

Your Winter Sky Calendar.

Winter nights in Moab are long, clear and quiet. The sky goes fully dark by 6:40 pm in November and December, so you can be out under the stars and back to a warm cottage before bedtime. Here are the nights worth planning a trip around.

6:40 PM
Full darkness, Nov–Dec

30 MIN
To Arches National Park

3 PARKS
Certified Dark Sky Parks nearby

THE BIG THREE

Three Nights to Plan Around.

DEC
13–14

Geminid Meteor Shower

The strongest meteor shower of the year. The Moon sets at 9:15 pm, leaving the rest of the night dark. Join us for Geminids Night: cocoa in the community kitchen and meteor-count sheets for the kids.

DEC
23

Cold Supermoon

The closest full moon of 2026, rising over the red rock at sunset. Bring a camera: it's the best moonrise photo of the winter. Tag yours #HTRMoabNights.

ALL
FEB

Planet Month

Jupiter is at its brightest on Feb 10 and Mars on Feb 19. Both are up all night. Borrow binoculars from the front desk and you can pick out Jupiter's moons from your porch.

MONTH BY MONTH

The Full Winter Sky.

Orange dates = new moon, the darkest nights of the month **Bold** = don't miss

NOVEMBER

Nov 5	Taurid meteors peak. Slow, bright, known for fireballs.
Nov 7–11	New moon. Dark skies over Veterans Day weekend.
Nov 17–18	Leonid meteors. Best after the Moon sets at 12:27 am.
Nov 24	Beaver Moon (full). A Thanksgiving-week moonlit hike.
Nov 25	Uranus at opposition. A binocular target for guided tours.

DECEMBER

Dec 6–10	New moon. The longest dark nights of the year.
Dec 13–14	**Geminids peak. Moon sets 9:15 pm.**
Dec 21	Winter solstice. The longest night of the year.
Dec 23	**Cold Supermoon, the closest full moon of 2026.**

JANUARY

Jan 3–4	Quadrantid meteors. Best before dawn.
Jan 6–9	New moon. A post-holiday reset.
Jan 22	Wolf Moon, nearly a supermoon.

FEBRUARY • PLANET MONTH

Feb 4–8	New moon. Dark skies to start Planet Month.
Feb 10	**Jupiter at opposition. Bright all night.**
Feb 19	**Mars at opposition. Red and bright all night.**

MARCH

Mar 6–10	New moon. Spring ranger star programs return.
Mar 20	Spring equinox. Milky Way season is next.

Times are Moab local (MT). On property you'll get good views of the Moon, bright planets and major meteor showers; for the darkest skies, drive 30 minutes to Arches. Moab has been an International Dark Sky Community since 2024. Cover photo: Garden of Eden, Arches National Park (NPS).

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