

# Stargazing

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[ We are applying to be a designated International Dark Sky Park. [Learn More.](#) ]

The Keweenaw is fortunate to have dark skies, where one can look up and easily see a multitude of bright stars in the sky. There is very little artificial light around the Keweenaw. This is especially the case at the tip of the Keweenaw, where the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge is located.



Taken on the KML golf course, Hole 9, April 4, 2021, at 1am. Photo taken by former KML staff member, Nick Niffin

There are many nights which provide prime opportunities for stargazing, where you can look see the following at or around the resort:

- Constellations [ [download the current month's evening sky map from](#) ]
- Meteor Showers
- Northern Lights

## The Lodge's Stargazing Event Calendar

### Upcoming Stargazing Events

Dec 4

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm EST

## [Stargazing: Northern Lights Photography Workshop](#)

Dec 13

December 13 - December 14

## [Stargazing: Geminids Meteor Shower](#)

Jan 29

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm EST

## [Stargazing: Northern Lights Photography Workshop](#)

Feb 20

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm EST

## [Stargazing: Northern Lights Photography Workshop](#)

Apr 2

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm EDT

## [Stargazing: Northern Lights Photography Workshop](#)

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### **Past Stargazing Events**

- **Stargazing: Leonids Meteor Shower**

November 17 - November 18

## **Stargazing: Northern Lights Photography Workshop**

November 6 @ 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm EDT

### **• Stargazing: Taurids Meteor Shower**

November 4 - November 5

### **• Stargazing: Dark Sky Light Management Workshop**

November 3 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm EDT

### **• Stargazing: Orionids Meteor Shower**

October 21 - October 22

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## **Telescope Lending Program**




KML lodging guests are welcome to borrow a telescope from the Outdoors Activity Center (OAC). Using a telescope to view stars enhances the experience of, as one can get closer to what you are seeing above you at night. [ [Learn more about the Telescope Lending Program](#) ]

## **Night Sky Viewing Locations and Map**

Here is a map of desired areas where you can venture. As well, you can walk around the golf course at night (as long as you stay off the greens and tees) and look up at the stars.



**Flashlights:** It is useful to take a flashlight with you when you are walking around the property so you watch where you 

are stepping. To be considerate of others, a red flashlight is preferred. If you do not have one, inquire at the OAC about borrowing one. If using a flashlight that uses standard colored bulb, be respectful of others while viewing the night sky by making sure to shine it downwards and turn it off when not needed.

## Surrounding Areas

At the top of the Keweenaw, there are not very many areas that are developed. This offers stargazers multiple locations to look up and see the stars. This includes places along the Lake Superior lake front (on M-26 and US Hwy 41), in multiple county and state parks, and up Brockway Mountain; all of which are just a short jaunt away from the Lodge. Below is a map of several vantage points in surrounding areas.



The top of the Keweenaw is well known for being able to see the aurora borealis, also called Northern Lights. Looking from the shores of Lake Superior and from atop Brockway Mountain, you have a good opportunity to look north and see “the result of disturbances in the magnetosphere caused by solar wind”.

The best times to view the Northern Lights is between October and April, but do remember, there isn't a light switch which turns on the lights. One is at the whim of nature on when they are viewable.



Along M-26, February 2, 2021. Photo taken by former KML staff member, Pam Dyl

[ We are also working on a “Northern Lights” camera setup that will allow you to view the stars and the Northern Lights from

our web site, like our webcams fo the Lodge and Hole 1 / Brockway Mountain. [Learn More](#) ]

## **Clear Sky Chart for Copper Harbor, Michigan**

This chart shows how clear the skies are predicted to be over the next several days.