

BEST OF THE WEST:

DARK SKIES

ARIZONA, COLORADO, UTAH



Bell Rock
Arizona



Great Sand Dunes National Park
Colorado



Capitol Reef National Park
Utah



Welcome to the largest concentration of designated dark sky locations in the world! Learn more about dark sky certified places from the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) at darksky.org.

Salt Lake International Airport, UT to Capitol Reef National Park, UT (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 3 hr 25 min
- 218 mi / 351 km
- Overnight: Torrey, UT (IDA Dark Sky Community)

Torrey, UT to Bryce Canyon National Park, UT (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 2 hr 25 min
- 113 mi / 182 km
- Overnight: Bryce Canyon, UT

Bryce Canyon, UT to Cedar Breaks National Monument, UT (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 1 hr 15 min
- 59 mi / 95 km
- Overnight: Brian Head, UT or Cedar City, UT

Brian Head, UT to Page, AZ

Options: Visit Antelope Canyon, AZ, Horseshoe Bend, AZ or Rainbow Bridge National Monument, UT (IDA Dark Sky Sanctuary)

- 2 hr 40 min
- 148 miles / 238 km
- Overnight: Page, AZ

Page, AZ to Grand Canyon National Park, AZ (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 2 hr
- 115 mi / 185 km
- Overnight: Grand Canyon Village, AZ

Grand Canyon National Park, AZ to Sedona, AZ (IDA Dark Sky Community)

Option: Visit Village of Oak Creek, AZ (IDA Dark Sky Community)

- 2 hr 10 min
- 110 mi / 177 km
- Overnight: Sedona, AZ

Sedona, AZ to Flagstaff, AZ (First Certified IDA Dark Sky Community)

- 50 min
- 30 mi / 48 km
- Overnight: Flagstaff, AZ

Flagstaff, AZ to Natural Bridges National Monument, UT (First Certified IDA Dark Sky Park)

Options: Lowell Observatory (in Flagstaff, AZ), Meteor Crater (in Winslow, AZ), Sunset Crater National Monument (IDA Dark Sky Park), Wupatki National Monument (IDA Dark Sky Park), &/or Hovenweep National Monument, UT (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 4 hr 29 min
- 243 mi / 391 km
- Overnight: Monticello, UT (note: 1 hr 15 min Northeast of Natural Bridges)



Wupatki National Monument
Arizona



Lake City
Colorado



Bryce Canyon National Park
Utah



Westcliffe
Colorado



Grand Canyon National Park
Arizona



Natural Bridges National Monument
Utah

Monticello, UT to Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, CO (IDA Dark Sky Park)

Option: Visit Canyon Country Discovery Center's observatory (in Monticello, UT) &/or Norwood, CO (IDA Dark Sky Community)

- 3 hr 12 min
- 174 mi / 280 km
- Overnight: Ridgway, CO (IDA Dark Sky Community) (note: 50 min South of Black Canyon of the Gunnison)

Ridgway, CO to Lake City*, CO

**Application in process for Dark Sky Community certification*

- 2 hr 20 min
- 108 mi / 174 km
- Overnight: Lake City, CO

Lake City, CO to Great Sand Dunes National Park, CO (IDA Dark Sky Park)

- 2 hr 45 min
- 134 mi / 216 km
- Overnight: Alamosa, CO

Alamosa, CO to Westcliffe/Silver Cliff, CO (IDA Dark Sky Community)

- 2 hr
- 96 mi / 154 km
- Overnight: Westcliffe, CO

Westcliffe, CO to Denver, CO

- 2 hr 45 min
- 146 mi / 234 km
- Overnight/Departure: Overnight in Denver or depart via Denver International Airport

Note: Detours may be necessary depending on seasonal road closures or inclement weather.

For more information on these dark skies, click below:

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[Arizona's Dark Sky Places](#)

[Colorado's Dark Sky Places](#)