

## Re: Worst winter skies for years

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The excuse that you had to get up isn't 100% valid for one reason; The length of the winter night. We (unfortunately) as observers coming from urban areas condition ourselves to starting observing too late on winter nights when we know it gets dark at around 5:30pm and stays that way until early morning. Contrast this to summer when (in the northeast anyway) we only get about 4-5 hours of true darkness, starting at about 11:00pm. So, we eat dinner, we lounge around looking at TV then about (maybe 8-9ish) we might go out, which gives us little time to observe, because we have to go to bed at some point.

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