

StarGazing - What Can I See When?

StarDisc shows the Northern Hemisphere constellations – the ones we can see from the UK. You can see some constellations all year round. The Plough is easy to spot.

Some you have to look for at particular times of year. For example:

Spring – Leo the Lion, Corvus the Crow

Summer – Cygnus the Swan, Aquila the Eagle

Autumn – Pegasus the Winged Horse, Andromeda the Princess, home to the Andromeda galaxy

Winter – Orion the Hunter, Taurus the Bull

The constellations nearest Polaris, the North Star, are the ones you can see for most of the year.

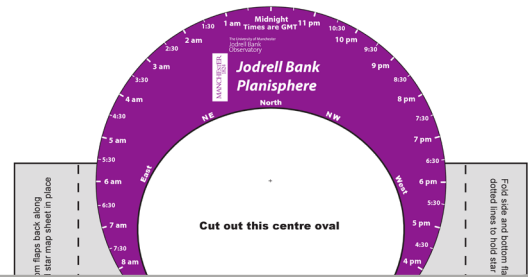
Make a Star Wheel!

For centuries StarGazers have used Star Wheels called planispheres to work out what to look for at a particular time of year.

You can make your own planisphere with this download from Jodrell Bank, <http://www.jodrellbank.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Make-a-planisphere.pdf>



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What's More...

Lots of Apps and websites will help you to work out exactly what to look for from where you are on any day of the year.

<https://astronomynow.com/uk-sky-chart/> is an interactive Star Chart – enter a date and time and the website will show a map of the British night sky right then.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/space/universe/collections/the_night_sky_spring_summer gives links to a collection of clips about how to identify important stars, constellations and galaxies.

StarDisc's Explore More! web page lists several StarGazing Apps, or you can search around yourself for one that suits you and your device.