

Re: Hemisphere swap

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Thomas Womack wrote:

> In article <1124505353.720744.164210@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,
> <boo@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
>> I've spent nearly my entire life at 43N. Lately I've been craving
>> to see the stars in the Southern Hemisphere, hopefully before
>> I get much older.
>>
>> Like to hear from people that have made the trip – what were
>> your impressions of the starscape in the Southern hemisphere?
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> I actually cried out with amazement upon seeing the bright bits of the
> Milky Way and Scorpio at the zenith. Obviously the middles of cities
> are hopelessly light-polluted (though I spent a fruitless couple of
> evenings trying to photograph the large bats living in the tree across
> the park); but you can get out to really very dark skies in an hour's
> drive from the middle of Sydney, and much darker than that if you're
> prepared to get in a small plane and head to the desert.
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> <http://www.arkaroola.com.au/> is a reasonable-looking observatory out a
> fair way beyond civilisation, though it's unavoidably a bit expensive
> to get there from South Australia, let alone from the UK.
>
> Definitely, definitely worth the trip.
>
> Tom

Tom, I followed that link, and those pictures from the oz site look lovely. The reds in the landscape remind me of Mars.

I'm tired of the circumpolar constellations that I've seen looking at my entire life. After reading your post I've decided I've got to make the trip, somehow.

–Eric B

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