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**Guidelines for Outdoor Lighting
in
Nocturnal Preserves
(RASC-NP-GOL)**

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1.0 SCOPE

This document presents Guidelines for Outdoor Lighting (GOL) in Nocturnal Preserves (NPs, and herein after referred to as Parks) and describes the types of equipment required to satisfy these guidelines. It refers to areas classified as “Lighting Zone 0” (per IES – IDA Model Lighting Ordinance), which encompasses pristine areas that are sensitive to artificial lighting and other environmental disruptions.

The goal of the NP Program is to prevent light pollution and improve the nocturnal environment for wildlife.

This NP-GOL has three objectives: to eliminate all artificial lighting within the Core of the NP, and restrict to minimum levels the artificial light from the Buffer Zone around the NP Core. It suggests outreach programs to encourage urban areas beyond the Park boundaries to reduce their contributions to artificial sky glow. These will protect the NP from deterioration in the future by surrounding light pollution.

We present in Section 3.0 the rationale for a NP and the protection of the nighttime environment from the excessive use of artificial lighting. To support these guidelines, this document provides references to useful web sites and to general research into the effects of nocturnal lighting on humans, human activity and wildlife.

The general guidelines for outdoor lighting (GOL) within the Nocturnal Preserve are presented in Section 4. Lighting hardware and signage are described in Section 5 to assist Park managers minimize the impact of artificial lighting on the nighttime environment while maintaining a degree of safety for visitors.

If the area has very little sky glow from neighbouring urban areas, and it is protected for wildlife while providing significant services for visitors, including astronomy outreach, it may be classified as a Dark-sky Preserve. Park and Conservation area Managers interested in DSP Designations are should refer to the documents: RASC-DSP GUIDELINES and RASC-DSP-GOL. It encourages outdoor stargazing and astronomy programs that present the night sky as our cultural heritage.

If there is significant sky glow due to close proximity to an urban area, and has significant artificial outdoor lighting for human access, it may be classified as an Urban Star Park. Park and Conservation area Managers interested in USP Designations are should refer to the documents: RASC-USP GUIDELINES and RASC-USP-GOL .The night sky over an USP is also promoted with outdoor stargazing and astronomy outreach programs.

A bibliography provides a set of references and useful websites. Supplementary technical information is provided in the appendices to this document.

2.0 GLOSSARY

2.1 Acronyms

CARS Canadian Aviation Regulations

CF Compact Fluorescent lamps

CO Cut-off luminaires (>0% and <2% up-light)

DSP Dark-sky Preserve

FCO Full Cut-Off luminaires (0% up-light or Fully Shielded)

GOL Guidelines for Outdoor Lighting

HID High Intensity Discharge lamps (LPS, HPS, MH lamps)

HPS High Pressure Sodium lamps (“yellow” coloured lamps)

IESNA Illumination Engineering Society of North America

LEDs Light Emitting Diodes

LPS Low Pressure Sodium lamps (monochromatic, single colour lamps)

MH Metal Halide lamps (“white” coloured lamps)

NP RASC Nocturnal Preserve

SCO Sharp Cut-off luminaires (<0% up-light, <2% between 80-90 degrees of nadir)

SAD Seasonal Affective Disorder

2.2 Definitions

Amber – A colour of light. Light that does not have any emissions at wavelengths shorter than 500 nm. Typically associated with the emitted colour of “true amber” light emitting diodes. Generally has a yellowish colour and has less impact on night vision and circadian rhythm than other colours.

Dark Time – a period after which scheduled outdoor activity has ended and visitors are expected to minimize their activity to permit other visitors to sleep.

Foot-candles (fc) - an English unit measure of the amount of light that falls on a defined area¹. Examples of levels are provided in Appendix A and C.

Lux – a metric unit measure of the amount of light that falls on a defined area². Examples of levels are provided in Appendix A and C.

Photobiology – the study of the effects of light on biological systems

Photopic Vision – vision that uses the lower sensitivity photoreceptors (cones) that have evolved for daytime vision and high illumination levels

Scotobiology – the study of the effects of darkness on biological systems

Scotopic Vision - vision that uses the higher sensitivity photoreceptors (rods) that have evolved for nighttime vision and low illumination levels.

NP Buffer Zone - Region within NP under control of the park manager, or others surrounding the Core area. The Buffer Zone is to prevent glare and light trespass from shining into the Core area

NP Core - Region under control of the park manager within NP surrounded by a Buffer Zone

¹ www.physlink.com/Education/AskExperts/ae409.cfm

² www.physlink.com/Education/AskExperts/ae409.cfm

3.0 RATIONALE

Most people take artificial nighttime lighting for granted. In cities it is considered to be an acceptable component of our society, and indeed they think it is a necessity for safety and security. Specifications and guidelines for street and roadway lighting³ address these urban assumptions. This has led to lighting policies that encourage the illumination of all urban areas to allow the use of human photopic (daytime) vision. (Figure 3.0.1).

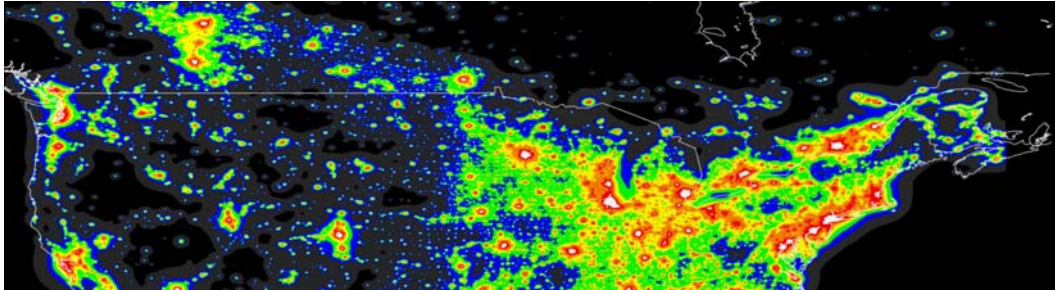


Figure 3.0.1 Mid Latitudes at Night⁴

The availability of electrical energy and efficient lighting fixtures have enabled the current urban lifestyle of non-stop “24-7” activity. Further, the advances in lighting technology have permitted illumination levels to increase over the last 50 years by a factor 10, with the use of the same amount of electrical energy. The result is most commercial luminaires are designed for high levels of illumination. Low intensity fixtures are primarily limited to decorative lighting such as Christmas lights.

The only reason for outdoor lighting is to assist the mobility of humans. Where the environment is primarily for the protection of wildlife, there should be no artificial outdoor lighting.

