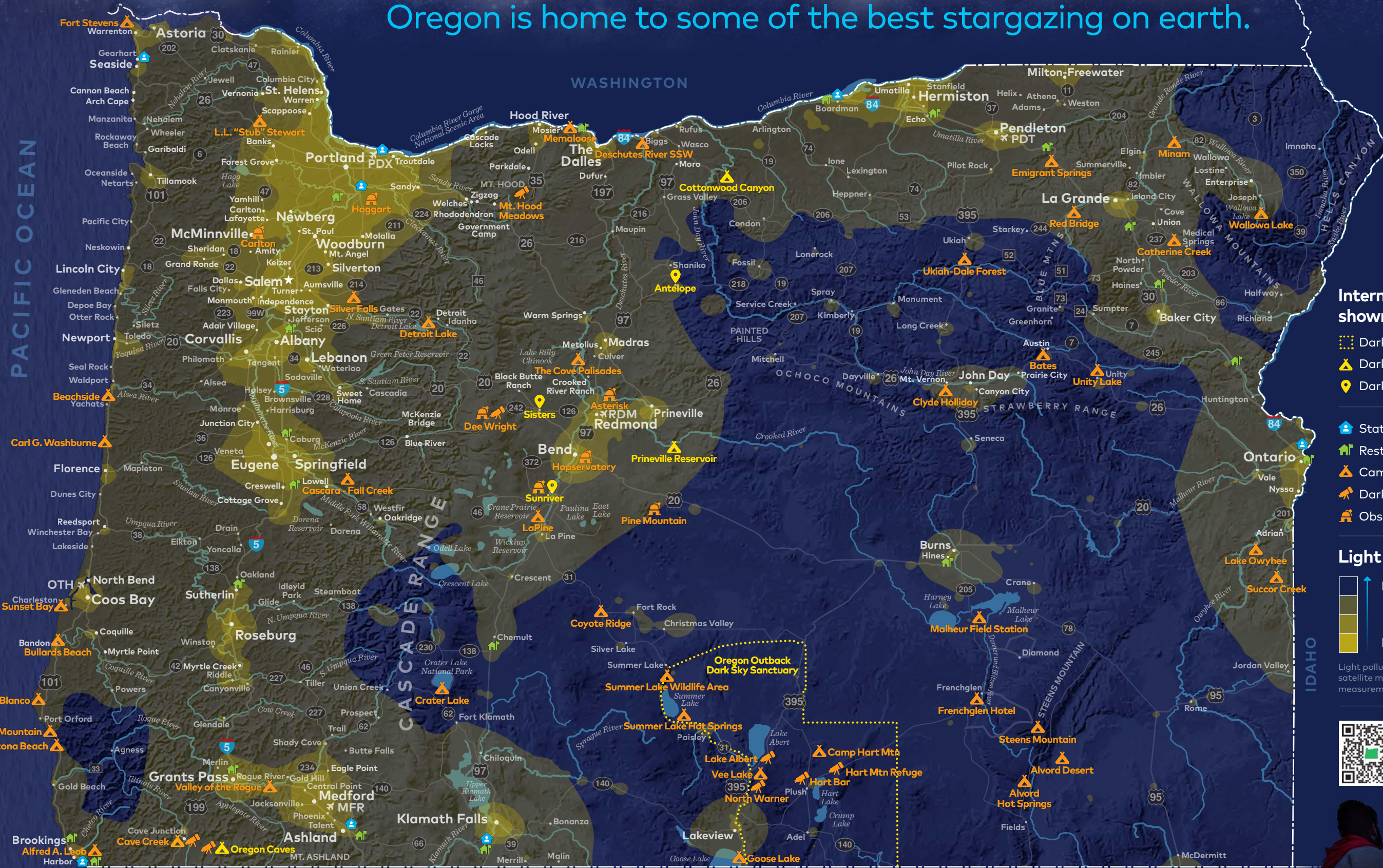


Enjoy Oregon's Night Skies



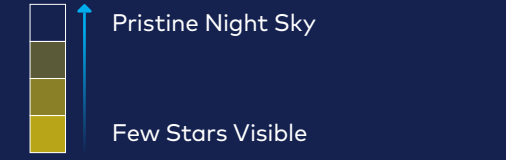
Oregon is home to some of the best stargazing on earth.



International Dark Sky Places shown in Yellow

- Dark Sky Sanctuaries
- Dark Sky Parks
- Dark Sky Communities
- State Welcome Center
- Rest areas with traveler information *visit TripCheck.com*
- Camping or other lodging
- Dark Sky Viewing
- Observatory

Light Pollution



Light pollution map is based on the most recent satellite model (D. Lorenz, 2024) tied to night sky measurements from DarkSky Oregon.

Start Planning Your Nighttime Adventure





Camping

Camping in Oregon offers incredible stargazing opportunities, from pitching a tent near Portland at L.L. Stub Stewart State Park to staying in a yurt by the ocean at Fort Stevens. Enjoy starry skies at Cottonwood Canyon or relax riverside at Valley of the Rogue. Many prime stargazing spots are mapped out in state parks, national forests, and wilderness areas. Book early, especially for summer weekends, or try midweek trips and watch for cancellations. Join ranger-led stargazing events or star parties at places like Prineville Reservoir State Park, a Dark Sky International site. Consider calling ahead to confirm campground and attraction availability.

Night Sky Viewing Tips

- Check the forecast to avoid heavy cloud coverage or areas impacted by wildfire smoke.
- Plan ahead and be prepared to travel in very remote areas (like the Oregon Outback), where cell service and gas stations are limited.
- Ensure headlamps have a red-light setting to maintain night vision and to minimally disturb wildlife and other stargazers.
- Support and respect nearby small communities as you travel, and always be sure to pack everything out.
- Download a stargazing app, bring your camera and tripod, binoculars and paper maps to enhance your experience.

Preserving the Night

Unlike other forms of pollution, light pollution is easily reversible with simple, low-cost changes to lighting. These adjustments can quickly benefit local ecosystems.

DarkSky International partners with communities, parks, and municipalities to protect dark skies for future generations. Since 2001, it has certified over 200 Dark Sky Places across 22 countries—including a growing number in Oregon.

Explore the Largest International Dark Sky Sanctuary in the World

Located in Southern Oregon's Lake County, the Oregon Outback International Dark Sky Sanctuary offers stunning, unspoiled night skies across 2.5 million acres—perfect for stargazers, photographers, and astronomers alike.



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