



WORLD LIST OF DARK SKY PARKS

This information has been collected by members of the **IUCN Dark Skies Advisory Group** and is correct to the best of our knowledge as of 17th March 2010. The list will be updated whenever we receive new information. For more details on these dark sky parks, please search for authoritative web sites or contact the park management agency directly.

Notes

- Constituent parks are listed along with their management agency.
- A central coordinate is presented in decimal latitude and longitude format.
- The recognition information refers to the year of establishment as a dark sky park, not of the constituent protected area(s).
- Web sites are listed as starting points for further searching. These sites are not necessarily the official web site of the management agency.

CANADA

Beaver Hills Dark Sky Preserve

- Elk Island National Park (Parks Canada)
 - Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area (Alberta Parks and Protected Areas)
- 53.5849, -112.8765; 29,300 hectares
Recognition: 2006, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
www.rasc.ca/lpa/beaverhills.shtml
www.pc.gc.ca/eng/nature/astronom.aspx

Bruce Peninsula Dark Sky Preserve

- Bruce Peninsula National Park (Parks Canada)
- 45.2, -81.5; 16,700 hectares
Recognition: 2009, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
www.pc.gc.ca/eng/nature/astronom.aspx

Cypress Hills Dark Sky Preserve

- Cypress Hills Provincial Park (Alberta Community Development)
 - Cypress Hills Provincial Park (Saskatchewan Environment)
 - Fort Walsh National Historic Site (Parks Canada)
- 49.7, -110.2; 39,600 hectares
Recognition: 2005, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
www.rasc.ca/lpa/cypresshills.shtml
www.pc.gc.ca/eng/nature/astronom.aspx

Gordon's Park Dark Sky Preserve

- Gordon's Park (private)
- 45.7, -82.0; 108 hectares
Recognition: 2008, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

www.rasc.ca/lpa/manitoulin.shtml

Grasslands Dark Sky Preserve

- Grasslands National Park (Parks Canada)
49.1, -107.4; 52,700 hectares
Recognition: 2009, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pa-np/sk/grasslands/index.aspx
www.pc.gc.ca/eng/nature/astronom.aspx

Kouchibouguac Dark Sky Preserve

- Kouchibouguac National Park (Parks Canada)
46.8, -65.0; 23,920 hectares
Recognition: 2009, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
www.pc.gc.ca/eng/nature/astronom.aspx

McDonald Park Dark Sky Preserve

- McDonald Park (Abbotsford (British Columbia) Recreation and Parks Department)
49.1, -122.2; 2,225 hectares
Recognition: 2003, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
www.fvas.net/dsp.html

Mont-Mégantic International Dark Sky Reserve

- Mont-Mégantic National Park (Parcs Québec; ASTROLab du Mont-Mégantic)
45.5, -71.2; 5,845 hectares
Recognition: 2007, International Dark Sky Association
www.sepaq.com/pq/mme/

Mount Carleton Dark Sky Preserve

- Mount Carleton Provincial Park (New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources)
47.4, -66.9; 17,427 hectares
Recognition: 2009, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

Point Pelee Dark Sky Preserve

- Point Pelee National Park (Parks Canada)
42.0, -82.5; 2,000 hectares
Recognition: 2006, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
www.rasc.ca/lpa/pointpelee.shtml
www.pc.gc.ca/eng/nature/astronom.aspx

Torrance Barrens Dark Sky Reserve

- Torrance Barrens Conservation and Dark Sky Reserve (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources)
44.9, -79.5; 1,990 hectares
Recognition: 1999, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
www.rasc.ca/lpa/torrancebarrens.shtml

HUNGARY

Zselic Starry-Sky Park

- Zselic Landscape Protection Area (Duna-Dráva National Park Directorate)
46.4, 18.3; 9,042 hectares

Recognition: 2009, International Dark Sky Association; 2006, Hungarian Astronomical Association

www.astro-zselic.hu

UNITED KINGDOM

Galloway Forest Dark Sky Park

- Galloway Forest Park (Forestry Commission Scotland)

55.1, -4.4; 77,699.6 hectares

Recognition: 2009, International Dark Sky Association

www.forestry.gov.uk/gallowayforestpark

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cherry Springs Dark Sky Park

- Cherry Springs State Park (Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources)

41.7, -77.8; 19.4 hectares

<http://docs.darksky.org/DarkSkyPlaces/cherryspringsIDAnominationversion2.pdf>

Geauga Dark Sky Park

- Geauga Park District (Ohio)

41.6, -81.2; no area data

Recognition: 2009, International Dark Sky Association

www.darksky.org

Lake Hudson Recreation Area Dark Sky Preserve

- Lake Hudson Recreation Area

41.8, -84.3; 890.0 hectares

Recognition: 1993, Michigan legislation

www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/Details.aspx?id=464&type=SPRK

Natural Bridges Dark Sky Park

- Natural Bridges National Monument (National Park Service)

37.6014, -110.0136; 3,091.0 hectares

Recognition: 2007, International Dark Sky Association

www.nps.gov/nabr/naturescience/darkskypark.htm