

June 19 - 21, 2008



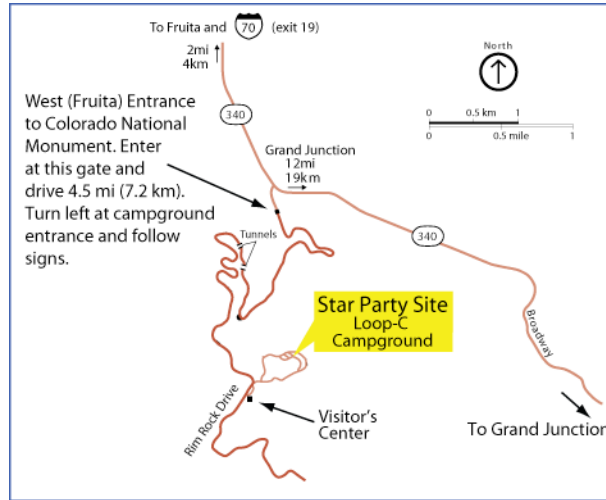
View from the Colorado National Monument, site of this year's star party.

You are cordially invited to attend our annual star party hosted by the Western Colorado Astronomy Club. This year the event will be held at a new site on the Colorado National Monument, elevation 5800 feet (1770 m). Only 15 minutes from downtown Grand Junction, this location offers a large area to accommodate almost any size vehicle from a sedan to a 40-foot RV. Thirty campsites are available on Loop-C and these will be filled on a first come, first served basis. There is also a large, paved parking lot available for observers who don't want to set up a permanent campsite.



A Typical Campground Observing Site (no snow in June!)

Getting There



**Complete Directions
are on our web site:**

<http://www.wcacastronomy.org/page6.html>



A paved observing site is available near the campground for attendees who don't plan to camp.



Colorado West Star Party 2009

Clear Skies, Good Friends



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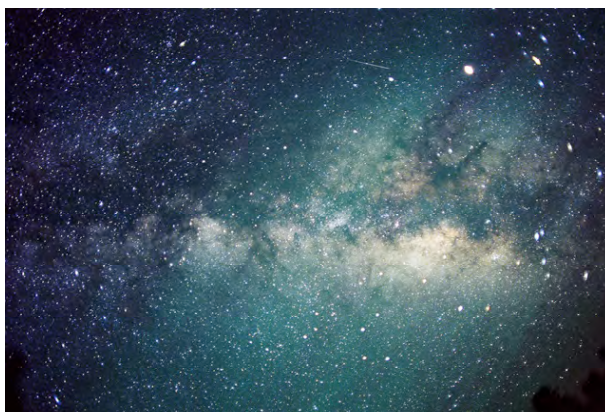


Scenes from Previous WCAC Star Parties



You Don't Need to Bring a Telescope To Enjoy the Fun!

- Over \$1000 in Raffle Prizes
- Pot Luck Supper
- Learn about the night sky



Milky Way At Colorado West Star Party 2007
(photo by Dave Copley).

The Colorado National Monument preserves one of the grand landscapes of the American West. Sheer-walled canyons, towering monoliths, colorful formations, desert bighorn sheep, soaring eagles, and a spectacular road reflect the environment and history of the plateau-and-canyon country. Hiking, sightseeing and bicycling are just a few of the exciting choices awaiting visitors. Weather in early June is typically dry but an occasional thunderstorm may pass through the area. During the day temperatures can rise to 85F and at night lows of 32F are not uncommon. Bring appropriate, layered clothing and especially a hat for UV protection during the day. Sunglasses are a must to preserve night vision.

Skies at the observing site are usually dark and transparent. A light dome of Grand Junction to the North is visible, but skies to the South and West are generally dark with a limiting magnitude (NELM) of about 6.0.

The campground has toilets and cold water is available, but there are no electrical hookups or sanitary facilities for RVs. The Forest Service has strict rules concerning fire hazards, and no open campfires or fireworks are permitted at any time.

Please observe star party etiquette. No headlights or driving in the observing areas after dark. All flashlights should have a red lens, and please be courteous when using laser pointers. Observe quiet before 10 AM to let late night observers sleep in. Share your passion with the uninitiated – that is what we're here for, and have fun!

Colorado West Star Party 2009 Registration

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
e-mail _____

Affiliation _____

Please select your preference:

Camp Site (limited availability)

Open observing area

Number in Party _____

Suggested Donation is \$20 per attendee, additional family members are free. WCAC is a non-profit organization and your donation may be tax deductible.

\$20 or Other \$ _____

Note: All attendees must purchase a Colorado National Monument Park Pass for \$7 per vehicle (valid at CNM for seven days). Park staff at the entrance gate will collect this fee, please do not send it with your star party registration form.

Please make checks payable to WCAC,
And mail to:

WCAC SP09 Registration
P.O. Box 40537
Grand Junction, CO 81504

Thanks!