

My Jasper is  
starry nights and  
mountain bikes



Jasper National Park has been officially designated as a Dark Sky Preserve by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

At 11,228 square kilometres, Jasper is the largest Dark Sky Preserve in the world, and the only preserve in Canada with a town wholly within the preserve.

Most of Jasper National Park has excellent dark skies; the southern part of the park boasts truly dark skies. This is one of the only areas in southwestern Canada with exceptional darkness, yet is accessible by year-round road and offers multiple accommodation facilities for travelers.

Join us in Jasper  
and celebrate the first annual  
Jasper Dark Sky Festival!

FESTIVAL  
ORGANIZERS:



### Take the train:

Experience the star treatment of VIA Rail's legendary service as you travel in and out of Jasper aboard the train for Dark Sky Festival!

**OCT. 21:** VIA Rail departs Edmonton 6:45 AM and arrives 1:00 PM in Jasper

**OCT. 24:** VIA Rail departs Jasper 4:00 PM and arrives 11:00 PM in Edmonton

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# Jasper DARK SKY

## Festival

October 21-24, 2011

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Wonderful. By Nature.



# 2011 Festival Program

**OCT. 21**  
Friday

## 6:00 PM. DINING IN THE DARK

Check out participating restaurants in town for Dark Sky themed dining experiences.

## 10:00 PM-12:00 AM STARRY STARRY NIGHT

Mountain Galleries at The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge  
Enjoy complimentary coffee and treats while gazing at this celestial exhibition celebrating dark skies.

**OCT. 22**  
Saturday

## 11:00 AM-3:00 PM BE A SPACE CADET

Jasper Information Centre lawn (500 Connaught)  
Learn and play! Sky themed activities include: astronomy talks with resident "Sky Guy", Rocket Building\*, Solar Viewing through telescopes, Kids 'Space Craft' stations and much more!  
\*Launch your rocket on the Elementary School lawn at noon!

## 11:00 AM-5:30 PM ASTRONOMY PRESENTATIONS

Historic Chaba Theatre (604 Connaught)  
Join us for fun and interactive presentations about stars and skies by special guest astronomers.

## 1:00 PM-3:00 PM TOUCHED BY A STAR FILM FEST

Habitat for the Arts (631 Patricia) Reminisce with local 'movie stars' featured in Jasper's finest movies.

## 2:30 PM-5:30 PM TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE PLANETARIUM

Jasper Elementary School Gymnasium (300 Elm)  
Explore our night sky from stars and constellations to planets, comets and the deep sky wonders. A digital planetarium will showcase the motion of the sky, stars of the changing seasons, wandering planets, and much more. Use the main entrance doors to access the gymnasium.

## 11:00 AM GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

Presented by Bruce McCurdy  
(Family Program)

## 12:00 PM ROCKET LAUNCH

Elementary School lawn

## 1:30 PM OUR SUN: CHARISMATIC OR CATASTROPHIC?

Presented by Dr. Douglas Hube  
(Youth/Adult Presentation)

## 2:30 PM FROM DARK SKY TO BLACK HOLES

Presented by Dr. Sharon Morsink  
(Youth/Adult Presentation)

## 3:30 PM RED SKY AT NIGHT

Presented by Dan Kulak  
(Family Program)

## 4:30 PM 2012: DOOMSDAY OR DUMB IDEA?

Presented by Frank Florian  
(Family Program)

## 5:45 PM-10:30 PM COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLES

Please help us save on light pollution! Shuttles will depart every 30 minutes from Jasper Elementary School to Jasper Park Stables and Pyramid Lake Resort

## 6:00 PM-10:30 PM STAR PARTY IN THE PARK

Pyramid Lake and Jasper Park Stables  
Visit the best sky viewing areas in Jasper National Park and join in the star-crossed fun at Jasper's Star Party! Wander through a myriad of activities and performances including Alberta Parks DSI: Dark Sky Investigator Theatre, astronomy presentations, telescope viewing hosted by members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Pyramid Island Starlight Adventure, interpretive starlit wagon rides and guided night walks with Friends of Jasper National Park and Parks Canada.

## 6:00 PM-9:00 PM STAR GRAZING DINNER

Jasper Park Stables  
Warm your senses with a bowl of the best chili in Jasper or steaming veggie stew and other delightful treats and hot beverages. For advance ticket locations check out [www.jasperdarkskyfest.com](http://www.jasperdarkskyfest.com) (tickets also available on site, cash only). Please bring a flashlight.

## 7:00 PM-9:30 PM TELUS WORLD OF SCIENCE PLANETARIUM

Jasper Elementary School Gymnasium (300 Elm)  
See above for details.

**OCT. 23**  
Sunday

## 7:30 PM-8:30 PM GUIDED LANTERN WALK

Meet on Jasper Information Centre lawn (500 Connaught)  
Hosted by Friends of Jasper National Park.