In Figure 3.0.2, the light polluted skies of Toronto are compared to relatively good skies southwest of Ottawa on the Rideau Canal system and to its west. Bright red corresponds to high levels of sky glow (0.010 lux) and green is an intermediate amount (0.00025 lux). The area of Algonquin Park appears black with very dark skies.



Figure 3.0.2 Light Pollution in Southern Ontario⁴

Illuminance (lux) values were converted from Sky Quality Meter readings made under clear skies between about 2010 and 2012.

³ Illumination Engineering Society of North American (IESNA) Handbook

⁴ P. Cinzano, et. al. 2001

3.1 Crime

The most prevalent reason given for nighttime lighting is to reduce crime in cities. This is generally based on the notion that more light improves visibility, and that this visibility discourages criminals. Based on before and after studies of crime statistics, there is no clear evidence that outdoor lighting reduces crime⁵. Although there are anecdotal reports that “improved lighting” (i.e. improved visibility) reduces crime⁶, there is no evidence that crime is reduced with “more or brighter lighting”⁷. In some cases crime was simply displaced, or the altered lighting was prompted or caused by a change in use of the streets by “...strengthening informal social control and community cohesion”⁸ and this may have affected the pattern of crime.

There are different types of crime. In a Nocturnal Preserve it is anticipated that criminal activity will be minimal and that vandalism and pouching would be the primary elements. Vandalism is best addressed by human presence rather than isolated lighting, which puts the property and other assets on display.

Pouching is a more complex crime that cannot be practically reduced with outdoor lighting. There is no evidence that outdoor lighting reduces pouching.

3.2 Human Lighting Needs

Humans are a daytime species. Although we can see at night, our vision is significantly reduced compared to the daytime. In the past, starlight provided sufficient levels of illumination for most activities. However our modern fast paced and mechanized activity requires better visual acuity for driving cars, bicycles and avoiding urban hazards.

Some level of artificial lighting is required for nighttime activities. But this lighting must be designed to increase visibility. Paradoxically, more light can reduce visibility, especially for persons over 40 years of age⁹.

The human reaction time to a stimulus is a function of the illumination level¹⁰. For our photopic vision it is less than 0.2 seconds whereas with our scotopic (night) vision it is about 0.5 seconds, which is sufficient for a walking pace.

⁵ The Influence of Street Lighting on Crime and Fear of Crime, Prevention Unit Paper No. 28, Stephen Atkins, Sohail Husain and Angele Storey, 1991, ISBN 0 86252 668 X

⁶ Effects of Improved Street Lighting on Crime: A Systematic Review, Home Office Research Study 251, by David P. Farrington and Brandon C. Welsh, August 2002

⁷ The Indiana Council on Outdoor Lighting Education (ICOLE), P.O. Box 17351, Indianapolis, IN 46217

⁸ *ibid*, page 2.

⁹ **Work, Aging, and Vision: Report of a Conference**, ISBN-10: 0-309-07793-1

¹⁰ A.L. Robert - Simple Time Reaction as a Function of Luminance for Various Wavelengths, Perception & Psychophysics, 1971, Vol.10(6)

3.3 Human Health

The proliferation of outdoor lighting has a significant impact on the health and behaviour of wildlife. Although different species take advantage of, or avoid, nocturnal activity, biological clocks control sleep patterns, alertness, physical strength, blood pressure, and other aspects of animal physiology.

The dominant mechanism for synchronizing this biological clock to their activity (the circadian rhythm) is the day-night contrast and the timely release of the hormone melatonin. This hormone regulates the ebb and flow of other hormones in their bodies: repairing physical damage, fighting infection and disease.

3.4 Environmental Health

Although many people are familiar with the activity of the natural world during the day (i.e., photobiology), few people are as familiar with similar activity at night. Humans are not the only species whose biological clock is controlled by day-night contrasts and the release of melatonin. It is found in plants and animals wherein it plays a similar role¹¹. Wildlife depends on the darkness of the night and the study of this dependence is called “scotobiology”.

Research into the nocturnal environment is relatively recent compared to research into the daytime environment. Consequently there is far less published literature documenting the sensitivity of the general nighttime ecology to artificial lighting. Most of the research is on specific species in the wild or laboratory studies. However, mounting scientific evidence is documenting the profound impact of artificial light on the ecology of the night.

Plants are affected by the colour and duration of lighting. Whether the effects are considered beneficial or not depends on the desired outcome. Generally, artificial lighting will change the natural growth patterns and may affect the resistance of plants to infestations and disease. Many plants respond to the length of the day and normally recognize it as an indication of the season. By extending light past the evening, may slow the plant’s biochemistry from changing to prepare for winter¹². The various affects of colour, duration, type of plant, etc. makes sweeping conclusions impossible however, they indicate that changing the lighting environment will change the natural ecology of the area.

3.5 Animal Behaviour

Artificial sky glow extends well beyond the city boundaries. Therefore in considering urban outdoor lighting, we must also consider its impact on rural areas in the region.

Exposure to short periods of bright illumination (less than a minute) does not seem to affect the biological rhythm in animals¹³. However, longer exposures to light can shift (or

¹¹ “Lighting for the Human Circadian Clock”, S. M. Pauley, *Medical Hypotheses* (2004) 63,588–596

¹² *Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting*, C. Rich, T. Longcore, Island Press, 2006, Pg. 405

¹³ *Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting*, C. Rich, T. Longcore, Island Press, 2006, Pg. 24

entrain) their circadian rhythm and modify their behavioural patterns. Minimizing the duration of exposure to artificial light is necessary to limit its impact.

Seasonal variations will shift the time of sunset by over four hours (from roughly 16:30 in winter to 21:00 in summer). During the peak of Park activities in summer, the time of sunset can vary by two hours (see Appendix D). In addition to this, dusk can extend the daylight by as much as an hour.

Artificial lighting changes the nighttime behaviour of species¹⁴. Over a month, the changing phases of the Moon affect the ground illumination at night. Nocturnal mammals adapt their behaviour over the month in sympathy to moonlight to avoid predators. This behaviour includes, in part, limiting the foraging area and carrying food back to their shelters instead of eating it in the field. This latter adaptation limits how much they can eat¹⁵.

Predator and prey behaviour depends on the darkness of the night¹⁶. Illumination levels that significantly affect wildlife are believed to be at the level of the full Moon, although the effect begins to be evident at lower light levels¹⁷. To put this in context, it is generally recommended by the IESNA that an urban parking lot be lighted to more than 100X this level (see Appendix A).

It is well documented that some insects are drawn towards light sources. This interrupts their normal mating and foraging activities and it concentrates them within a small area thus enhancing predation¹⁸. They may swarm the light fixture until they are exhausted. The resulting pile of insects must then be cleaned up.

