

FIVEMILE

GRAYSVILLE · CARDIFF · BROOKSIDE

THE AUGUST 2026 EDITION

MONTHLY

August ran about as warm as usual and came in close to normal on rain, and Five Mile Creek never reached the high water line.

This edition was put together on September 15, 2026, after the month was over, from the records as they stood. Its calls were worked out by the same rule as every other month, from what was on file before each month began.

AUGUST ALONG THE CREEK

WEATHER

Our station

HOTTEST **99° on Aug 17**

COLDEST **64° on Aug 25**

RAIN **3.78 in**

DAYS OF 90° OR MORE **27**

The average of the highs and lows came to 81.7 degrees, 0.8 degrees warmer than normal for August.

Our station measured 3.78 inches of rain, against a normal of 4.35 at the Birmingham airport. The wettest day was August 1, with 1.25 inches.

At the Birmingham airport, whose record goes back to 1930, it was the tenth warmest August on the books.

THE CREEK

Five Mile Creek at Republic

HIGHEST **3.48 ft on Aug 9**

LOWEST **1.10 ft on Aug 30**

DAYS AT HIGH WATER **0**

It never reached the high water line, 3.5 feet at Republic.

Its highest reading, 3.48 feet on August 9, was lower than the 3.79 feet the creek reaches in a typical August since 2008.

The high water line is the one the masthead uses. It is not a flood stage, because this gauge does not have one.

STORIES

News page

GRAYSVILLE	6
CARDIFF	1
BROOKSIDE	0

59 stories ran in August, not counting obituaries.

Six were about Graysville, one about Cardiff, and none about Brookside. The rest were about the county and the places around the three towns.

The story index starts on August 16.

SIGHTINGS

Lower creek

NEW TO THE ROLL

19

19 species were recorded along the lower creek for the first time on file, among them Ailanthus Webworm Moth, Hackberry Emperor, and Pole Borer.

HOW THE CALLS DID

THE CALLS FOR AUGUST

Temperature

NOAA	RIGHT
FIVEMILE	RIGHT

Set against the same month in 1991 to 2020 at the Birmingham airport, August finished in the warm third for temperature and the middle third for rain.

NOAA's outlook, issued July 31, gave a 40 percent chance of a warmer than normal month. That was right.

FIVEMILE called it warm, because after a warm July, August had come in warm in 12 of 23 years. That was right.

Since August 2014, NOAA's temperature outlook for these three towns has been right 64 times and missed 33 times, with no lean 46 times. FIVEMILE has been right both times it has made a call since January 2026. A call made by guessing would be right about one time in three.

SEPTEMBER AHEAD

THE OUTLOOK

September

NOAA

50% warmer

FIVEMILE

Warmer

NOAA's Climate Prediction Center gives these three towns a 50 percent chance of a warmer than normal September, and no lean either way on rain.

FIVEMILE's call is a warmer than normal September. After a warm August, September has come in warm in 12 of 25 years at the airport.

FIVEMILE does not call rain. In the airport record a wet month is followed by a wet one no more often than chance would have it.

NORMAL SEPTEMBER

Birmingham airport

NORMAL HIGH

89° to 82°

NORMAL LOW

69° to 61°

NORMAL RAIN

4.00 in

RECORD HIGH

102° in 1931

RECORD LOW

37° in 1967

Normal highs at the Birmingham airport fall from 89 to 82 degrees over September, and normal rain for the month is 4.00 inches.

THE SUN

September

DAYLIGHT ON THE 1ST

12 h 51 m

ON THE 30TH

11 h 52 m

AUTUMN EQUINOX

Sep 22

The days lose 59 minutes of daylight over September, from 12 hours and 51 minutes on the 1st to 11 hours and 52 minutes on the 30th.

The autumn equinox comes on September 22.

DATES IN SEPTEMBER

SEP THURSDAYS

MARKET

GARDENDALE

Gardendale Farmers Market

Growers set up on Thursday mornings at Bill Noble Park in Gardendale, which is close enough to be an ordinary errand from any of the three towns. It runs from nine until one, May through September.

SEP
02

CIVIC

Jefferson County tornado siren test

Jefferson County tests its outdoor warning sirens on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM. No action needed, it is a scheduled test.

SEP
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CIVIC

GRAYSVILLE

Graysville City Council meeting

Graysville's council meets twice a month, on the first and third Thursday, at 6:00 PM at Graysville City Hall.

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CIVIC

CARDIFF

Cardiff City Council meeting

Cardiff City Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

SEP
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COMMUNITY

BROOKSIDE

Suicide Awareness Walk

Registration at nine at the Brookside Ballpark and the walk sets off at ten. Stephanie Hodges has the details on 205-572-2678. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline answers calls and texts at any hour, on any day.

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CIVIC

Electronics & Paper Shredding Drop-Off

Jefferson County electronics and paper shredding event at Birmingham City Hall/Lynn Henley Park, 710 20th Street North. Accepts computers, TVs, phones, printers, cables, and more. 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Jefferson County (<https://www.jccal.org/Default.asp?ID=2294&pg=Electronics+Hazardous+Materials>)

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CIVIC

BROOKSIDE

Brookside Town Council meeting

Brookside's council meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 PM at Brookside Town Hall. When that Monday falls on a holiday the meeting moves to the second Monday.

Moved a week later this month because the usual date is Labor Day.

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CIVIC

GRAYSVILLE

Graysville City Council meeting

Graysville's council meets twice a month, on the first and third Thursday, at 6:00 PM at Graysville City Hall.

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SKY

Autumn Equinox

Day and night of equal length; the astronomical start of fall.

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SKY

Harvest Moon

The full moon nearest the autumn equinox; the brightest and earliest-rising full moon of the year.

[Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvest_moon) ➤ (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvest_moon)

WHERE THIS COMES FROM

The month's weather is the **FIVEMILE** weather station. Normals, ranks, records and the thirds a month is scored in are the official National Weather Service record kept at the Birmingham airport since 1930, set against 1991 to 2020. The creek is the [USGS gauge on Fivemile Creek near Republic](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/02457595/) (<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/02457595/>). The outlook is the monthly outlook from [NOAA's Climate Prediction Center](https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/30day/) (<https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/30day/>), read at the middle of the three towns. The stories are the ones the news page ran, the sightings are iNaturalist's research grade records, and the dates are the calendar's. FIVEMILE's call is a rule written down in advance: it looks at how the month just gone finished and at what followed every earlier year that started the same way. Every sentence here was written ahead of time and filled in from those records, and no edition is changed after it runs.