

Dark Sky Site Usage Guideline

In the interest of serving the members of the Astronomical Society of Kansas City (ASKC), the following guidelines for the Dark Sky Site (DSS) were approved by the ASKC Board of Directors on October 13, 2005 and amended on November 10, 2005.

1. The DSS shall be for use by any ASKC member for astronomical purposes. Any other use must be approved by a liaison of the ASKC Board of Directors prior to use, on a per use basis.
2. Persons who are NOT members of the ASKC may not use the DSS unless they are accompanied by an ASKC member. ASKC members may bring up to 5 non-member guest (s) to the DSS. More than 5 guests must be scheduled by a liaison of the ASKC Board of Directors.
3. It shall be understood that a guest(s) visiting the DSS is the responsibility of the member who invited the guest. Guests should understand that there are actions that will not be tolerated during observing sessions. Such as but not exclusively; using white light, using another persons telescope without permission, wandering away from the observing field, loud or profane language, loud music, running, throwing objects, approaching or departing the observing field with headlights on, etc.
4. No open fires.
5. No fireworks.
6. No firearms.
7. Pets will be allowed at the DSS as long as that pet is on a leash held by a person of responsibility or affixed in a safe location. Absolutely no pets shall be allowed to run free. The person of responsibility shall clean up any feces deposited by that pet at the DSS, and dispose of the feces in a proper manner. Special care should be taken so that a pet does not urinate on any observing equipment or object that may be damaged by such action. Pet owners will be held responsible for any such damage. Any animal that causes disturbing noise, such as constant barking, will not be tolerated.
8. Trash will be removed from the DSS by the person(s) who brought the trash. Take your trash with you when you leave.
9. Camping Units, such as, or similar to, Pop-ups, RVs, and Trailers, shall not be left unattended or stored at the DSS for more than 48 hours. If problems arise, they will be handled on a case by case basis.
10. All utility utilization is free. Any donation towards installation or utilization is appreciated.
11. Camping Units, such as, or similar to, Pop-ups, RVs, and Trailers, when possible, will set up along the north side of the designated observing field. This will prevent blockage of the southern horizon and observers having to view through the heat radiating off these camping units.
12. ASKC members will not claim any site on the DSS property as their private site.
13. The ASKC is not responsible for loss or damage of equipment, or injury to any person at the DSS.