Animals separated from their normal foraging grounds by an illuminated road cannot see the area beyond the lights. They can be temporarily blinded by headlights from passing cars. Their natural instinct is to wait until they can see where they are going. This can leave them in the open and vulnerable to predation. They may abandon their established foraging patterns for new ones, which will impact other species as they compete for resources¹⁹.

3.6 Shorelines

Historically, waterways have been used for transportation and recreation. However, they are also important ecosystems that support wildlife in the water and on the lands adjacent to the shoreline. Shoreline property is valued by our society and this is causing human developments along rivers and around lakes. An increasing number of properties have shoreline lighting that illuminates the waterway. This impacts the river and lakes in two ways.

¹⁴ The Urban Wildlands Group (www.urbanwildlands.org/abstracts.html)

¹⁵ Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting, C. Rich, T. Longcore, Island Press, 2006, Pg. 28

¹⁶ *ibid.*, Chapter 2

¹⁷ *ibid.*, Chapter 11

¹⁸ *ibid.*, Chapter 13

¹⁹ Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting, C. Rich, T. Longcore, Island Press, 2006

From the human stand point; bright lights along the shoreline make it very difficult to navigate the channel. Glare from unshielded shoreline lighting prevents our eyes from becoming adapted to the darkness. At night, a boater will only be able to see the points of light along the shore rendering the channel markers and out-of-channel hazards very difficult to see. Clearly, glare along the shoreline results in a safety hazard that should be corrected.

The second impact is on the fish and aquatic plants²⁰. The effect of light on fish is not clear. Fish are attracted to the light from their natural feeding depths. The increase in the concentration of fish changes the hunting efficiency of predators. Although the behaviour of the nocturnal predator may not be compromised by artificial light, the ability of its prey to recognize the danger and to escape will affect their survival.

3.7 Blank

3.8 Summary

Generally there is limited research on the environmental benefits and costs of artificial lighting. In the absence of clear conclusions, the best policy is to avoid its use to preserve the natural environment.

The cost of lighting an area may cause funds to be redirected away from other more effective safety and security measures.

There is growing medical evidence for the degradation of animal health with the illumination of the night. The reduction in day-night contrast can uncouple the circadian rhythm from their normal daytime activities that may reduce their survival from injury and disease.

It is clearly shown in published research, that artificial outdoor lighting affects ecology by disrupting food webs. Although the actual mechanism for this disruption is not always clear, this does not weaken the evidence for the damaging impact of artificial light on the ecosystem and the need to minimize it.

Education is the key to correcting this degradation of the nocturnal environment by artificial light at night. Establishing Nocturnal Preserves an obvious way to help inform the public about the virtues of a dark night.

Artificial lighting that is installed for human activity is altering the natural environment. This environmental degradation continues without resistance, and is indeed supported by human nighttime culture. Primarily due to ignorance, civic policies and the legal system are strongly biased in favour of human demands at the expense of the natural environment. New research is revealing how artificial lighting degrades the health of the ecosystem beyond our cities. Wildlife has no voice and cannot control their environment. We must act on their behalf by preserving regions that preserve the natural night.

²⁰ Ecological Consequences of Artificial Night Lighting, C. Rich, T. Longcore, Island Press, 2006, Part V

4.0 GUIDELINES FOR OUTDOOR LIGHTING

A RASC Nocturnal Preserve (NP) is a region set aside for biological conservation; there is no general requirement for nighttime public access. For astronomy or ecotourism, though both may be part of the Park's outreach program. A Nocturnal Preserve (NP) is defined as a protected area for wildlife. However, publicly supported conservation areas and parks invariably provide access to visitors. It is the purpose of a Nocturnal Preserve to minimize the impact on the environment of artificial lighting for human access. This may also result in the limited access by visitors either during some seasons or at night.

There may be visitor facilities within a NP. The illumination levels for these facilities are summarized in tables for each area and application. The rationales for the limits in these tables are provided in Section 3.

This section provides guidelines that should be followed to minimize the impact of artificial light at night (ALAN) within a Park.

The main guideline is that no artificial lighting be installed so that the night remains dark and subject to only the natural variations in illumination and colour. Where the Manager of the Park deems it necessary for basic safety and navigation:

1. Illumination should be to the minimum practical level,
2. The affected area of illumination should be as small as practical,
3. The duration of the illumination should be as short as practical, and
4. Illumination should minimize the amount of blue colour in the light (avoid white).

What is "practical" depends upon the specific facilities in the area and the technology available at the time.

Illumination levels specified in this document are significantly lower than urban areas for which most luminaires have been designed. This restricts the type of light sources that may be used. Although High Intensity Discharge (HID) lamps are very efficient, they may emit more light than is recommended in these guidelines. To address this, relatively inefficient, incandescent lights may be used for short periods of time or more advanced Light Emitting Diode (LED) luminaires may be installed.

These guidelines address the use of the facility and expected pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Eleven specific facilities and areas are identified with a range of lighting conditions that reflect their varied use. Priority is given to respecting and protecting the natural environment.

Park managers have the discretion to assess what levels are most appropriate for each facility within the limits outlined in Section 3 of this document. Lighting is limited to provide only what is required for navigation in built up areas. The artificial lighting is restricted to these areas and for the periods of human activity unless otherwise noted.

“Dark Time” is a term used in some parks to identify the end of significant activity within an area. This term is used herein to identify when use of outdoor lighting should be discouraged. In this document Dark Time is further assumed as initiating less than 2-hours after sunset. Appendix D contains a reference table with the approximate times of sunset for parks in southern Canada. Park managers may define Dark Time that is suitable for their facility.

The following tenets have been used in developing these specifications.

1. Buildings require illumination only when open or available to people. After people have left, all lighting visible from the outside should be turned off or covered.
2. To save energy and minimize the duration and extent of light pollution, pathways should only be illuminated near parking lots and visitor accessible buildings, and only when pedestrians are in transit. All reasonable effort should be made to turn off lighting when pedestrian traffic is low or is no longer expected.
3. To minimize the extent of light pollution, the area of illumination should be strictly limited.
4. To limit the duration of light exposure on the ecosystem and to save energy, light activated timing circuits should turn off outdoor lighting. The time delay should begin at sunset and should extend to an appropriate time into the evening to permit scheduled activity to end.
5. Where vehicle and pedestrian traffic is at a low speed or infrequent, retro-reflective signage should be used instead of installed lighting fixtures.

4.1 Buildings

This section identifies six types of structures that may require illumination within a park. In all cases, sharp cut-off (SCO) luminaires should be used. These luminaires restrict the emission of light in the zone between 90-degrees of nadir (the horizon) and 80-degrees from nadir to less than 2%. This will limit illumination beyond the target area and prevent light scattering in the air near the ground. Further, the colour of this light should have no blue content (short wavelengths <500 nm). Lighting curfews should apply.

