

“Stars can’t shine  
without darkness.”

D.H. Sidebottom, *Fragile Truths*

## What is Light Pollution?

**Excessive use of artificial light.**

**Glare** – visual discomfort from excessive brightness.

**Urban sky glow** – the brightening of the night sky from artificial light over inhabited areas.

**Light trespass** – light falling where it is not intended, wanted, or needed.

## Enjoy the Benefits of Darker Skies

- ✓ Better night vision and safety.
- ✓ Courtesy between neighbors.
- ✓ Safe nesting areas to attract birds.
- ✓ Brilliant views of stars and the milkyway.

## Partners in Dark Sky Preservation

We would like to acknowledge Davis County, Ogden Astronomical Society and Friends of Antelope Island for their generous support; both financial and through education and outreach efforts. With their assistance we are working toward darker skies and healthier communities.

## Antelope Island State Park

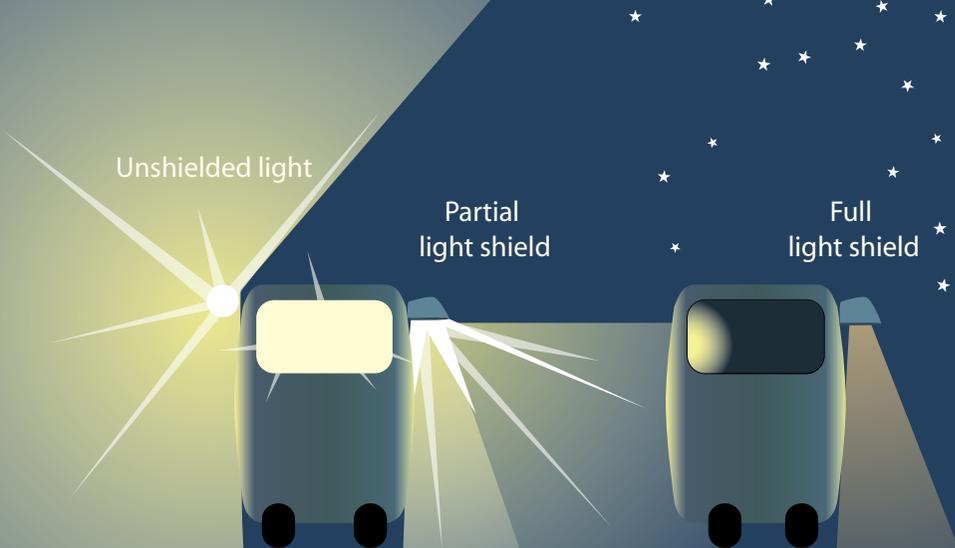
Dark Skies. Starry Nights.

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## Bring Dark Skies Home

Simple steps can improve dark sky quality:

- Light only **where** you need it.
- Light only **when** you need it.
- Shield** lights and **direct** them downward.
- Use the **minimum amount** of light necessary.
- Select **warmer white** light bulbs.
- Keep indoor light **inside**. Close blinds and curtains when lights are on at night.



**W**hen you gaze up at the night sky, can you see the Milky Way? Preserving and protecting natural resources is one of the main missions of Utah State Parks. While not often considered, natural dark skies are one of those valuable resources. Although light pollution has an impact on natural darkness, it is immediately reversible. By taking a few simple steps, we are helping to preserve dark skies and breathtaking views of millions of stars now and for the future.

## A Dark Sky Experience

People often travel great distances to see a starry night sky. However, because of Antelope Island's location away from city lights, the Park is an easily accessible location for experiencing dark skies and starry nights.

## Dark Sky Lighting on the Island

Dark skies are a valuable natural resource we strive to protect now and for the future. Notice the dark sky lighting choices in the park:

- ✓ Fully shielded light fixtures.
- ✓ Lighting only where and when needed.
- ✓ Motion sensors, solar sensors, and timers.
- ✓ Amber and warm white light bulbs.

## Ranger Recommended Star-gazing Locations:

Easy to drive to star-gazing hot spots:

- White Rock Bay - star party location.
- Bridger Bay Beach.

Short hike star-gazing hot spots:

- Ladyfinger Point .25 mile smooth and slightly rocky or right from the parkinglot. Rock outcrop you can venture onto.
- Buffalo Point parkinglot or .5 mile easy climb to a sweeping view of the sky.

View the Stars  
from Buffalo Point

