

WORLD LIST OF DARK SKY PARKS

This is a list of protected areas that have also been formally recognized as providing dark sky protection. The information has been collected by members of the IUCN Dark Skies Advisory Group and is correct to the best of our knowledge. 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.

Please send corrections and additions for this list to dsag.iucn@gmail.com. Use the current entries to see what information fields and precision are required. Thank you.

Notes

- Constituent parks are listed along with their management agency.
- A central coordinate is presented in decimal latitude and longitude format.
- The area given is that of the constituent protected areas in the IUCN sense. A dark sky reserve, e.g. in the International Dark Sky Association sense, may be larger.
- 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.

Total: 38 as of 6th November 2012.

CANADA

Beaver Hills Dark Sky Preserve

- Elk Island National Park (Parks Canada)
- Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area (Alberta Parks and Protected Areas)

53.6, -112.9; 29,300 hectares

Recognition: 2006, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

www.rasc.ca/lpa/beaverhills.shtml

www.pc.gc.ca/eng/nature/astronom.aspx

Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre Dark Sky Preserve

- Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre (Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre Trust)

44.7, -81.2; 130 hectares

Recognition: 2012, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

www.bluewater-edfoundation.org

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

Fundy Dark Sky Preserve

- Fundy National Park (Parks Canada)

45.6, -65.1; 20,600 hectares

Recognition: 2011, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/nb/fundy/natecul/ciel-sky.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/content/gordons-park-dark-sky-preserve

<http://gordonspark.com/astronomy/>

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

Irving Urban Star Park

- Irving Nature Park (J.D. Irving Limited)

45.2, -66.1; 243 hectares

Recognition: 2011, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

http://new-brunswick.net/Saint_John/inp/

Jasper Dark Sky Preserve

- Jasper National Park

52.9, -118.0; 1,122,800 hectares

Recognition: 2011, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ab/jasper/index.aspx

Kejimikujik Dark Sky Preserve

- Kejimikujik National Park (Parks Canada)

44.4, -65.2; 40,370 hectares

Recognition: 2010, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ns/kejimikujik/index.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
<http://tourismnewbrunswick.ca/Product.aspx?pid=1373#ec1996>

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

CZECH REPUBLIC

Izera Dark Sky Park

- Jizerske hory Protected Landscape Area
 - Bukovec Nature Reserve,
 - Raseliniste Jizery National Nature Reserve
- 50.8, 15.3; 3,600 hectares
Recognition: 2009: Astronomical Institute of the Academy of Sciences; Protected Landscape Area Jizerske hory; Liberec Regional Directorate of Czech Republic Forests
www.izera-darksky.eu
See also the joint entry with Poland.

HUNGARY

Hortobágy Starry-Sky Park

- Hortobágy National Park

47.6, 21.1; 82,000.0 hectares

Recognition: 2011, International Dark Sky Association

www.hnp.hu

www.csillagpark.hu/

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

NAMIBIA

NamibRand International Dark Sky Reserve

- NamibRand Nature Reserve

-25.1, 16.0; 172,200 hectares

Recognition 2012, International Dark Sky Association

www.namibrand.com/

NEW ZEALAND

Aoraki/Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve

- Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park (Department of Conservation)

-43.6003, 170.2500; 70,696 hectares

Recognition 2012, International Dark Sky Association

http://earthandsky.nz.com/earthandsky/astro_cafe/astro_cafe.html

POLAND

Izera Dark Sky Park

50.8, 15.4; 3,850 hectares

- Rybi loucky Nature Reserve
- Raseliniste Jizerky National Nature Reserve
- Torfowiska Doliny Izery Nature Reserve

Recognition: 2009, Astronomical Institute of the University of Wrocław; Polish State Forests, Forestry Commission Swieradow; Polish State Forests, Forestry Commission Szklarska Poreba

www.izera-darksky.eu

See also the joint entry with the Czech Republic.