Interior and exterior lighting that remains on for extended periods after operating hours not only wastes energy but can also be a nuisance. Insects are attracted to exterior building lights and interior lighting that shines through windows distracting insects from their normal activity.

Illumination levels and luminaire types for various buildings are listed in Table 4.1 at the end of this sub-section. Signage on buildings is discussed in Section 4.6.

This document uses five classifications for buildings:

- Administration Buildings,
- Public Buildings,
- Retail Outlets,
- Vending Machine Enclosures, and
- Toilet and Washroom Facilities.

4.1.1 Administration Buildings

Park administration buildings are defined as those with private offices and will generally be closed after dark (Spring, Summer and Autumn). Illumination of the main doorway and especially any steps leading to the main door may be required after sunset in the early spring late autumn and winter.

After sunset and after the workday, either all interior lighting should be turned off, or window and door blinds should be used to prevent interior light from shining outside. Light activated timing circuits should turn off all outdoor lighting within 30 minutes of the office being closed. Manual reset switches may be used to extend this period.

4.1.2 Public Buildings

Public buildings are defined as those open to the public during business hours and may also contain private offices.

After hours, either all interior lighting should be turned off, or window and door blinds should be used to prevent interior light from shining outside. All outdoor lighting should be turned off within 30 minutes of the office being closed. Exterior lighting should be limited to the main door area and steps (if any). Light activated timing circuits should turn the lighting on after sunset and off after a period of time specified by Park manager and subject to the building use. Manual reset switches may be used to extend this period.

4.1.3 Retail Outlets

It is assumed retail stores will have higher pedestrian traffic than most other areas while they remain open for business after dark.

Window coverings should be used so that interior lighting will not shine outside after sunset. Exterior light is permitted, and restricted to, the area around the door using Sharp Cut-off (SCO) fixtures. All exterior lighting should be turned off within 30 minutes after business hours.

4.1.4 Vending Machines

Vending machines should be located in an enclosed space and their lights should not shine directly outside through doorways or windows. Where practical, these machines

should be enclosed in existing public buildings. Figure 4.1.4 shows an example of a dedicated vending machine enclosure. Only SCO fixtures should be used to illuminate the area outside the entrances. The extent of this outside illuminated ground area is restricted to less than 5 metres from the entrance.

Light from vending machines is usually from a number of fluorescent tubes behind the translucent display and may emit significant amounts of blue light. This light undermines dark adaptation. Therefore, the illumination levels outside these enclosures may be higher than for other buildings to allow the transition for visitors from the bright entrance to the dark surroundings.

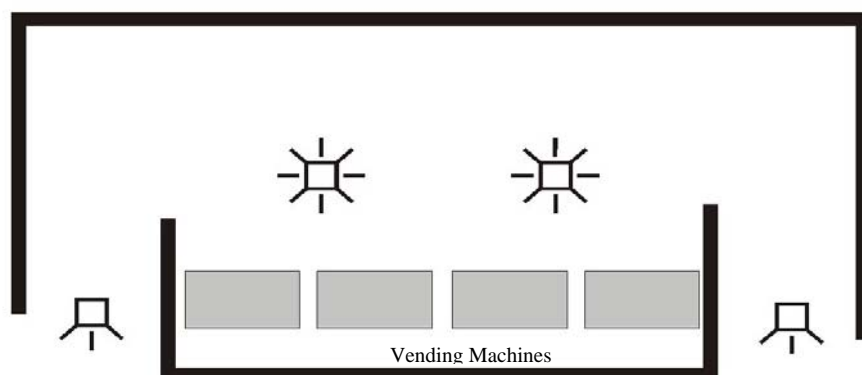


Figure 4.1.4 – Sample Vending Machine

Doorway lighting should be turned off within two hours of sunset. Interior lighting may remain on at the owner’s discretion.

Table 4.1 Building Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)

4.1 Area	Type	Light	Illumination Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.1.1 Administrative Bldgs.	SCO	25 w incandescent, Red or Amber LED	~1 lux	2.5 m	Yes
4.1.2 Public Bldgs.	SCO	25 w incandescent, Red or Amber LED	~1 lux	2.5 m	Yes
4.1.3 Retail Stores	SCO	25 w incandescent, Red or Amber LED	~1 lux	2.5 m	Yes
4.1.4 Vending Machine	SCO	25 w incandescent, Red or Amber LED	~1 lux	2.5 m	Yes
4.1.5 Toilet & Washroom Facilities	Marker (SCO)	25 w incandescent, Red or Amber LED	~1 lux	2 m	No

Note: 1 lux = illumination of dusk about 25 minutes after sunset

4.1.5 Toilet and Washroom Facilities

Toilet and washroom facilities should be available throughout the night. If illuminated, Sharp Cut-off (SCO) fixtures should be used to illuminate the entrance and any steps leading to the doorway.

4.2 Parking lots

Generally, parking lots have less traffic at night than during the day. Parking lots may require lighting due to scheduled after-dusk activities. This lighting will be necessary until gate closure or Dark Time, which ever occurs first.

Where required, pole mounted Sharp Cut-off (SCO) luminaires should be placed one pole-height from the extreme corners of the parking lot and distributed evenly along the perimeter with an approximate pole spacing of no less than 4-times the luminaire height. Their light distribution pattern should be “full forward” and aimed into the lot. This is symbolically shown in Figure 4.2. If necessary, poles may be located within the parking lot area

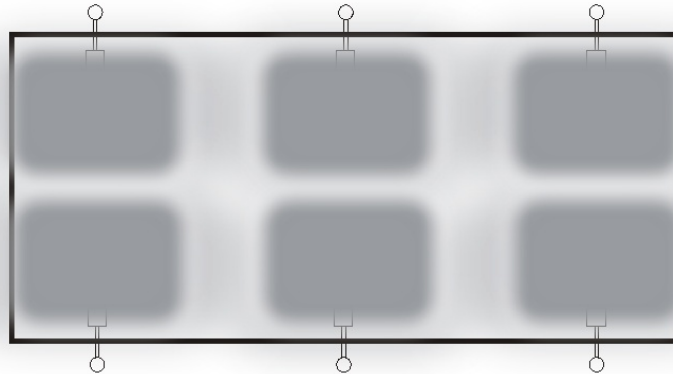


Figure 4.2 Parking Lot

4.2.1 Administration Parking Lots

Administrative personnel will generally leave when offices close. Luminaires in administration parking lots should be turned off within 30 minutes of the office closure. A timing circuit should control the lights with a manual reset for employees working late.

4.2.2 Visitor Parking Lots (Small)

Generally small lots (less than 10 cars) experience little traffic and should not be illuminated.

