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## Free Public Stargazes at Stonelick State Park

Stonelick State Park hosts the Cincinnati 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 stargazers throughout the year. On Saturday evenings before and after each new moon, experienced astronomers set up a variety of telescopes and invite *everyone* to view the wonders of the sky.

These events are free and open to the public, and they provide excellent opportunities to see deep space objects, such as star clusters, nebulae, and galaxies far, far away! Thanks go to our volunteers and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for their support of this very popular program.

## 2024 Schedule

January 6

January 13

February 3

February 10

March 2

March 9

March 30

April 6

May 4

May 11

June 1

June 8

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June 29

July 6

August 3

August 10

August 31

September 7

September 28

October 5

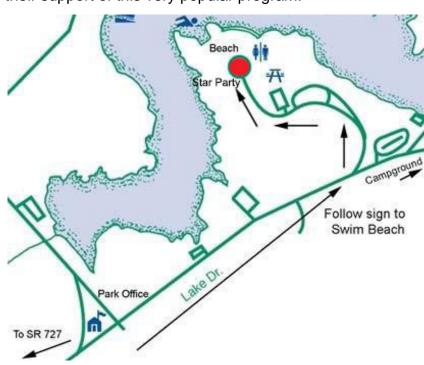
October 26

November 2

November 23

November 30

December 28



**When:** On the scheduled Saturdays, astronomers set up around dusk and often stay late into the night. Stonelick is always open, and stargazers are always welcome—even on nonscheduled nights!

Weather: Stargazes are weather dependent and canceled if cloudy!
For more information, call the Cincinnati Observatory at (513) 321-5186 or visit www.facebook.com/StonelickStargazers. A Facebook account is not needed to view this page.

Park Address: 2895 Lake Dr. Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

**Directions from Cincinnati:** Take Columbia Parkway (US 50) east through Milford. Turn left onto SR 131 continue for 8.5 miles. Look for a tractor dealer on your right (about 2 miles past SR 132) and turn left onto SR 727 toward Stonelick State Park. Turn right at the park entrance and go towards the beach. Turn right at the park entrance and go towards the beach. We now meet in the beach parking lot at the end of this road.

## Other events happening in 2024

January 4 - Quadrantid meteor shower

February 27 - Comet C/2021 S3 (PANSTARRS) reaches peak brightness

April 8 - Total solar eclipse

April 22 - Lyrids meteor shower

May 5 - Eta Aquarids meteor shower

July 29 - Delta Aquarids meteor shower

August 12 - Perseids meteor shower

September 17 - Partial lunar eclipse

September 7 - ScopeOut at the Observatory

October 8 - Draconids meteor shower

October 21 - Orionids meteor shower

November 12 - Taurids meteor shower

November 17 - Leonids meteor shower

December 13 - Geminids meteor shower

December 22 - Ursids meteor shower

During our scheduled nights, to keep headlights from interfering with viewing please park as shown on map. Park so your headlights shine away from telescope setup area. Thank you.

