

# Sunrise at Cape Spear Newfoundland

by Duane Linklater

The morning of March 10, 2011, I woke up at approximately 5:00 am Newfoundland Standard Time. I traveled for 35 minutes in my rental car from the bed and breakfast to Cape Spear. I thought that I was too late to see the sunrise but I was on time. I arrived at Cape Spear, prepared my camera and walked to the furthest easterly point in North America. What you are seeing on the inside back cover is the sunrise at Cape Spear, Newfoundland, Canada at 6:24 am Newfoundland Standard Time on that day.

I later proceeded to Wikipedia, to the entry for Cape Spear and entered "At 6:24am NST 3/10/2011, Duane Linklater watched the sunrise. He traveled there to see the sunrise, to be the first one before anyone else." It was put under the section 'current'. The word sunrise would link to a page on my website, so that the viewer could watch video documentation of the sunrise on that particular morning. It was not long after I made the entry to the Cape Spear Wikipedia page that it was edited and deleted and I proceeded to 'undo' the deletion. Below are the messages I received from different editors at Wikipedia about the entry and their reasons for the deletions:

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SILVERCHEMIST (TALK) 04:58, 15 MAY 2011 (UTC)

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GUMP STUMP (TALK) 17:05, 17 MAY 2011 (UTC)

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