4.2.3 Visitor Parking Lots (Large)

Larger parking lots (spaces for approximately more than 10 cars) may require better visibility than smaller lots due to higher pedestrian and vehicle traffic densities. These lots may be illuminated at the discretion of the Park manager. However illumination levels should not exceed the limits listed in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2 Parking Lot Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)

4.2 Parking Area	Type	Light	Illumination Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.2.1 Administration Lot	SCO	35 watt or less HPS	~2	6 m	Yes
4.2.2 Visitor Lot < 10 cars	N/A	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
4.2.3 Visitor Lot > 10 cars	SCO	35 watt or less HPS	~2	6 m	Yes

N/A – not applicable

4.3 Roadways

Intersections are some of the most dangerous areas for drivers. Drivers of high-speed vehicles require sufficient time to react when they approach an intersection. Therefore, major intersections should be marked with signage or luminaires. Illumination of adjacent areas should be minimized.

4.3.1 Class 1 to Class 3 Roadways

Class 1 to Class 3 roadways are subject to high (Class 1) to medium (Class 3) traffic volumes. Due to the high speed and volume of traffic, marker lighting may be required to alert drivers to an intersection.

Where applicable, marker lights should be installed at intersections between Class 1 to Class 3 roadways. To ensure they are visible to approaching traffic, these marker lights should be semi cut-off luminaires (<2% up light) with a Type II distribution pattern (illumination along the road). They should be oriented with the side area of the “drop glass” lens aimed along the major roadway to minimize illumination beyond the side of the road.

To further minimize the impact of these luminaires on the environment, the luminaire should be mounted no higher than six metres and the bulb should be a 35 watt Low Pressure Sodium (LPS) or less to minimize the exposure of blue light.

Retro-reflective signage should be used for all other intersections between the Class 1 to 3 roadways and lesser roadways. Illuminated signage should not be permitted (see Section 4.6).

Where applicable, federal and provincial highway standards should take precedence.

4.3.2 Class 4 to Class 6 Roadways

Class 4 to Class 6 roadways have low traffic volumes with class 6 roads seeing occasional and local traffic. These roads provide access to large areas of the Park. Recognizing the infrequent use of these roads and the potential impact they may have on remote areas, these roads and intersections should not be illuminated.

Table 4.3 Roadway Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)

4.3 Roadways	Type	Light	Illumination Level (lux)	Height (m)	Curfew
4.3.1 Class 1-3 roadways	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4.3.2 Class 1-3 roads & intersections	Semi CO Marker	35 watt LPS	~2	6	No
4.3.3 Class 4-6 Roads & intersections	Signage only	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A – not applicable

4.4 Pathways

Pathways and sidewalks provide a relatively level surface for pedestrian traffic, and aid in site navigation. Visibility is necessary for navigation but excessive illumination will prevent pedestrians from seeing off the path. Although visitors use flashlights, non-illuminated navigational aids may be required to guide visitors to public facilities.

Pathways should use white or light coloured crushed stone (limestone) instead of asphalt to help reflect ambient light. The edges of the pathway may be painted white to for visibility. Passive fluorescent markers may also be used to mark the extent and direction of the pathway. These may be mounted on bollards or in the pathway surface.

4.5 Shoreline Areas

Shoreline areas consist of docks, jetties, lock facilities, boat launching areas, beaches, homes, cottages and undeveloped lands. The direct illumination of the shallow water near shore alters the behaviour of aquatic species and the foraging patterns of landed species and insects.

This section provides guidance to Park managers for reducing the impact of lighting along a waterway. These guidelines are relatively general due to the limited authority of Park managers over some of these properties.

1. Park personnel should inform the owners and users of shoreline property of the impact artificial light has on the ecology of the water and adjacent lands.
2. The public should be advised to shield all outdoor lighting to comply with Sharp Cut-off (SOC) requirements and to turn off this lighting when they go to bed.
3. Shoreline lighting should consist of amber or red light with minimal content of blue. Blue and white lights should not be permitted.
4. Light fixtures should be prohibited within ten metres of a shoreline unless they are deemed necessary by the Park manager. Overhead luminaires that shine into the water should not be permitted. Where applicable, the illumination level and colour should minimize their impact on the ecosystem.

5. Where shoreline lighting is permitted, it should have Sharp Cut-off (FCO) fixtures with low wattage amber or red light. Shielded bollard lighting with incandescent or LEDs should be used where dock managers have identified their need. High traffic areas and near machinery (lock facilities) may require higher levels of illumination at the discretion of the Park manager.

Table 4.5 Shoreline Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)

4.5 Waterways	Type	Light	Illumination Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.5.1 General Areas	N/A	None	N/A	N/A	N/A
4.5.2 Dock Bollards	SCO	15 w incandescent, Amber or red LEDs	~1 lux	1m	No
4.5.3 Lock Facilities	SCO	35 watt HPS Amber or red LEDs	~1 lux	6 m	Yes

N/A – not applicable

4.6 Signage

Signs within a Park are essential to the efficient navigation of the site. They may display three forms of information: names for sites or buildings (usually mounted in proximity to buildings or other structures), directions (located along roadways or pathways and their intersections) and those meant to convey other information (located to the side of roadways and pathways).

Illuminated signs should be prohibited in a NP. These include, but are not limited to, back illuminated signs, electronic billboards, signs illuminated from below and above the sign, and in front of the sign. To improve the visibility of signs after dark, their location, colour scheme, and material should permit reading the sign with flashlights or existing lighting.

Retro-reflective signage should be used to ensure signs are visible only when necessary. Signs may be mounted on or near buildings such that exterior building lighting may provide some illumination, and they should use colours consistent with retro-reflective materials and illumination with flashlights.

Signs should be located so pedestrians can easily see them. Elevated signs are less likely to be illuminated by Sharp Cut-off (SCO) luminaires. Pathway and information signs should be located less than one metre above the grade of the path so that they may be found and read by pedestrians with flashlights after dark. All bollards should be marked with retro-reflective material so they may be visible to pedestrians. Signs at a higher level may be missed if flashlights are aimed at the ground. Roadway signs should be mounted in accordance with standard roadway practice.

Table 4.6 Signage Illumination Guidelines (Maximum Values)

4.6 Signage	Type	Light	Illumination Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.6.1 Building	Retro-reflective	N/A	N/A	1-2 m	N/A
4.6.2 Navigation	Retro-reflective	N/A	N/A	<1 m	N/A
4.6.3 Information	Retro-reflective	N/A	N/A	1-2 m	N/A

N/A – not applicable

4.7 Tower Navigation Avoidance Beacons

There is a proliferation of communication towers for cell phones and the acceptance of wind turbine power generation. Towers that may have heights of hundreds of metres are being erected in otherwise unspoilt wilderness areas. Park managers should be aware of the options available for Tower navigation beacons that are regulated by Transport Canada²¹. Park Managers may not have authority over the illumination of these towers so these guidelines are provided as a guide when discussing tower illumination with tower owners and Transport Canada.

