

The background of the image is a photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) over a dark, flat landscape at night. The aurora displays vibrant green and yellow-green light curtains against a deep blue and black sky. The lights appear to be dancing and flowing across the upper half of the frame. The lower half of the image shows a dark, silhouetted horizon line, possibly a body of water or a flat plain, with a few small, distant lights visible on the right side.

DARK SKIES

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small and
consistent
beats
large and
infrequent



Be comfortable being uncomfortable

Ask for help

Brainstorm solutions

Lessons



Plan at least 3 nights
Get to El Capitan picnic area early
Stay 10 minutes after sunset
Go rain, snow, or shine

**Firefall
hacks**



Check yosemitemoonbow.com
Take test shots w/ 6s exposure
Go if it's mostly cloudy or clearer

Moonbow hacks



Spend 24 hours in the path of totality
Bring a solar filter and 400mm lens
Go if it's partly cloudy or a light haze

**Eclipse
hacks**



Book a campsite, walk in, or go to Cade's Cove
Shoot with 100mm+ zoom lens
Go even if it's a light rain

**Firefly
hacks**

Give it at least 4 hours
Find the origin constellation and
shoot wide
Always be shooting

**Meteor
hacks**



Give it at least 4 hours
Dark skies to the north
Go if it's partly cloudy or clearer AND
predicted to be a strong show

**Aurora
hacks**

20% of profits benefit
American public lands

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