

Resource Issue Interpretation Webinar: Measuring, Promoting, and Protecting Acadia National Park's Dark Night Sky

Among the many aspects of natural beauty in Acadia NP is the view of the starry night sky. Once considered only a backdrop, the night sky is now considered an integral part of the park's natural resources, an element of cultural heritage, and a source of inspiration for visitors. NPS Management Policies 2006 states that the NPS will "preserve, to the greatest extent possible, the natural lightscapes of parks, which are natural resources and values that exist in the absence of human-caused light."

As a part of Acadia's "Night Sky Initiative," resource management and interpretation have been working with partners to improve and protect the night sky stretching over the park and the surrounding region. This effort has included working with the neighboring communities to develop local lighting ordinances and collaborating with nonprofit organizations, chambers of commerce, and educational and research institutions to plan and present the annual Acadia Night Sky Festival. Sonya Berger (former interpretive operations supervisor at Acadia, currently at Dinosaur NM) and John Kelly (park planner) will share how they have worked together to measure, promote, and protect the night sky at Acadia.

- Details: Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 12 pm MT, 2 pm ET

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