

What is a Dark Sky Park?

A Dark Sky Park is an area with exceptional dark night skies and where people are committed to reducing light pollution.

The Tomintoul and Glenlivet – Cairngorms Dark Sky Park is the most northerly in the world!

The best star gazing spots

You will get an excellent stargazing experience almost anywhere in the Dark Sky Park. But you can find the best views of the night sky at three Dark Sky Discovery Sites.

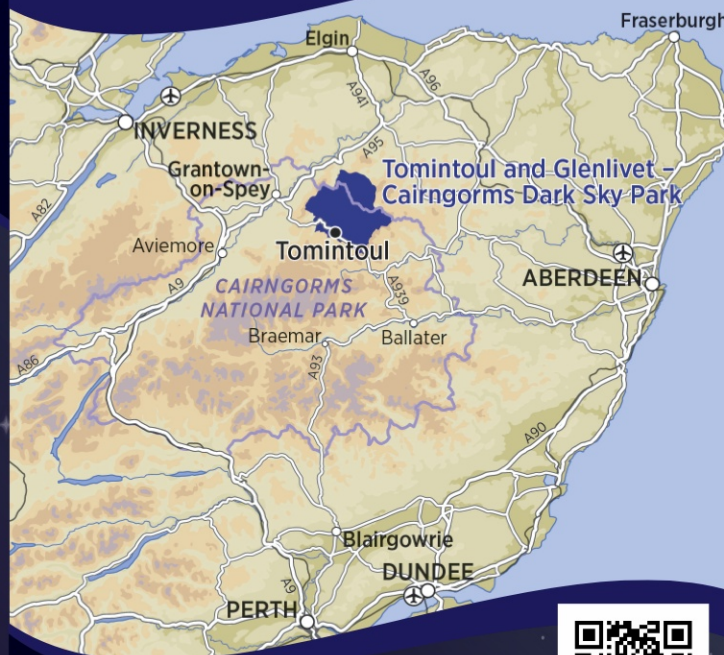


Once you have arrived at your chosen star gazing site, please turn off all your lights. Your eyes should adapt to the dark in ten minutes.

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The Tomintoul and Glenlivet – Cairngorms Dark Sky Park [Pàirc nan Speuran Dorcha] lies in the north east of the Cairngorms National Park. It is naturally shielded from light pollution by the high hills that surround it.



Find out more about our northern night skies and dark skies events at:
www.cairngormsdarkskypark.org

Find visitor accommodation and information at:
www.tomintoulandglenlivet.com



The Dark Skies Project is part of Tomintoul & Glenlivet Landscape Partnership, a National Lottery funded project to regenerate Tomintoul and Glenlivet.



The best place in the Cairngorms National Park to enjoy the starry wonders of the night sky



Look up to the stars in

Spring

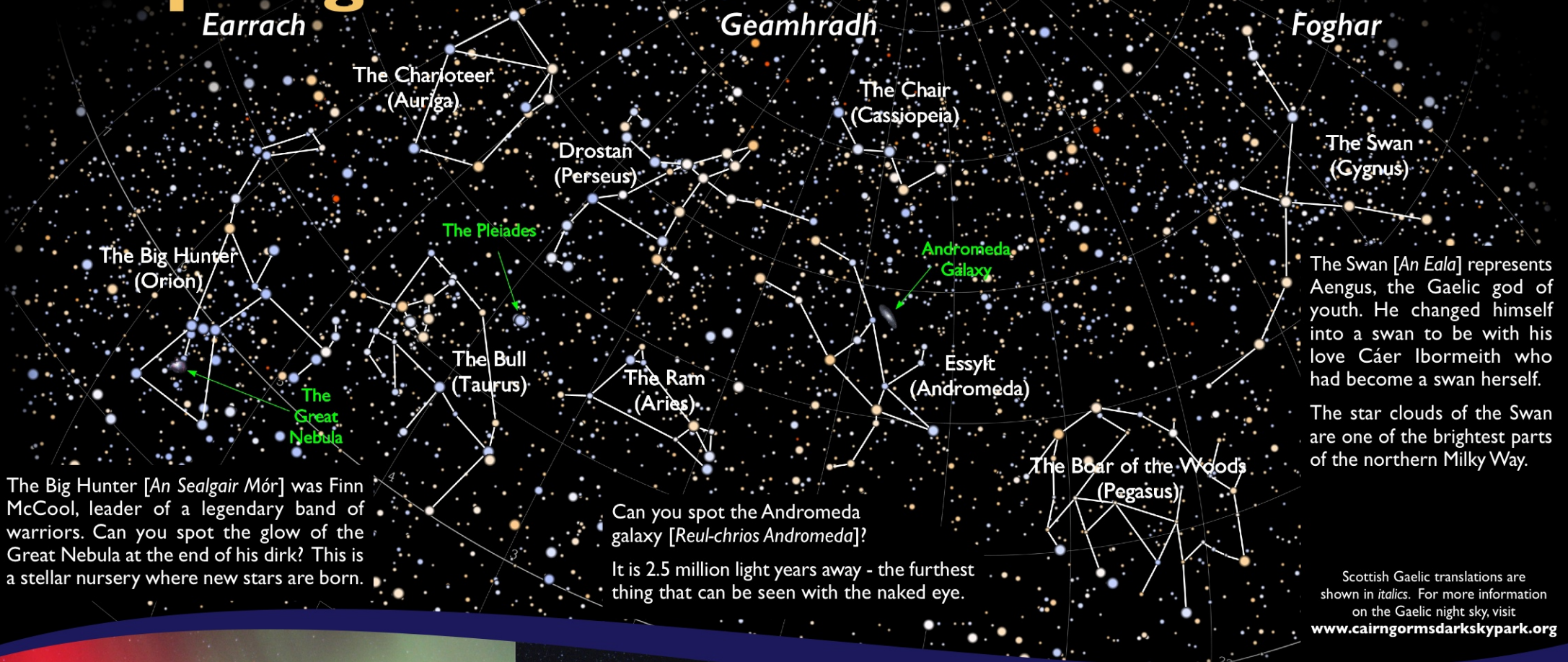
Earrach

Winter

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Autumn

Foghar



The Dancing Men [Na Fir Chlis] or **Aurora** are one of the most spectacular sights of our northern skies. They can appear at any time but keep a special lookout around the equinoxes.

Shooting stars [Dreag] are comet dust that burns up as it enters the atmosphere.

The **Milky Way** [Sgrìob Chlann Uis] is our very own galaxy – home to 250 billion stars.

Can you see the dark patches in the Milky Way? These are clouds of dust which will eventually create new stellar nurseries.