

AMADOR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY



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Telescope Flat Site Use Rules

The AAS Telescope Flat Site is a rare and valuable resource for members. We ask that all members and their guests respect and follow these common-sense rules so that all of us benefit and will continue to be able to use this site for many years to come. Thank you for your courtesy!

[1] The site has no bathrooms. Please bring your own port-a-potty.

[2] The site has no water or food. Bring your own refreshments.

[3] The site has no garbage can or garbage pickup. Please keep site clean, bring your own trash bags, take them home with you. Search the area for cans and trash before you leave. You are responsible for your guests and their needs.

[4] On arrival, drive as slow as possible for safety and to keep dust out of telescopes, lenses, food and eyes!

[5] Arrive early, before dark. Park your car so that the headlights are facing out, away from the observers and observing area. When you leave, you will not blind fellow astronomers.

[6] Empty your car of everything you will possibly need and set it up before dark. Dome lights will destroy night vision for star gazing.

[7] Bring red filtered flash lights for yourself and your guests to prevent stray light.

[8] If your car inadvertently ends up behind other observers, try to exit slowly with parking lights only.

[9] Please leave your radio or CD player off.

[10] Safety Tip: bring a friend, don't observe alone just in case you have car trouble. The site is close to a traveled road, but traffic is sparse, especially at night. We have not tested cell phones as of yet, so let a family member know where you are going and when you expect to be back. We would appreciate some cell phone access reports from our members.

Legal Disclaimer: AAS Members and guests use the Telescope Flat site at their own risk. By using the site, you and your guests agree that the AAS, AAS members, officers and land owner shall not be held responsible for any accidents, breakage, theft or any other harmful or other incident in any form or in any respect whatsoever. Optimal viewing is dependant on weather and other factors. Thanks for your support, see you there!