see, we should experience great Healey weather throughout our tour, with the flora being in peak condition. Yes, we can expect the occasional rain shower and while 3-5 inches per month seems like a lot to some of us Californians, my experience living in Nashville is that the showers are usually intense but short lived. It's not unusual to get an inch of rain in an hour (or less).

"What's the Weather" leads to *"What to Wear"*. Certainly, a light weight, water resistant jacket should be kept close at hand, and perhaps a mini-folding umbrella. A couple of micro-fiber towels to mop up the inevitable drips in the cockpit.

There are no formal events planned for our Tour or Conclave so you can concentrate on layering for the cool mornings and evenings and the warmer afternoons.

As far as the vehicle weather protection, unless you have a BJ8, it might be worthwhile to just ride out the occasional shower (unless you are a "top up" tourer). Some sort of **water resistance car cover** is a good idea at night. I like the waterproof "Cockpit covers" since they are easy to install and take up almost no space. Unfortunately seems no one offers these for Big Healeys anymore, though Moss does sell one for Sprites (237-815).