

Free Public Stargazes at Stonelick State Park

Stonelick Lake State Park hosts *The Friends of the Observatory's* Dark Sky Viewing Site. The park is situated far enough from light polluted suburbs to allow dark skies, yet close enough to the Cincinnati Metro area to attract hundreds of interested star gazers throughout the year. On Saturday's, near the New Moon, amateur astronomers set up a variety of telescopes inviting the public, scouts, students and teachers to view the wonders of the night sky. **The events are free and open to the public.** Our thanks to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for their support of this very popular program. This is a great opportunity to view planets, galaxies, nebulae, star clusters and stars. **It is also a good opportunity to see many different types of telescopes in action, ask questions and become involved in the fascinating world of astronomy.** Amateur astronomers are more than willing to have you look through their telescopes as well as help you with your personal telescope..

Throughout the year we also hold special event stargazes. Updates are posted on the Observatory website: <http://www.cincinnatiobservatory.org/stonelickblog.html>

2012 Schedule

Jan 21st
Jan 28th
Feb 18th
Feb 25th

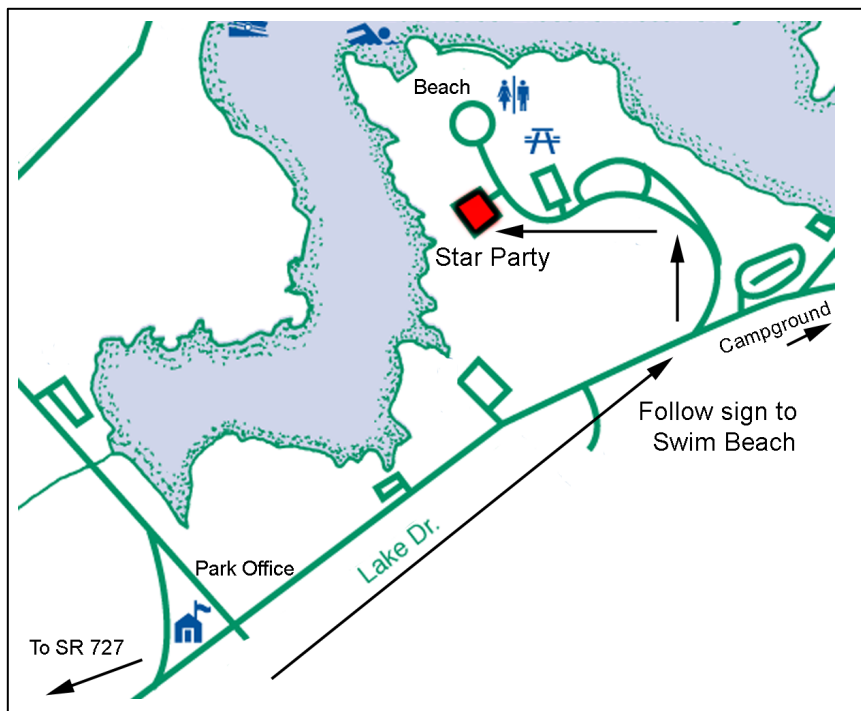
March 17th
March 24th
April 14th
April 21st

May 12th
May 19th
June 16th
June 23rd

July 14th
July 21st
August 11th
August 18th

September 8th
September 15th
October 13th
October 20th

November 10th
November 17th
December 8th
December 15th



When: We set up around dusk, but there are grills, picnic tables, & a beach to enjoy if you'd like to arrive early.

Weather: All Stargazes are Weather Dependent.

For updates or information call the Observatory 513 321-5186 or visit www.cincinnatiobservatory.org/darkskysite.html

Directions: Take Columbia Parkway (US 50) east through Milford. Turn left on SR-131 and go past Pleasant Hill, Buckwheat, and SR-132. Look for a tractor dealer on your right (about 2 miles past 132) and turn left on to SR-727 toward Stonelick Lake State Park. Turn right at the Park entrance and go toward the Beach.

We set up in the parking lot just before the swimming beach main lot.

GPS Coordinates: 39.217 North; -84.085 West