

KEEP PENNSYLVANIA'S DARK SKIES DARK

It can take 30 minutes or more for your eyes to fully adjust to darkness. Small actions help protect night skies for people and wildlife alike.

WHY DARK SKIES MATTER

- Protect wildlife and natural rhythms
- Support human health and sleep
- Preserve our view of the stars
- Reduce energy waste

WHEN CAMPING OR VISITING A DARK SKY AREA

- Use low-level red light or add a red filter to flashlights and lamps
- Close blinds or curtains in tents, cabins, and campers
- Turn off outside lights and string lights when not in use
- Direct light downward, not toward the sky
- Be mindful of vehicle lights when arriving, leaving, or opening doors

CHOOSE NIGHT-FRIENDLY LIGHTING

- Use warm-colored bulbs (amber or yellow)
- Select the lowest brightness needed for safety
- Avoid decorative lighting overnight

AT HOME

- Use only the light you need
- Shield outdoor lights so they shine downward
- Install timers or motion sensors for security lighting
- Encourage your community to pass a lighting ordinance.

Smart lighting improves safety. Thoughtful, well-placed light helps everyone see better at night.

Thank you for helping protect Pennsylvania's night skies—for today and for generations to come.



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