

Waterloo Weather Station Monthly Summary - April 2005

April had a little bit of everything when it came to the weather: snow on more than one occasion, 2 weeks of drought, heavy rains at times and a day when it almost hit 27 degrees.

The first part of the month was warmer than average building up to the 19th when the temperature rose to 26.6 C, however it has been colder than average since then. Overall, the daily highs were warmer than average by about 1 degree while the daily lows were just a little colder than average by 0.4 degrees.

The winning time in the annual weather station contest came at 2:30 pm on April 18th when the temperature finally hit 20 degrees after getting close a few times. The winner of the contest was Shane Roberts, who was only off by 30 minutes, while Patti Cook came in second.

Those April showers certainly took their time in getting here, a week before the end of the month it looked like we were headed for the driest April on record. Less than 1 mm of precipitation fell between April 4th and the 19th. However since then it has rained almost every day with the highest one day total being the 22.1 mm on April 23rd. This brought the monthly total to 75.2 mm pretty much bang on the average of 76.9 mm.

The year-to-date sum of precipitation (255.6 mm) is just a bit below the average (264.7 mm).

Summary for April 2005 :

Maximum Temperature 26.6 C

Minimum Temperature -4.1 C

Average Daily High Temperature 12.5 C (Long term average 11.4 C)

Average Daily Low Temperature 0.2 C (Long term average 0.6 C)

Total Precipitation 75.2 mm (Long term average 76.9 mm)

(Long term averages based on 1970-2000 data for the Waterloo Wellington Airport)