In New Brunswick, Canada, The Sky's The Limit For Nighttime Adventure

Discover New Brunswick's magical after-dark adventures, from stargazing in dark sky preserves to night kayaking in the Bay of Fundy and exploring illuminated trails celebrating Acadian culture.

Flower pot formation on the Bay of Fundy. One of the best places for after-dark adventuring in Canada is the province of New Brunswick. GETTY

Looking for a way to make the most of Canada's mainly dreary, dark winter? Why not embrace the darkness by going on some nighttime adventures? One of the best places for after-dark adventuring in Canada is the province of New Brunswick. Home to four designated dark sky preserves (officially designated areas that reduce or eliminate artificial light) recognized by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, the province is an unparalleled after-dark escape to enjoy the beguiling beauty of the night.

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If you're traveling to New Brunswick in 2025, there are a plethora of nocturnal tourism adventures — from dark sky parties to night kayaking in the Bay of Fundy — that await the nocturnal explorer.

Cliff Valley Astronomy

Cliff Valley Astronomy, Canada's only astrotourism consultant, offers a variety of immersive dark sky activities across the province all designed to allow participants to better observe marvels that are difficult to see clearly with the naked eye, including the planets, galaxies and star clusters.

During their popular Star Parties, Cliff Valley Astronomy offers the use of their advanced high-powered telescope so people can study the night sky just like a professional astronomer. They also offer special programs for big events like eclipses. On March 29, 2025, in celebration of the partial solar eclipse, Cliff Valley Astronomy will host Sky Experience II in the picturesque town of St. Andrews. Guests can enjoy numerous star-centric events like a community star party, cosmic pub crawl, costume party and a dark sky conference. Keynote speakers for the conference include Alan Dyer, one of the country's most acclaimed astronomy authors and astrophotographers, as well as Jenna Hinds, the executive director of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Saint Andrews will be one of the best places on the planet to witness the eclipse.

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Night Kayaking with Baymount Outdoor Adventures

Baymount Outdoor Adventures offers an incredible two-hour guided kayak tour of the night sky at Hopewell Rocks in the legendary Bay of Fundy, a region renowned for its singular rock formations. This bucket-list worthy kayaking experience starts at dusk and will take participants through the iconic Flowerpot Rock formations. As the sun sets, the Bay of Fundy becomes a stargazer's haven. The starry sky lights your journey as you revel in the magic of the heavens. Each participant will be equipped with a headlamp and glow sticks and travel the Bay with a professional guide.

Illuminated Paddleboarding with Wolastoq Adventures

Located in the charming town of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Wolastoq Adventures is an indigenous owned company offering Atlantic Canada's first illuminated nighttime paddleboard and kayak experience. The fun begins once the sun sets. The watercraft come complete with color-changing LED lights and waterproof Bluetooth speakers. They are also fully see-through so you can see clearly into the watery world below.

Akadi Lumina

Akadi Lumina brings New Brunswick's rich Acadian history to life in the town of Bouctouche with an amazingly engaging evening walk showcasing Acadian culture and heritage. This enchanting one-mile illuminated trail takes you on a nighttime journey through the forest. Created in collaboration with Acadian artists, Le Pays de la Sagouine and the renowned Montreal-based Moment Factory, Akadi Lumina combines light, projections, special effects original music and more to recount stories inspired by the area's iconic landscapes and compelling Acadian spirit.

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