

Sun Pillar Display



PHOTO CREDIT: David Mitchell

The photograph here was taken at the Sanctuary on 2 September 2018 by Consociate David Mitchell. He is using it in a university class on atmospheric physics he is teaching, since it is a perfect example of a sun pillar. Sun pillars occur when the Sun is near or just below the horizon (in this case it has just barely peeped above the horizon). Horizontally oriented hexagonal plate ice crystals produce this display. But science aside, he thought it was a nice picture of possible aesthetic interest.