

STARGAZING IN WAIRARAPA

Experience Wairarapa's Dark Sky
during your visit.

Stargaze with:

Star Safari
www.star-safari.nz

Under The Stars
www.underthestars.co.nz



STAR SAFARI

Join Hari and Sam at Star Safari Observatory, one of the darkest sites in Wairarapa. Stargaze, look through our 2x 16" telescopes, take photos of the night sky or join us for a virtual trip to the edge of the Cosmos. We talk science.

UNDER THE STARS

We come to you with all the equipment needed, providing private stargazing sessions wherever you are in the region.

Learn about starlore:

Stonehenge Aotearoa

www.stonehenge-aotearoa.nz

For many urban dwellers, a trip to places like the Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve, offers a rare opportunity to connect with the Universe and experience the magic of a starlit sky.

In an age dominated by city lights and digital screens, truly dark skies are becoming a rarity. Yet, these skies, unmarred by light pollution, have been an integral part of human history and culture for millennia.

They've inspired myths, guided sailors, and driven scientific discovery. The stars and celestial events like meteor showers, the Milky Way and auroras, when visible, offer profound moments of reflection and wonder.

www.wairarapa.space/look-after-our-night-sky/
www.wairarapadarksky.nz

**You can be part of the world's
21st Dark Sky Reserve**

Total Area: 3637.75 Sqkm

Reserve Core (in light orange):
194 Sqkm Aoraki Forest

Currently, Wairarapa Dark Sky Reserve is comprised of:

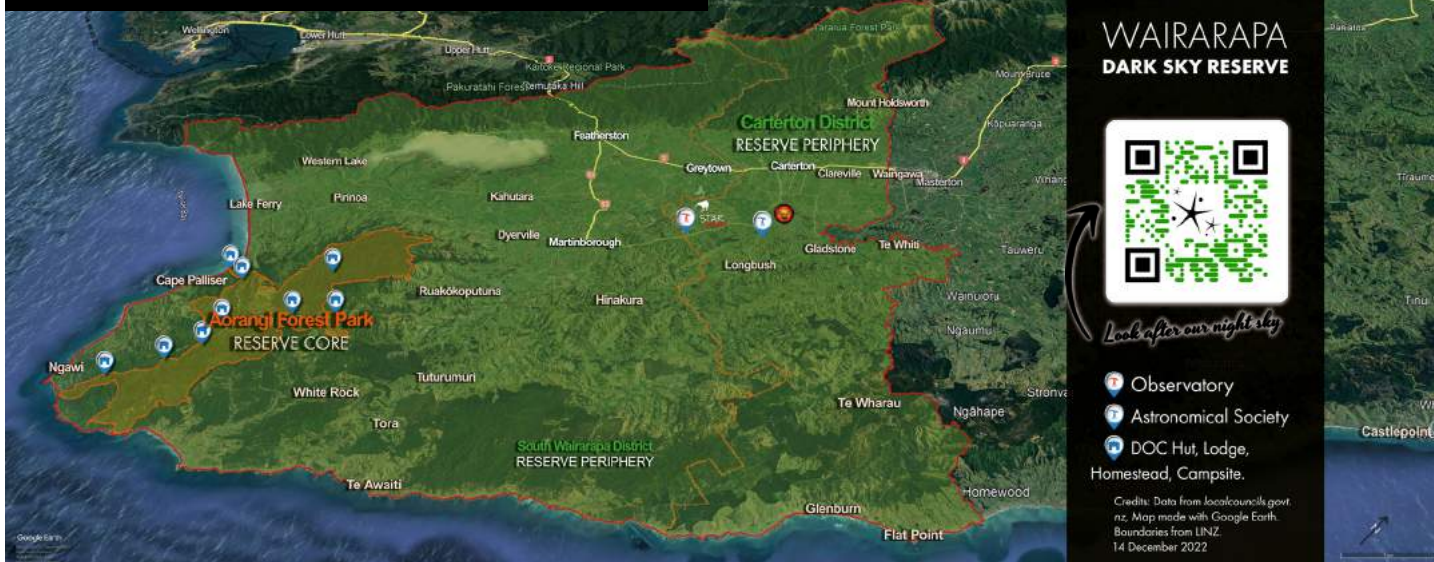
**South Wairarapa District:
2457.84 Sqkm**

Carterton District: 1179.91 Sqkm

Embracing the principles of the Dark Sky Reserve not only makes good environmental sense but also sound business sense. As custodians of such a precious natural resource, your active participation can create a ripple effect, inspiring other regions and communities to follow suit. Let's come together and ensure that the stars continue to shine brightly for generations to come.

www.wairarapa.space/look-after-our-night-sky/

www.wairarapadarksky.nz



How can you look after our night sky?

LIMIT OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Please use outdoor lighting sparingly.
Turn off the lights when not in use.

USE WARM-COLOURED LIGHTS

Red or orange light has a lesser impact on the night environment.

When going outside, point your lights towards the ground.

Use night shift settings on all devices.

EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT LIGHT POLLUTION

Learn more about preserving the dark skies at www.wairarapa.space

PROMOTE EARTH HOUR

Dedicate an hour each evening or on specific nights for reduced artificial lighting, and if you can see the stars, step outside and enjoy the night sky.

ROOM AMENITIES

If you have blackout curtains in your room, pull them if you turn the light on at night.

Use fewer lights when inside.

Turn off all lights when going to sleep.

LIGHT POLLUTION IS REVERSIBLE

Let your eyes adjust to less light instead of turning on lights.

BE A HERO

Become a citizen scientist and help us measure light pollution where you are! Check out how to on www.wairarapa.space/look-after-our-night-sky/

DIGITAL DETOX

We encourage you to switch off or dim digital devices during the night to enhance the stargazing experience and reduce light spill.

Unplug from devices as the Sun sets.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PRACTICES

Beyond just the sky, promote eco-friendly practices. This holistic approach conserves the night sky and the natural environment, making for a more enriching experience for guests.

FEEDBACK & ENGAGEMENT

Encourage guests to share their stargazing experiences and any suggestions to enhance the dark sky experience for future visitors.

#waisky, #wairarapa

#wairarapaspace | www.wairarapanz.com

