

## 2024 Kicks Off With One Of The Most Spectacular Meteor Showers Of The Year



### Which dark sky parks will have the best view of the Quadrantid Meteor Shower?

The biggest obstacle to seeing any nighttime sky show is light pollution, which lights up the sky with artificial light, making it a real challenge to see meteor showers and enjoy general nighttime star viewing.

Thankfully, getting away from the city and driving into less urban, more open spaces where few city lights or buildings obstruct the view can give you better conditions to catch the show.

Viewing will be even better if you and the family head to a "dark sky park," where you'll have an unobstructed view of the 2024 Quadrantid meteor shower.

The International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) is a non-profit that tracks and records locations across the country that are considered "dark sky parks," or areas where there is very little light pollution. These are the best locations to view nighttime meteor showers like the 2024 Quadrantids.

According to the IDA, there are loads of locations across the country certified as "dark sky parks," including several national parks, which is a great reason to go on a road trip with the kids. Here are a few to consider:

- The Appalachian Mountain Club's (AMC) Maine Woods in Maine
- Cape Lookout National Seashore in North Carolina
- Canyonlands National Park in Utah
- Big Bend Ranch State Park in Texas
- Cherry Springs State Park in Pennsylvania
- Newport State Park in Wisconsin
- Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park in Florida

**For a complete list of IDA-certified National Parks and other designated "dark sky parks" to help plan your star gazing event, visit the IDA's website. ■**