

Manitoulin Star Party



Friday, August 6, 2010

To

Monday, August 9, 2010

RASC Dark Sky Preserve Gordon's Park

Join us for an incredible astronomy experience, camping & observing the beautiful night skies of Manitoulin on site in the RASC designated dark sky preserve at Gordon's Park. The Dark Sky Preserve offers exceptional dark skies, the darkest in the Province of Ontario, no light pollution, 360 degree observing, 7.5 + magnitude, 21.45 SQM and an 8" Dobsonian Telescope.

Camping In The Dark Sky Preserve

Camping is rustic but comfortable and takes place in the fields & meadows on site in the dark sky preserve. Some picnic tables & cook stands, hauled water, clean privies, children's playground & group campfire pit. Easy access via private gravel road. Eco showers at main building. Alternative accommodations including Stargazing Cabin, DSP Bunkie, Tipi Tenting, Camping Cabins and B & B are available to those who are not campers.

Latitude N 45.66866

Longitude W 81.9707

<http://www.rasc.ca/lpa/manitoulin.shtm>

<http://cleardarksky.com/c/GrdnsPkOnkey.html>

<http://cleardarksky.com/lp/GrdnsPkOnlp.html>

Friday, Aug 6, 2010

7 pm Wine & Cheese Campfire
Welcome Reception & Info Sharing

9 pm Public Observing Sessions &
Laser Guided Sky Tours with John

Saturday, Aug 7, 2010

2 pm Meteorites: Messengers from Space
Sara Poirier, Ontario Science Centre
Researcher, Astronomy & Space Sciences
Includes Meteorites Specimens

5 pm BBQ Turkey Pot Luck Supper

7 pm Marshmallows On Venus: Wilderness
Astronomy, Peter McMahon
Author, Award Winning Science Journalist
VP, Canadian Science Writers Assoc

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Laser Guided Sky Tours with John

Sunday, August 8, 2010 (new moon Aug 9)

10 am Mini Putt Challenge

11 am Show & Tell & Swap Meet

1 pm Q & A Forum

2 pm "Walk A Fossil Reef" Guided Hike
Sharron Valli, Algoma University

4 pm Climate Change – A Modern & Scientific
Perspective, Mick Rice, MNR Meteorologist
& Astronomy & Climate Enthusiast

Stargazing Cabin - \$110.00 & tax/night

Located in the dark sky preserve. Sleeps 5, propane stove, light, bar size fridge, wood stove, private privy, picnic table, fire pit, hauled water. Eco Showers at main building.

Dark Sky Preserve Bunkie - 85.00 & tax/night

Sleeps 2, located in DSP, two single bunks with table & chairs, picnic table, cook stand, parking.

Camping Cabins – 85.00 & tax/night (2 people)

4 person occupancy, extra persons 5.00/night, sleep cabin only, on private campsite located up front in main camping area with picnic table & campfire pit.

Tipi Tenting - \$75.00 & tax/night (2 people)

Extra persons \$5.00/night. Located up front in the main camping area, wooden floor, rain cap, foam mattress pads, picnic table & campfire pit.

Bed & Breakfast - \$95.00 & tax/night

Queen or Single, 2 people per room, continental breakfast, common room with satellite TV, microwave, coffee maker, bar size fridge and washroom with shower.

Please bring tent & camping gear, folding table, lawn chairs, water container, red gel, telescopes, binoculars, swap meet & show & tell goods, swim suit, towel, sun screen, bug repellent, heavy coat, rain gear, flashlight, warm clothes, proper footwear, plate, cutlery & dish for the BBQ Turkey Pot Luck Supper.

Manitoulin Star Party Registration Form

Name: _____ Age _____

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Include all names & ages of persons in your party

Address _____

PC _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Arrival: _____ Depart: _____

**Pay Only Once & Swim As Often As You Like
Outdoor Solar Heated Swimming Pool**

Registration Fee is \$35.00 & tax per person per day, \$70.00 & tax per day per family (2 adults, children under 16) and includes camping, observing sessions, swap meet, show & tell, welcome reception, Info Sharing, Q & A forum, guest presenters, interpretive centre, walk a fossil reef, mini putt challenge & BBQ Turkey pot luck supper. Advance registration by July 15, 2010 would really be appreciated. Call 705-859-2470 to make your reservation or mail certified cheque or money order with registration form to:

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