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2ND WARMEST MARCH ON RECORD AT RICHMOND...  
2ND WARMEST MARCH ON RECORD AT NORFOLK...

\*\*\*\*\*RICHMOND\*\*\*\*\*

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURE FOR MARCH 2012 WAS 58.3 F...NEARLY 10 F ABOVE [AVG](#) AND RANKING AS THE 2ND WARMEST ON RECORD. THE WARMEST MARCH ON RECORD OCCURRED IN 1945...WITH AN AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF 58.5 F. BASED ON THE PERIOD 1981-2010...THE [NORMAL](#) MARCH VALUE IS 48.6 F.

SOME NOTABLE RECORDS IN MARCH 2012:

MAX TEMPERATURE OF 70-DEGREE (OR HIGHER):

MARCH 2012 HAD 19 SUCH DAYS...TYING WITH MARCH 1945 AS THE MOST ON RECORD (AVERAGE IS 7 DAYS).

MARCH 2012 ALSO RECORDED THE LONGEST STREAK OF CONSECUTIVE DAYS WITH A MAX TEMPERATURE OF 70 F OR HIGHER...13 DAYS FROM MAR 12TH-24TH.

MAX TEMPERATURE OF 80-DEGREE (OR HIGHER):

MARCH 2012 HAD 8 SUCH DAYS...THIS RANKS AS THE 2ND MOST ON RECORD...WITH MARCH 1945 HOLDING THE RECORD WITH 10 DAYS AT OR ABOVE 80 F (AVERAGE IS 2 DAYS).

TEMPERATURE RECORDS AT RICHMOND DATE BACK TO 1897 FOR DAILY TEMPERATURE DATA AND 1881 FOR AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURE.

\*\*\*\*\*NORFOLK\*\*\*\*\*

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY TEMPERATURE FOR MARCH 2012 WAS 59.3 F...NEARLY 10 F ABOVE [AVG](#) AND RANKING AS THE 2ND WARMEST ON RECORD. THE WARMEST MARCH ON RECORD OCCURRED IN 1945...WITH AN AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF 59.5 F. BASED ON THE PERIOD 1981-2010...THE [NORMAL](#) MARCH VALUE IS 49.4 F.

SOME NOTABLE RECORDS IN MARCH 2012:

MAX TEMPERATURE OF 70-DEGREE (OR HIGHER):

MARCH 2012 HAD 17 SUCH DAYS...2ND MOST ON RECORD...WITH MARCH 1945 HOLDING THE RECORD WITH 18 DAYS AT OR ABOVE 70 F (AVERAGE IS 6 DAYS).

MAX TEMPERATURE OF 80-DEGREE (OR HIGHER):

MARCH 2012 HAD 7 SUCH DAYS...THIS RANKS AS THE 2ND MOST ON

RECORD...WITH MARCH 1945 AGAIN HOLDING THE RECORD WITH 8 DAYS AT OR  
ABOVE 80 F (AVERAGE IS 2 DAYS).

TEMPERATURE RECORDS AT NORFOLK DATE BACK TO 1874.

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