



The Northern Lights

The spring equinox and the longer nights as we head into the fall are perfect times of the year to watch for Northern Lights. Join us for an incredible astronomy experience, camping & observing the beautiful night skies of Manitoulin on site in the RASC designated Dark Sky Preserve at Gordon's Park. The Dark Sky Preserve offers exceptionally dark skies, no light pollution, 360 degree observing from horizon to horizon and 21.45 SQM, meaning even the faintest of auroras are often visible.

Camping in the Dark Sky Preserve

Camping in the meadows and fields of our dark sky preserve is natural and comfortable. Our preserve is accessed via a private gravel road and there are picnic tables, cook stands, hauled water and clean privies nearby. Eco showers & flush toilets are available at the main building. No campfires or white light is allowed, flashlights must be filtered red, and all dark sky preserve rules apply.

Our Stargazing Cabin and Milky Way Bunkie, located in the Dark Sky Preserve, are also available for rent.

What to Bring: A tent & camping gear, folding table, lawn chairs, water container, red filtered flashlight, telescope, binoculars, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, bug repellent, heavy coat, rain gear, warm clothes, proper footwear.

Aurora Borealis Weekend

2019 Dates

May 24-26 & Aug 30- Sept 3



Itinerary

Friday

- 7 pm - Meet & Greet
- 9 pm - Guided Stargazing Night Hike

Saturday

- 11 am - Solar Observing Session
- 9 pm - Public Astronomy & Orientation, Aurora Watch & Interpretation, & Laser Guided Sky Tour of the Milky Way.

Sunday

- Explore the Park and enjoy free & unlimited access to our nature center and hiking trails, mini putt, badminton, horseshoes & bocce ball
- 9 pm - Public Astronomy & Orientation, Aurora Watch & Interpretation, & Laser Guided Sky Tour of the Milky Way.

Registration Fee

\$50.00 +tx per person /night

\$110.00 +tx per family /night

Family includes two adults and children under 16

** Activities subject to change*

NO WHITE LIGHT ZONE

Our dark sky preserve is a no white light zone meaning only lights with red filters are allowed. Please prepare accordingly.

Gordon's Park Manitoulin Island

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Photos taken at Gordon's Park