

# Manitoulin Star Party



Friday, August 17, 2012

To

Monday, August 20, 2012

## 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 & takes place in the fields & meadows on site in the dark sky preserve. Some picnic tables & cook stands, hauled water, clean privies, eco showers at main building, private gravel road. No white light (must be filtered red), or campfires allowed. Alternative accommodations including Stargazing Cabin, DSP Bunkie, Tipi Tenting, Camping Cabins and B & B.

Latitude N 45.39.43.53

Longitude W 81.58.04.34

<http://www.rasc.ca/gordons-park-dark-sky-preserve>

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

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

### Friday, Aug 17, 2012

7 pm Wine & Cheese Welcome Reception

Art & Astronomy Show, Display your art, meet the artists, buy and sell original astronomy art.

9 pm Public Observing & Laser Sky Tours

### Saturday, Aug 18, 2012

11 am 'Kepler Discoveries of Habitable Zone Planets'  
Klaus Peltch, Sault Astronomy Club

1 pm "Observing The Life Cycle of A Star"  
With Educator Heather Theijsmeijer

3 pm "Weird Variable Stars"  
Steve Pellarin, Windsor RASC

5 pm BBQ Turkey Pot Luck Supper

7 pm "Astrophotography Slide Show"  
Aaron Top, Astrophotographer

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

### Sunday, August 19, 2012

11 am "Theories of the Universe"  
Mick Rice, Sault Astronomy Club

1pm "Plutoids, Centaurs & KBOs: Dwarf Planets of the  
Outer Solar System" Steve Pellarin, Windsor RASC

2 pm Guided Fossil Hike  
4 pm Mini Putt Challenge  
7 pm Wind Up Campfire

### Stargazing Cabin - \$120.00 & 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- 88.00 & tax/night (2 people)

4 person occupancy, extra persons 5.00/night, located in DSP, two bunk beds, table & chairs, picnic table, cook stand, parking.

### Camping Cabins - 88.00 & 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 - \$80.00 & 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 - \$98.00 & 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 filtered flashlight, telescopes, binoculars, swim suit, towel, sun screen, bug repellent, heavy coat, rain gear, warm clothes, proper footwear, plate, cutlery & dish for the 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: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check Out time is 11 am on day of departure)

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

Registration Fee is \$38.00 & tax per person per day, \$75.00 & tax per day per family (2 adults, children under 16) and includes camping, observing sessions, welcome reception, guest presenters, interpretive centre, fossil hike, & pot luck supper. Advance registration by Aug 5, 2012 would really be appreciated. Call 705-859-2470 with Visa or MasterCard to make your reservation or mail certified cheque or money order with registration form to:

**Gordon's Park**  
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Tehkummah, On  
Manitoulin Island POP 2CO  
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