Single wind turbine towers less than 90 metres high do not have to be lighted unless specifically identified by Transport Canada as a hazard to aviation. For wind farms with several towers, the towers on the edge of the array and the central tower must be illuminated²².

There are several types of navigation avoidance beacons that may be used on towers (see Appendix E). Birds are not attracted to red light as much as white light and they appear to be less able to orient themselves to the flashing beacons compared to non-flashing types²³. One beacon in the list of those approved by Transport Canada consists of a collimated rotating beam (CL864 in Appendix E). In principal, its luminous intensity can be lower than other types of beacons and would emit less light into the air.

Communication towers erected on or near Parks should not be fitted with nighttime navigation beacons unless strictly required by Transport Canada regulations (CARS 621.19). Communication towers and other structures do not require lighting if their maximum height is less than 90 metres. The brightness of nighttime navigation beacons should be the minimum required by Transport Canada regulations (CARS 621.19). And, all towers requiring nighttime navigation beacons should use red flashing lights.

4.8 “Developed” Properties within Park Facilities

These properties include, but are limited to, privately owned and rental properties and towns within Park boundaries.

²¹ Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARS) 621.19

²² Wind Turbine and Windfarm Lighting, CAR621.19 Advisory Circular 1/06 - DRAFT 9, Transport Canada

²³ Gehring, J. Aviation Collision Study for the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS): Summary of Spring 2005 Field Season, Central Michigan University, August 12, 2005

Owners of private properties within the Park should be informed of the impact of artificial lighting on wildlife. They should be encouraged to remove “dusk to dawn” lights, replace "yard lights” with Sharp Cut-off (SCO) luminaires and replace MH bulbs with either HPS, Low Pressure Sodium (LPS) fixtures or amber LED fixtures. They should be encouraged to turn off all exterior lighting when they are indoors. All municipal lighting should be SCO and illumination levels should be no greater than minimum recommended by Illumination Engineering Society (IESNA) Guidelines.

The outdoor lighting on properties under the control of Park managers should use Sharp Cut-off (SCO) fixtures. Area lighting fixtures, such as "yard lights" and “dusk to dawn” fixtures or similar luminaires, should not be permitted nor should Metal Halide (MH) or mercury vapour lamps be permitted. These products produce excessive glare and light trespass and emit short wavelength light that affects wildlife.

Use of outdoor lighting on private properties within Parks should be discouraged 2-hours after sunset, and should be turned off when people are indoors. Outdoor lights should not be permitted to remain on throughout the night.

Table 4.8 Other Properties Illumination Guidelines Maximum Values)

4.8 Other Properties	Type	Lamp*	Illumination Level (lux)	Height	Curfew
4.8.1 Door Lights	SCO	15 watt Incandescent Amber or red LEDs	~1	1.7 m	Yes
4.8.2 Yard Lights	SCO	<35 watt HPS, or < 35 watt LPS	~1	6 m	Yes
4.8.3 Municipal Lights	SCO	typically 70 watt HPS	≤ minimum IESNA	TBD	No

* Wattage of lamps should be based on illumination limits, where 1 lux = 1 lumen/m².

4.9 Municipal Outreach - Light Pollution Beyond Park Boundaries

As with air and water pollution, light pollution has no boundaries. It is only reduced by increasing the distance to the source. Some cities are actively promoting the replacement of luminaires that contribute to sky glow but these policies are not wide spread. Parks may influence the producers of air and water pollution that passes through Parks. This influence should be extended to include light pollution.

- Park managers should introduce and encourage programs of light pollution abatement in municipalities around the Park facilities with the goal of reducing glare across Park boundaries and sky glow from artificial lighting.
- Park managers should approach individuals whose lights shine onto Park facilities. The goal of these contacts is to have those lights shielded, reduced in brightness or removed.

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www.darksky.org

Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) Light Pollution Abatement Program
www.rasc.ca/lpa/index.shtml

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P.O. Box 17351, Indianapolis, IN 46217, USA
http://home.att.net/~icole/crime_ref_guide.html

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
www.floridamarine.org/publications/default.asp

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The Urban Wildlands Group

www.urbanwildlands.org/abstracts.html

Sample of Luminaire Product Sources

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LED Landscape Lighting

www.superbrightleds.com/malibu.htm

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APPENDIX A - Reference Illumination Levels

Condition	Illumination Levels* (lux)**
Clear night sky (no Moon)	0.000 05
Clear Urban Sky with Light Pollution	0.015
Twilight	0.1
Overcast Urban Sky with Light Pollution	0.15
Full Moon	0.27 max. (0.1 typical)
Urban Road Artificial Illumination	2
Open Parking Lot	11-22
Car Dealership Lot	200
Full Sunlight	130,000

* Clarity of the atmosphere is highly variable over hours and days. These values are presented to provide only a rough guide to approximate illumination levels.

** “lux” is a Système internationale (SI) unit of illumination equal to 1 candela/m² (cd/m²) = 0.093 foot-candles (fc)

To place these levels in context, people have reported seeing “fine” at full Moon illumination levels in the absence of glare²⁴.

²⁴ Preliminary Recommendations: Outdoor Lighting at Highlands Center, Cape Cod National Seashore, Chad Moore, March 25, 2006

APPENDIX B - Colour from Various Light Sources

There six lights that convey “colour” from bright white to deep yellow. The last light source, LEDs can be designed to provide a range of colour. The accompanying table lists these sources in order from white to yellow.

MH – Metal Halide	It is a “High Intensity Discharge’ (HID) lamp that must be warmed up before it can reach full brightness. The white light gives very good colour recognition. MH has high blue spectral content, produces a significant amount of UV and therefore its use should be avoided in all DSPs.
Incandescent bulbs	These emit a warm white light and have very low energy efficiency. Two characteristics make them desirable for some applications. They can be turned off and on very quickly so they can be used for motion detection systems. Incandescent should only be considered if amber LED or amber CFL lamps are not available with low enough brightness.
HPS - High Pressure Sodium	These are bright yellow and allow fair colour recognition. A HPS bulb has a small light-emitting region for very good control over where the light is focused. As a HID source, they require a few minutes to heat up before they reach their design brightness.
Amber CF – Compact Fluorescent Lamps	These produce filtered light and are commercially sold as bug and party lights. They may be identified as yellow and orange but their colour and quality vary greatly. Choose darker yellow and orange whenever possible to avoid flying insect attraction. They typically do not perform as well in cold temperatures and may take several minutes to warm up in sub-zero temperatures.
LPS - Low Pressure Sodium	Deep yellow light is virtually a single colour offering very poor colour recognition. It is the most energy efficient of the above lamps. They are so efficient that even low wattages may produce too much light for use in NPs. The light-emitting region in the lamp is quite large compared to other HID lamps.
Amber and Red Light Emitting Diodes	These are available in a range of colours, amber and red LEDs minimizes their impact on the environment. They can produce very focused illumination, which is very desirable for NP applications. For NP purposes “Amber” is defined as light in the wavelength of 500 – 650 nm and “Red” is 600 - 660nm. White LEDs emit short wavelength blue light and are not recommended.

