"Stars can’t shine without darkness."
D.H. Sidebottom, Fragile Truths

Antelope Island State Park
Dark Skies. Starry Nights.

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.

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.

Your park fees provide for the care, protection, and enhancement of this park.

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Utah State Parks Mission: To enhance the quality of life by preserving and providing natural, cultural and recreational resources for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations.

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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.

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.