## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES BUREAU OF STATE PARKS



## OVERNIGHT ASTRONOMY OBSERVATION FIELD PERMIT CONDITIONS

- 1. Overnight Astronomy Observation Field permits will only be issued for the purpose of overnight viewing of the night sky, with viewing and/or photography equipment, for the full night.
- 2. All non-red lighting is prohibited after sunset, including interior lighting, exterior lighting, computers and other devices. Excessive red lighting is prohibited. All lasers are prohibited except for collimation devices used for lens and mirror alignment. Lighting restrictions are lifted in times of emergencies and severe weather.
- 3. Galaxy Pass holders must obtain and fully complete the required permit, including their assigned Galaxy Pass number <u>before</u> setting up on the Overnight Astronomy Observation Field. Galaxy Pass holders are exempt from the nightly fee requirement. Persons accompanying a Galaxy Pass holder, who are not Galaxy Pass holders themselves, must abide by Permit Condition #4.
- 4. All groups, from 1 person up to 5 persons, or one family unit must obtain and fully complete a permit and pay fees **before** setting up on the Overnight Astronomy Observation Field. A family unit is considered as parents and their children. No more than one family unit or 5 persons, if not a family unit, can be assigned to one permit.
- 5. Driving on the field after sunset is prohibited except in case of emergency.
- 6. Campfires are prohibited on the Overnight Astronomy Observation Field.
- 7. Cooking that creates excessive smoke, open flame or spattering grease is prohibited.
- 8. Electric pedestals are for telescope, computers, and small appliance use only.
- 9. Visitor hours are from 9 a.m. to midnight.
- 10. Quiet hours are from midnight to 9 a.m.
- 11. Occupants shall include at least one person 18 years of age or older. A responsible person of at least 18 years of age shall accompany each group. Sites are limited to one camping unit (camping trailer or recreation vehicle) or two tents.
- 12. Maximum camping period is limited to 14 consecutive nights in the summer and 21 consecutive nights in the non-summer season. All camping equipment must be removed from the field for at least 48 hours at the end of any 14-night or 21-night period.
- 13. This permit may not be assigned or transferred.