

## International Dark Sky Recognition

Antelope Island State Park, in Davis County, is one of a growing number of International Dark Sky Parks in Utah. Officially recognized by the International Dark-Sky Association for its “exceptional quality of starry nights and nocturnal environment.” Because Antelope Island is only minutes from one of the most heavily populated areas of Utah, it is ideally suited to offer incredible dark sky opportunities to thousands each year.



## Stay and Play

Antelope Island State Park offers primitive campsites for those wishing to spend the night. For camping reservations call 1-800-322-3770 or visit [antelopeisland.utah.gov](http://antelopeisland.utah.gov)

If camping is not your cup of tea, stay in one of the over 20 nearby hotels in Davis County. Either way, you'll find plenty of fun waiting for you when the sun comes up.

Davis County is the amusement capital of Utah, full of family activities for your next getaway.

### Activities:

- Golfing at one of our 11 beautiful courses
- Lagoon Amusement Park
- Cherry Hill Water Park and Campground
- Boondocks Food and Fun
- SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium
- The Rush Funplex
- 500+ miles of trails for hiking and biking
- Hundreds of tasty restaurants
- Shopping centers

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# ANTELOPE ISLAND

STATE PARK

INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PARK



## Dark Sky Activities

### Dark Sky Photography

A growing number of photographers are discovering night sky photography at Antelope Island State Park. Prime areas for this include Ladyfinger Point, Buffalo Point, Bridger Bay Beach and White Rock Bay.

### Star Parties

When was the last time you looked up at the night sky and marveled at its beauty? During summer star parties offered by the Ogden Astronomical Society, visitors can experience beautiful deep space wonders including the expanse of the Milky Way, Orion's Nebula, star clusters and even distant galaxies.

### Astronomy Programs

Throughout the year, park staff offers public astronomy programs incorporating indoor discussions and outdoor night sky observations. Learn to recognize constellations such as the Pleiades, Leo the Lion, Orion the Hunter, as well as planets, distant stars and meteors.

### Star-gazing

Bring your family and spend the evening gazing at the night sky. See stars like never before, away from the glow of city lights.

## Preserving Dark Skies

As an International Dark Sky Park, Antelope Island State Park takes important steps to help protect our valuable and often overlooked natural resources. Not only are dark skies important for night sky activities, but natural darkness is also critical for wildlife and human health.

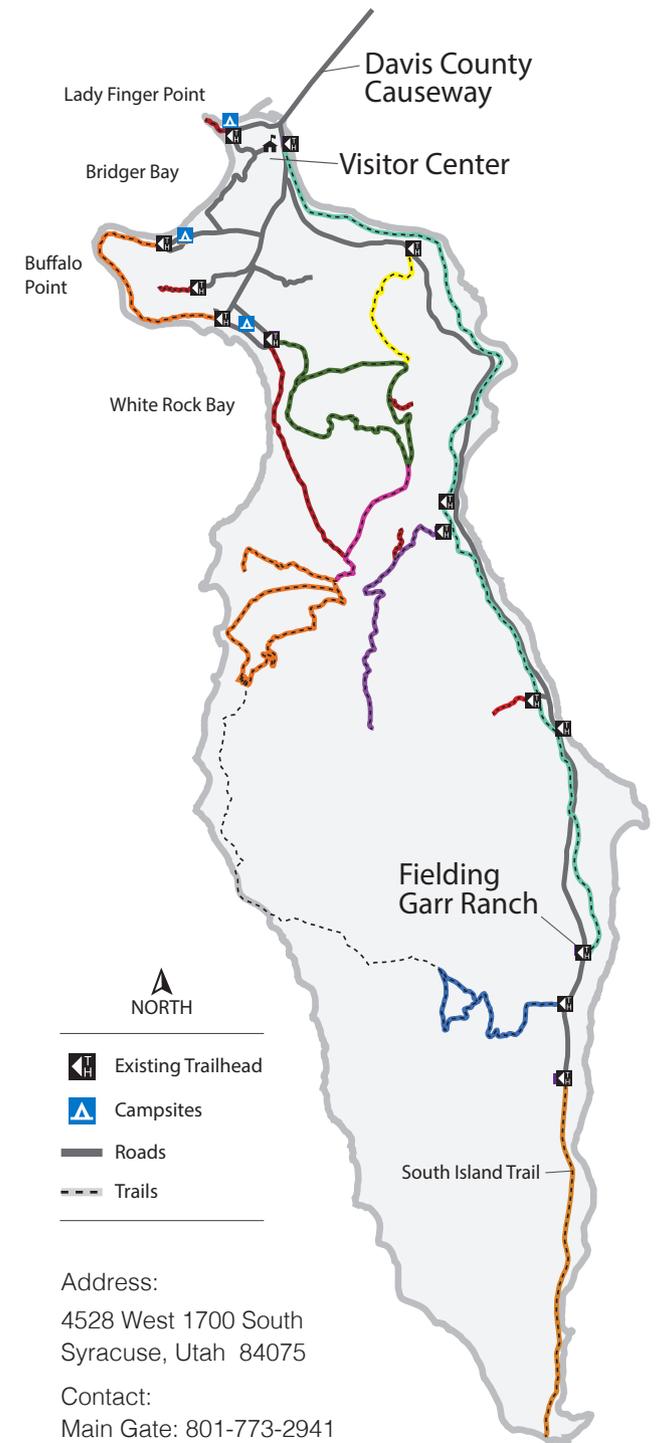
### What are the benefits of darker skies?

- Better night vision and safety
- Safe nesting areas which attract birds
- Brilliant views of stars and the Milky Way

## Directions

Antelope Island State Park is located approximately 41 miles north of Salt Lake City. Take Exit 332 off Interstate 15, then drive west on Antelope Drive to the park entrance gate.

Antelope Island State Park entrance fees and hours vary. Contact the park for more information or visit [antelopeisland.utah.gov](http://antelopeisland.utah.gov) for updated fees and operating hours.



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Syracuse, Utah 84075

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