APPENDIX C - Light Output from Typical Bulbs for Comparison Purposes

Bulb Types	Lumens [†]	Lux ^{††} at 6 m	Lux ^{††} at 2 m	Lux ^{††} at 1 m
Incandescent*				
7 watt	60	0.13	1.2	4.8
15 watt	128	0.28	2.6	10.2
40 watt	342	0.8	6.8	27.2
60 watt	513	1.1	10.2	40.8
100 watt	855	1.9	17.0	68.0
Metal Halide (MH)				
70 watt	3,000	6.6	59.7	238.7
100 watt	5,800	12.8	115.4	461.6
High Pressure Sodium (HPS)				
35 watts	2025	4.5	40.3	161.1
50 watts	3600	8.0	71.6	286.5
70 watts	5450	12.1	108.4	433.7
100 watts	8550	18.9	170.1	680.4
Low Pressure Sodium (LPS)				
18 watts	1570	3.5	31.2	124.9
35 watts	4000	8.8	79.6	318.3
55 watts	6655	14.7	132.4	529.6
Compact Florescent (CF)				
9 watt (40 w equivalent)	550	1.2	10.9	43.8
13 watt (60 w equivalent)	850	1.9	17.9	71.6
LED**				
1 watt (White) ***	100	2.8	25	100
1 watt (amber) ***	75	2.	19	75
3 watt amber A19	90	0.5	4.0	12
3 watt amber PAR16	90	1.8	16	50
7 watt amber PAR30	200	5.5	50	200
13 watt amber PAR38	400	11	100	400

Note: Fixture and bulb degradation before cleaning or replacement may decrease these to as low as 50%.

* The luminous efficiency of incandescent light is approximated as 1/10 that of HPS for photopic vision

** Supplied by IDA

*** Assumes a 1 steradian illumination angle and no external optics, typical for 2011

↑ Lumens is the total amount of light emitted in all directions (over 4π steradians)

↑↑ Lux is the amount of light illuminating a surface of one metre square

1 lux = 1 Lumen / ($4\pi \text{ dist}^2$) where distance is in metres

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APPENDIX D - Approximate Times of Sunset for Areas in Southern Canada

The time of sunset depends on the time of year and the latitude for a site. The following table lists the approximate time of sunset (DST) for latitude of about +50 degrees from May to the end of September.

May 1	8:17
8	8:29
15	8:38
22	8:48
29	8:57
June 1	9:00
8	9:08
15	9:11
22	9:13
29	9:13
July 1	9:13
8	9:09
15	9:04
22	8:57
29	8:48
August 1	8:42
8	8:31
15	8:19
22	8:06
29	7:50
September 1	7:45
8	7:30
15	7:15
22	6:59
29	6:44

From the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada
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APPENDIX E - Navigation Light Photometric Distribution²⁵

Light Type	Colour	Signal type	Minimum Intensity (candelas) (a)			Vert. beam spread (b)	Intensity (candelas) at given elevation angles when the light is levelled (c)				
			day	twilight	night		- 10deg (d)	- 1deg (e)	± 0deg (e)	+ 2.5deg	+12.5deg
CL810	red	fixed	N/A	32min	32min	10deg	-----	-----	-----	32 min	32 min
CL864	red	flashing 20-40fpm	N/A	N/A	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	-----	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----
CL865 (f)	white (f)	flashing 40fpm	20,000 ±25%	20,000 ±25%	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	3% max	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----
CL866	white	flashing 60fpm	20,000 ±25%	20,000 ±25%	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	3% max	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----
CL885 Catenary	red	flashing 60fpm	N/A	N/A	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	-----	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----
CL856	white	flashing 40fpm	270,000 ±25%	20,000 ±25%	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	3% max	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----
CL857 Catenary	white	flashing 60fpm	140,000 ±25%	20,000 ±25%	2,000 ±25%	3 deg min	3% max	50% min 75% max	100% min	-----	-----

- (a) Effective intensity, as determined in accordance with External Transport Canada Document
- (b) Beam spread is defined as the angle between two directions in a plane for which the intensity is equal to 50% of the lower tolerance value of the intensity shown in columns 4, 5 and 6. The beam pattern is not necessarily symmetrical about the elevation angle at which the peak intensity occurs.
- (c) Elevation (vertical) angles are referenced to the horizontal.
- (d) Intensity at any specified horizontal radial as a percentage of the actual peak intensity at the same radial when operated at each of the intensities shown in columns 4, 5 and 6.
- (e) Intensity at any specified horizontal radial as a percentage of the lower tolerance value of the intensity shown in columns 4, 5 and 6.
- (f) In the case of rotating type CL865 one third of the flash display should be red in colour. e.g. WWR

²⁵Wind Turbine and Windfarm Lighting, CAR621.19 Advisory Circular 1/06 - DRAFT 9, Transport Canada

APPENDIX F – Summary of RASC Lighting Protocol Nocturnal Preserve

This summary applies to all property and structures within the Nocturnal Preserve.

1. No additional light fixtures should be installed.

If additional light fixtures are considered necessary by the park manager, and with approval by the NP nominators, additional fixtures may be installed. All new fixtures should conform to the requirements of Items 3-8 below.

2. Signage should not use artificial lighting.

Signage should use retro reflective materials. Pedestrian signs should be mounted at a height suitable for illumination with flashlights (<1 metre from the ground).

3. Only sharp cut-off (SCO) fixtures should be used.

All existing light fixtures should be replaced with FCO fixtures or shielded to prevent light from shining above the horizon or beyond the immediate area requiring illumination.

4. The illumination level produced by all light fixtures should be as low as practical.

Dusk and nighttime pedestrian and vehicle traffic densities should be used in assessing the level of illumination. For vehicles, typically < 70-watt HPS is sufficient (3 lux) for large parking lots and high traffic density areas where low speed limits are in effect. Major pedestrian routes may be illuminated by typically < 5-watt incandescent light or <<1 watt LED (1 lux). Due to the use of vehicle headlights and pedestrian flashlights, lower light wattages can be used with the understanding that they are used only as marker lights. Phosphorescent markers may be used.

