

# Everything You Need To Know To Catch Saturday's Geminid Meteor Shower



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The Geminid meteor shower is one of the most consistently impressive celestial light shows of the year. And this year's display hits its peak this weekend. Here's what you need to know to spot as many meteors as possible.

*Pictured above: A massive Geminid fireball from 2009's shower, one of the brightest ever recorded. The Geminids are notorious for lasting several days and being rich in uncommonly bright "earthgrazer" meteors via [NASA](http://NASA)*

## Avoid Light Like the Plague

We're talking all kinds of light. City lights, street lights, house lights, flashlights, any lights. This year, a waning

moon will already be giving off some light during peak viewing hours, so don't make things any worse by blasting your retinas with the light from your phone. It is a well-known fact that backlit cellphone screens were put on this Earth to ruin meteor showers.

If you're in the country, go find a big open field. If you're in the city, get out if you can. If you can't get out, try to find a high point. These measures can make a HUGE difference.

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