

Foothills Park Star Party Schedule for 2010

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The following are the dates for this year's Palo Alto Foothills Park public star parties. As in past years, anyone bringing a "telescope" is allowed access to the park – normally you must be a Palo Alto resident to get in.

May 15 – 8:30 PM to 11 – sunset 8:11 PM, 4% waxing crescent Moon sets 10:24 PM

June 12 – 8:30 PM to 11 – sunset 8:30 PM, new Moon sets 9:09 PM

**July 17 – 8:30 PM to 11 – sunset 8:28 PM, 43% waxing crescent Moon sets 12:01 AM
Sunday**

**August 14 – 8:30 PM to 11 – sunset 8:02 PM, 29% waxing crescent Moon sets 10:36 PM
(this date is in conflict with the annual Yosemite Star Party, so it may change or cancel)**

September 11 – 7:30 PM to 10:00 – sunset 7:22 PM, 16% waxing crescent Moon sets 9:11 PM

October 9 – 7:30 PM to 10:00 – sunset 6:40 PM, 6% waxing crescent Moon sets 7:46 PM

Events will be cancelled if it's cloudy!!! August date subject to change due to Yosemite weekend.

The Park entrance will be closed at the start time given above! Be sure to get there before they close the gate or you won't get in!

These are all Saturday evenings. Start time is around sunset; come early, bring a picnic supper, and enjoy the view. Star party ends at time given above for the public; astronomers may stay longer if a PAS member can be present to let people out. Setup is on Vista Hill, with parking for astronomers on the inner/upper loop, which will (hopefully) be blocked off to the public. Note that a telescope is required to gain access to the park if you are not a Palo Alto resident.