5. Structures and barriers should be used to confine illumination to the immediate area.

Illuminated areas should be bordered by trees and bushes or other barriers to prevent the light from shining and scattering beyond the area being illuminated.

6. All light sources should be turned off within 2-hours of sunset (Dark Time)

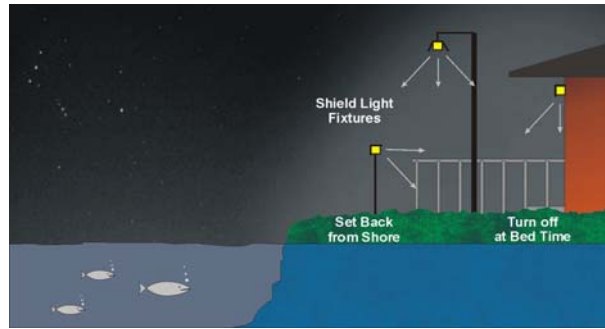
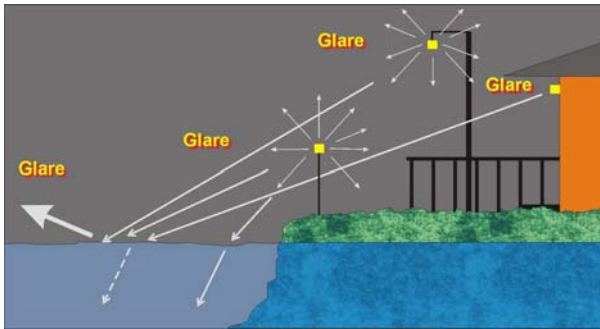
Automatic timers should be used to avoid the need for staff to turn off the lights. The timers should detect nightfall and should turn the lights off within 2-hours. If the park manager considers lights will occasionally be required after this time, the timer should be capable of being reset by staff.

7. Indoor lighting should be prevented from shining through exterior windows.

If interior lights must be used after sunset, window curtains should be closed within 30-minutes of sunset.

8. The colour of all light fixtures should emit a minimum of blue in their spectrum.

“White” light sources such as metal halide lamps and white LEDs should not be used. High-pressure, and low-pressure sodium lamps, incandescent bulbs and “yellow” LEDs may be used.



The Bad and the Good of Shoreline Lighting



Shielded Bollard and White Stone for Parkland Pathways

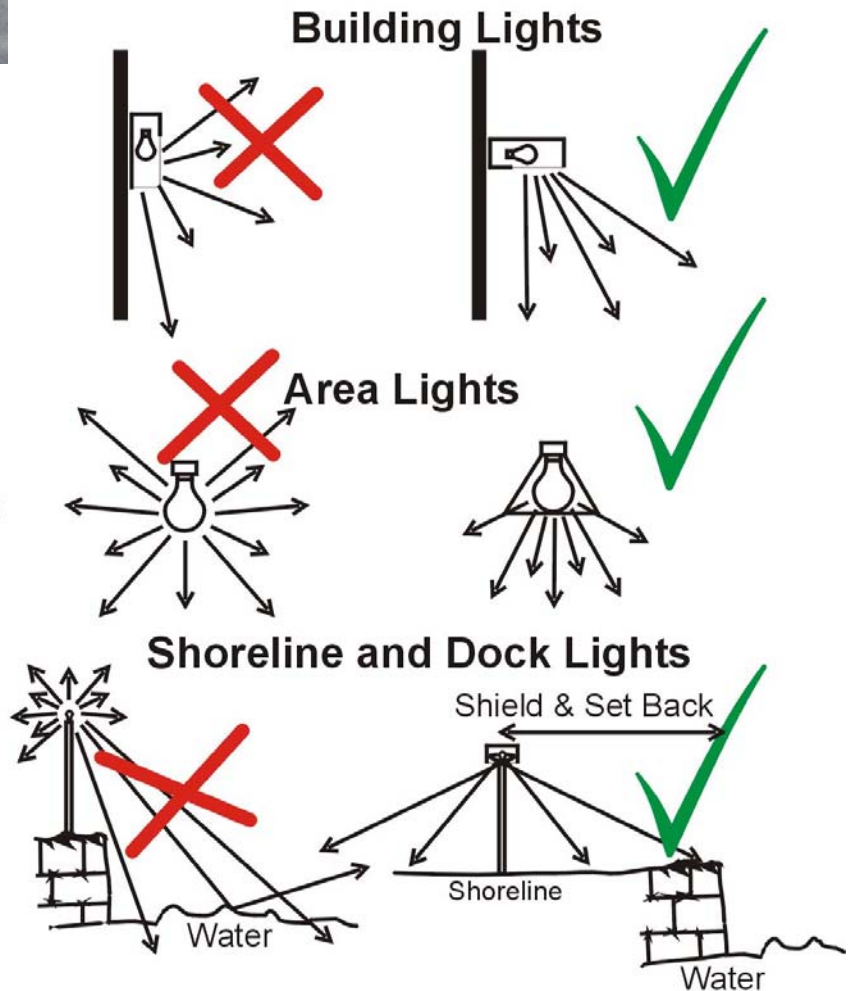
Use Timers

- on at sunset
- off 2-hours later

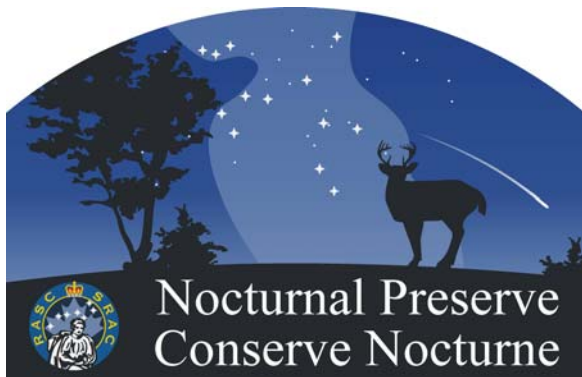
Use Motion Sensors

- lights on only when needed

Use "Warm Light"
- not blue white light



RASC Dark-sky Protection Programs



Nocturnal Preserve

- Limited use of artificial light at night
- May have visitor facilities
- May have visitor access at night
- Limiting artificial sky glow
- Promotion of nocturnal environment



Dark-sky Preserves

- Limited use of artificial light at night
- Visitor facilities
- Visitor access at night
- Limiting artificial sky glow
- Stargazing and astronomy outreach programs
- Promotion of light pollution Abatement



Urban Star Park

- Limited use of artificial light at night
- Visitor facilities
- Visitor access at night
- Noticeable impact of artificial sky glow
- Stargazing and astronomy outreach programs
- Promotion of light pollution Abatement