

The future is not some place we are going to but one we are creating. The paths to it are not found but made.

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Yukon Aurora with Star Trails

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Explanation: Fixed to a tripod, a camera can record graceful trails [traced by stars](#) as planet Earth [rotates](#) on its axis. But at high latitudes during [March](#) and April, it can also capture an [aurora shimmering](#) in the night. In fact, the weeks surrounding the equinox, in both spring and fall, offer a favorable [season for aurora hunters](#). The possibilities are demonstrated in this beautiful moonlit vista from northwestern Canadian territory the Yukon. It was taken during the early morning of March 1, off the [Klondike Highway](#) about 60 kilometers south of Dawson City. To compose the picture, many short exposures were digitally combined to follow the concentric star trail arcs while including the greenish auroral curtains also known as [the northern lights](#).

licit

\LISS-it\  *adjective*

Meaning

: conforming to the requirements of the law : not forbidden by law : permissible

Did you know?

"Licit" is far less common than its antonym "illicit," but you probably won't be surprised to learn that the former is the older of the two. Not by much, though: the first known use of "licit" in print is from 1483, whereas "illicit" shows up in print for the first time in 1506. For some reason "illicit" took off while "licit" just plodded along. When "licit" appears these days it often modifies "drugs" or "crops." Meanwhile,

"illicit" shows up before words like "thrill" and "passion" (as well as "gambling," "relationship," "activities," and, of course, "drugs" and "crops.") The Latin word "licitus," meaning "lawful," is the root of the pair; "licitus" itself is from "licere," meaning "to be permitted."
*Indicates the sense illustrated in the example sentence.

Best Regards,

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