# Your NWS Forecast Tutorial: Exploring different ways to get your forecast!

- The National Weather Service has different formats in which you can obtain a forecast for your area.
- This presentation will explore the ways you can obtain this information in different forms.
- www.weather.gov/pah

# Your 7 Day Forecast

**Point & Click – How To** Just click on the map on our home page where you need a forecast...and your 7 day forecast will appear.







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### For A More Detailed Hourly Forecast From the Point and Click forecast page, there is also an <u>Hourly Weather Graph</u>.

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# Hourly Weather Graph



Simply click to check a certain weather element on or off to see it displayed in the graph below.

It starts with the first 48 hours of the forecast. You can move forward or back 2 days at a time, or pick a time to start the 48 hour forecast.

As you roll your mouse on the graph, a readout of the information will be displayed below the graph. To be able to see this readout easier, choose less elements on the graph to display.





## **NWS Graphical Forecast Maps** From the Point and Click forecast page, there is a

also a link to forecast graphics:

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To find out what the forecast is for any of the weather elements, simply hover your mouse over the weather element and the forecast will display to the right.

In this example, the mouse was hovering over HIGH, and today's high was displayed as a graphic to the right.



#### You can look at 3 different views: DAILY, WEEKLY and LOOP.

#### •DAILY:

•This is the default setting.
•Click +/- 12 hrs to move the time back or forward.
•"Next Image" (at the bottom of the chart) can be used to see one element change with time..

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**WEEKLY:** Provides an entire week of forecasts for a few weather elements at a time.

•Click Previous/More arrows at the either the top or the bottom of each table to see different forecast weather elements, or click on "Expand" to show more forecast elements.

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LOOPS: Loop through one weather element at a time through the next 7 days. •Select a Forecast Element by using the pull-down menu •Next, you can select the Element Period where your loop starts, or, you can utilize the Looping •The speed rate of the looping can be controlled by pressing the "-" or "+" button several times.

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Click on "Go To Region", if you would like to see a different region of the country.

-OR-

Simply click the "Zoom **Out**" button or the arrows to move beyond the NWS Paducah's forecast area.

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### **NWS Graphical Forecasts: How to decipher**



Weather Probability: Darker shades indicate higher probability



#### Wind Speed & Direction



Element Definitions: Maximum/Minimum Temperature (High/Low)

12-hr Probability of Precipitation (PoP12) Weather (Wx) Temperature (T) and Wind Dewpoint Temperature (Td) Sky Cover Precipitation Amount (QPF) Snow Amount Significant Wave Height This key may help you decipher what the colors mean when looking at the weather graphics.

Instructions on how to read the wind speed and direction are also displayed here.

# **NWS Activity Planner**



The Activity Planner allows you to produce a forecast for general planning purposes.

#### It can be found under the "FORECASTS" link.



# **NWS Activity Planner**



•The "Element" determines which weather parameters you want to know about.

•Then, either click your location on the map or enter the specific latitude and longitude and hit submit.

•The graph displayed will tell you when those elements meet your needs.



Tuesday, October 12 at 7pm Temperature: 70 °F Surface Wind: W 3mph

Relative Humidity: 51%

Hazardous weather condition(s): Hazardous Weather Outlook

# **NWS Forecast Products**



Also under the "FORECASTS" menu is a tool called User Defined Area Forecasts...



# **NWS Forecast Products**



National Weather Service Forecast User Defined Area Forecast Paducah, KY

#### Experimental Product: Description | Survey

This page allows a user to get a forecast for an area they design. An area is created by clicking on the map and placing markers on the map to create a polygon. The forecast returned will be an average forecast for the entire area

- · Click on map to set each marker.
- · There must be at least 3 markers to make an area.
- All markers are draggable and removable (click on a marker to remove it).
- · Elevation limits (upper and lower) can be set using the drop down menus.
- Once an area is defined, click on "Get Area Forecast".
- To start over, click Clear Map.
- Note: Grids that fall within Marine areas will not be included in calculations



Follow the directions to create a forecast for the area you choose.

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# But what if I want a forecast for somewhere other than NWS Paducah's forecast area?

The easiest way is to enter the city/state or zipcode into this box on our homepage and click Go.

You could also use the arrows or zoom out feature here, and then use the point & click method shown earlier.



# The End

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