

Utah Dark Sky Events

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Utah State Parks

*SPECIAL NOTICE--Many Utah State Parks will be in the Zone of the Full Annular Solar Eclipse coming up on October 14, 2023. ALL Utah State Parks will be in the above 80% Eclipse Zone. As the date draws nearer, check the Utah State Parks Dark Sky Events link to see which parks are are planning special activities to celebrate this cool event!

www.stateparks.utah.gov/activities/dark-sky/dark-sky-events/

Antelope Island State Park - Davis County



Offers a variety of dark sky events including: guided sunset to moonrise hikes, guided full moon kayaking, Spring through Fall monthly public star parties, basic astronomy programs for families, and special dark sky events in conjunction with eclipses and other special celestial events.

Dead Horse Point State Park - Grand County



Offers a variety of public dark sky events. In 2023, staff will offer at least 2 star parties a month near as near to New Moon as possible. Dead Horse State Park staff are joining with Arches and Canyonlands National National Parks to offer an Astronomy Festival June 16th, 17th, and 18th. Dark Sky events will be at Arches on the 16th, Dead Horse Point State Park on the 17th, and Canyonlands on the 18th.

East Canyon State Park - Morgan County



Offers four public dark sky events/star parties a year. East Canyon State Park staff and partners will hold a special Dark Sky Event in conjunction with Latino Conservation Week, July 15th-23rd. Watch East Canyon's Facebook and Events pages for details.

Fremont Indian State Park - Sevier County



Offers a variety of unique public dark sky events including: scorpion safaris, archaeoastronomy presentations, star parties and occasional virtual dark sky events.

Goblin Valley State Park - Emery County



Offers at least four dark sky events a year including: guided public full moon hikes and star parties. Upcoming events are scheduled for April 13th and April 14th. U.S. Forest Service Dark Sky Interpreter Leo Pareti will lead the programs. For more information on these and other Dark Sky Events at the park, visit the park's Facebook and Event pages.

Goosenecks State Park - San Juan County



Offers four public dark sky events/star parties a year and occasional virtual dark sky events. Goosenecks State Park will hold a “Ring of Fire Fest” on October 14th in celebration of the upcoming Annular Eclipse. Visit the Goosenecks State Park's Facebook and Event pages for more information.

Great Salt Lake State Park - Salt Lake County



Offers monthly guided public Full Moon Walks on the beach area of the park. These are very popular events, so please visit Great Salt Lake State Park's Facebook and Event pages for ticket information.

Green River State Park - Emery County



Offers occasional dark sky events. Visit the Gunlock State Park's Facebook and Event pages for more information.

Gunlock State Park - Washington County



Offers occasional dark sky events. Visit the Gunlock State Park's Facebook and Event pages for more information.

Jordanelle State Park - Wasatch County



Offers four public dark sky events/star parties a year at Rock Cliff Nature Area on the Provo River Delta within the park. Visit the Jordanelle State Park's Facebook and Event pages for more information.

Rockport State Park - Summit County



Offers four public dark sky events/star parties a year and occasional virtual dark sky events.

Snow Canyon State Park - Washington County



Offers monthly Full Moon Hikes and star parties around the date of each New Moon--except for June, July, and August, because of excessive heat. Staff will also guide monthly Scorpion Safaris during Spring. These events are posted on Snow Canyon State Park's Events webpage. For the Annular Eclipse on October 14th, the park will have multiple "viewing stations" with different activities. Scheduled Events so far (more to come as the dates get closer): Star Party, April 15th, 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Scorpion Safari, April 22nd, 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 pm; Full Moon Stroll, May 5th, 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Scorpion Safari, May 20th, 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Registration is required for all events.

Steinaker State Park - Uintah County



Offers four public dark sky events/star parties a year, including scorpion safaris.

Wasatch Mountain State Park - Wasatch County



Offers four public dark sky events/star parties a year, including: guided full moon snow shoeing, occasional live owl programs, interactive solar system programs, and occasional virtual dark sky events.

Utah National Parks and Monuments

Arches National Park – Grand County



Bryce Canyon National Park - Garfield County



Hosts an annual [astronomy festival](#) within the park and at nearby sites.

Canyonlands National Park - Grand and San Juan Counties



Capitol Reef National Park - Wayne County



Cedar Breaks National Monument - Iron County



Dinosaur National Monument - Uintah County



Glen Canyon National Recreation Area/Rainbow Bridge National Monument - Garfield, Kane, San Juan Counties



Hovenweep National Monument - San Juan County



Natural Bridges National Monument - San Juan County



Timpanogos Cave National Monument - Utah County



Zion National Park - Washington County



Astronomy Clubs and Other Entities that Hold Dark Sky Events and Star Parties in Utah

- **Cache Valley Astronomical Society** (Logan region): <https://cvas-utahskies.org/>
- **Ogden Astronomical Society** (Ogden region): <http://ogdenastronomy.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Ogdenastronomy>
- **Salt Lake Astronomical Society** (Stansbury Park and SLC region): <http://slas.us/> or <https://www.facebook.com/UtahStarParty>
- **Utah Astronomy Club** (northern Utah region): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/638816972950322>
- **University of Utah – Dept. of Physics & Astronomy / South Physics Observatory** (Salt Lake City): <https://observatory.astro.utah.edu/>
 - Besides In-Person Events, Also Offers Virtual Dark Sky Events: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthPhysicsObservatory>
- **Clark Planetarium** (SLC region): <https://slco.org/clark-planetarium/> or <https://www.facebook.com/ClarkPlanetarium>
- **Utah Women Astronomical Society** (SLC region): [Utah Women Astronomical Society Webpage](http://UtahWomenAstronomicalSocietyWebpage) or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/utahwomenastronomicalsociety>
- **Utah Valley Astronomy Club** (Utah County region): <http://www.uvac.us/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/utahvalleyastronomyclub/>
- **BYU Astronomical Society** (Provo area): <https://physics.byu.edu/clubs/astrosoc/home> or <https://www.facebook.com/byuastro>
- **Carbon County Star Parties** (Carbon County region): <https://www.go-astronomy.com/astronomy-club.php?ID=772> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CarbonCountyStarParties>
- **RedRock Astronomy** (Private business – Moab region): <http://moab-astronomy.com/>
- **Moab Astronomy Tours** (Private business – Moab) region): <https://www.moabastronomytours.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/moabastronomytours>
- **Dark Ranger Telescope Tours** (Private business – Bryce Canyon/southern Utah region): <https://www.darkrangertelescopetours.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/darkrangertelescopetours>
- **Stellar Vista Observatory** (Kanab region): <https://stellarvistaobservatory.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/stellarvistaobservatory>
- **St. George Astronomy Group** (St. George region): <https://sgag.club/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/533176590209756>