SLOVAKIA

Poloniny Dark Sky Park

- Poloniny National Park; villages of Kolonica, Ladoširov, Kalná Roztoka, Klenová, and Ruská Volová

49.0, 22.4; 48,519.0 hectares

Recognition: 2010, Slovak Union of Amateur Astronomers

www.poloniny.svetelnezncistenie.sk

SPAIN

Fuerteventura Starlight Reserve

- Core Area of the Fuerteventura Biosphere Reserve
- Betancuria Natural Protected Area
- Jandía Natural Park

28.44, -14.10; 60,517.0 hectares

Recognition: 2009, Starlight Foundation

www.gestion.cabildofuer.es/fuerteventurabiosfera/

www.starlight2007.net/pdf/FuerteventuraReservaStarlight.pdf

www.gobcan.es/cmayer/espaciosnaturales/informacion/fuertev_todo.html

La Palma Starlight Reserve

- La Caldera de Taburiente National Park
- Pinar de Garafía Natural Reserve
- Las Nieves Natural Park
- Cumbre Vieja Natural Park

28.71, -17.86; 18,627.0 hectares

Recognition: 2011, Starlight Foundation

www.gobcan.es/cmayer/espaciosnaturales/informacion/lapal_todo.html

www.lapalmabiosfera.es/

Monfragüe Starlight Reserve

- Monfragüe National Park and Biosphere Reserve.

39.82, -5.94; 18,118 hectares

Recognition: 2011, Starlight Foundation

www.extremambiente.es/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=228&Itemid=77

La Rioja Biosphere Reserve Starlight Reserve

- Core Area of the La Rioja Biosphere Reserve

42.01, -2.01; 5,983 hectares

Recognition: 2011, Starlight Foundation

www.larioja.org/npRioja/default/defaultpage.jsp?idtab=432421

UNITED KINGDOM

Exmoor International Dark Sky Reserve

- Exmoor National Park (Exmoor National Park Authority)
51.14, -3.65; 69,200 hectares
Recognition: 2011, International Dark Sky Association
www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/environment/landscape/dark-skies

Galloway Forest Dark Sky Park

- Galloway Forest Park (Forestry Commission Scotland)
55.1, -4.4; 80,700 hectares
Recognition: 2009, International Dark Sky Association
www.forestry.gov.uk/gallowayforestpark

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Big Bend International Dark Sky Park

- Big Bend National Park (US National Park Service)
29.2, -103.2; 324,219 hectares
Recognition: 2012, International Dark Sky Association
www.nps.gov/bibe

Cherry Springs Dark Sky Park

- Cherry Springs State Park (Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources)
41.7, -77.8; 19 hectares
Recognition: 2000, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
<http://docs.darksky.org/DarkSkyPlaces/cherryspringsIDAnominationversion2.pdf>
<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/cherrysprings/cherrysprings-darks skies/index.htm>

Clayton Lake Dark Sky Park

- Clayton Lake State Park (New Mexico State Parks)
36.6, -103.3; 231 hectares,
Recognition: 2010, International Dark Sky Association
www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/Clayton.htm

Goldendale Observatory Dark Sky Park

- Goldendale Observatory State Park (Washington State Parks)
45.8, -120.8; 2 hectares
Recognition: 2010, International Dark Sky Association
www.parks.wa.gov/parks/?selectedpark=Goldendale%20Observatory

Headlands International Dark Sky Park

- Headlands Park (Emmet County Parks and Recreation Department, Michigan)
45.8, -84.8; 242.8 hectares
Recognition: 2011, International Dark Sky Association
http://docs.darksky.org/PR/2011/PR_HeadlandsApprovedasIDSPark.pdf

Lake Hudson Recreation Area Dark Sky Preserve

- Lake Hudson Recreation Area (Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment)

41.8, -84.3; 890 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)

37.6, -110.0; 3,091 hectares

Recognition: 2007, International Dark Sky Association

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

Observatory Park International Dark Sky Park

- Observatory Park (Geauga Park District, Ohio)

41.6, -81.2; 418.4 hectares

Recognition: 2009, International Dark Sky Association

www.darksky.org

Potawatomi Dark-Sky Preserve

- Potawatomi Wildlife Park (Indiana)

41.2, -86.1; 129 hectares

Recognition: 2009, Indiana Council on Lighting Education, Indiana legislation

www.getintonature.com/activities/astronomy/statement