

BODMIN MOOR: PROSPECTIVE DARK SKY PARK BEST NIGHT SKY IN BRITAIN?



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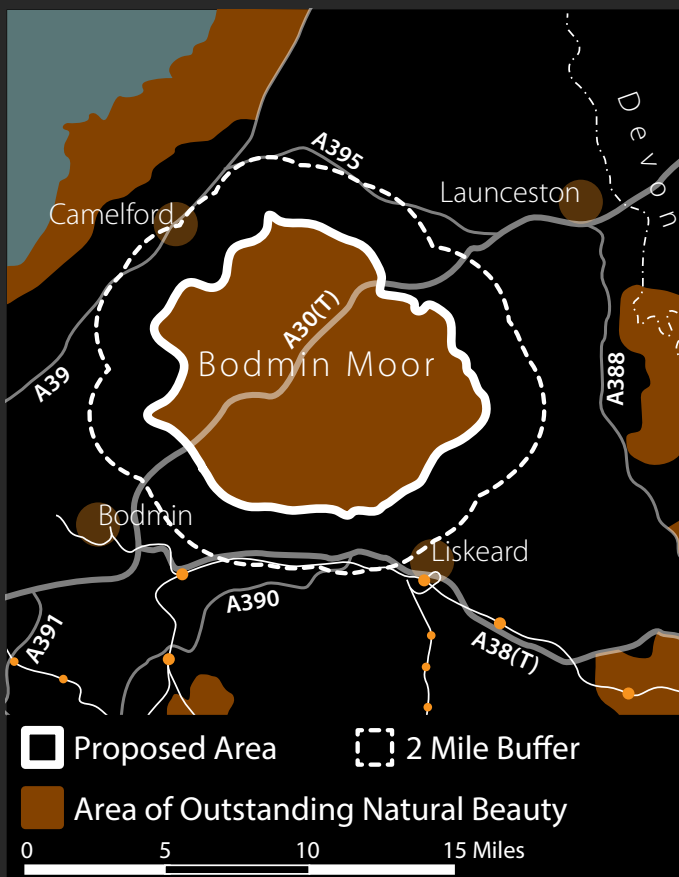
Should we apply for International Dark Sky Park Status for Bodmin Moor? Let us know your views!

Gold standard?

Caradon Observatory's detailed and technical readings show that the night sky quality is amongst the best in the world. As such it is considered that Bodmin Moor is eligible for Gold International Dark Sky Park Status.

Benefits

We believe that designation would be a win for education, science, nature conservation, public health and 'dark sky' tourism. There will be no obligation for anyone to change their lighting although we will produce a lighting guide to encourage good practice.



Work so far

Cornwall Council, working in partnership with Caradon Observatory, has made preparations for submitting an application to the International Dark Sky Association. Support has already been received from local parishes, CPRE, Chamber of Commerce and Association of Secondary Head Teachers.



Photo by Wayne Thomas: Orion Nebula taken at Caradon Observatory

See for yourself: Consultation event

Come to Jamaica Inn, Bolventor, PL15 7TS from 6 - 7pm on Friday 15th April to see exceptional imagery of the night sky over Bodmin Moor and hear about what International Dark Sky status would mean for local communities, businesses and visitors.

There will be a presentation at 6pm followed by an opportunity to discuss your thoughts and give us your views.

Please give us your views by Monday 2nd May 2016

You can give us your feedback at the consultation event, by email: darksky@cornwall.gov.uk, or by post:

Dark Sky Bid, Cornwall Council, Local Plan Team, Pydar House, Pydar Street, Truro TR1 1XU

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