

The Beauty of a Dark Sky

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The International Dark Sky Association recently announced that Tennessee's Pickett State Park and Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area have been named a Silver-tier International Dark Sky Park. The combined property will be known as "Pickett-Pogue International Dark Sky Park."

Paul Lewis, UT's Director of Space Science Outreach, weighed in on the importance of this designation.

"This is an opportunity to go to a sky and visit the Milky Way, visit the heavens, and see a sky like we saw as kids. I remember as a kid seeing a sky that was pitch black, and velvety black—stars to the horizon. That's extremely rare anymore, but this is a place that affords you that opportunity."



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY0a1aUuNV4>

- See the full [video \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY0a1aUuNV4\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IY0a1aUuNV4).
- Learn more about [Pickett State Park \(http://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/pickett\)](http://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/pickett).