

# The Skyscape & Horizon at Ballycroy Visitor Centre

## The Horizon

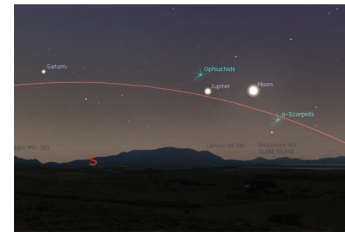
For observers worldwide, the distant horizon is a magical interface between landscape and sky. The horizon delimits our view and is the domain where celestial bodies rise and set. It frames the transition from darkness to light and light to darkness.



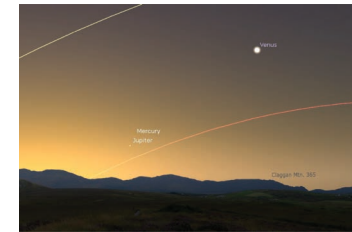
Sunrise, summer solstice  
c. June 20-22



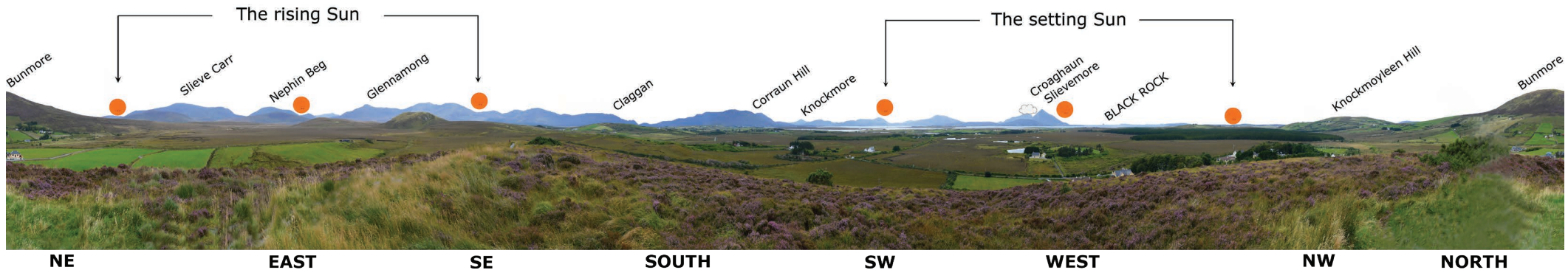
Sunrise, winter solstice  
c. December 21-22



The night sky at Ballycroy



Venus the 'Morning Star'



The Horizon and Dark Sky are critically important elements of our natural and cultural world. Each need protection from unnecessary light pollution.

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Stellarium Landscape File for Ballycroy is available free of charge from [www.mayodarkskypark.ie](http://www.mayodarkskypark.ie). Stellarium is a free planetarium for your computer available at <http://www.stellarium.org/en/>

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