

Astrophotography SIG

Each month the FAAC special interest group (SIG) meets to share and explore further the intricacies and issues of Astrophotography. Topics include photography equipment, techniques, image processing, and software tools. Feel free to attend. Contact the FAAC to obtain current SIG meeting details, dates and location.



Educational Outreach

The FAAC is often invited to come out to a school or association and give an introduction to the great topic of Astronomy. Several club members will bring offerings including a fun slide presentation, actual telescopes and equipment. Contact the FAAC to make arrangements to schedule an event at your school, scout group or other organization.

Be a Member!

Take a part in all the goodies enjoyed via membership in the FAAC! Monthly meetings, coordinated observations and special events like Lunar Eclipses, Astronomy Day, Star Parties, Educational Outreach, Special Interest Groups, Field Trips, and much more! Membership fee is \$30 (first year -\$25 renewal), which includes our monthly newsletter, discounts on ASTRONOMY and SKY & TELESCOPE magazines, after-hours access to the observing sites, and discounts at area retailers. Contact us for an application!

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The Ford Amateur Astronomy Club (FAAC) welcomes you!

The FAAC - amateur astronomers, gathering mainly from the Southeast Michigan area. Our mission is to provide avenues to learn, explore, and share this hobby. We hope to spread the enthusiasm and knowledge through observing nights, club meetings, field trips, special events and educational programs, and more... Join us, for a night, or a lifetime of fun!

Read on...

Beginner's Nights

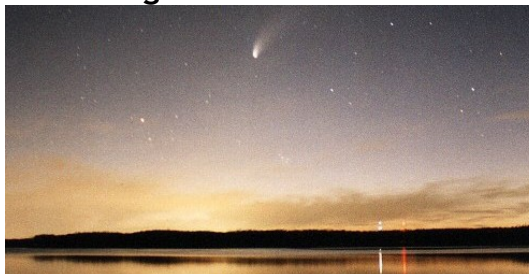
Do you want to check out some impressive telescopes in action? See the secrets the night sky has to offer? Do you have a new telescope, or plan to buy one, and want a few tips? Come to one of our Beginner's Nights, scheduled several times a year. These nights are dedicated to providing assistance for the newcomers to amateur astronomy. Check our website for the next scheduled **Beginner's Night** dates.



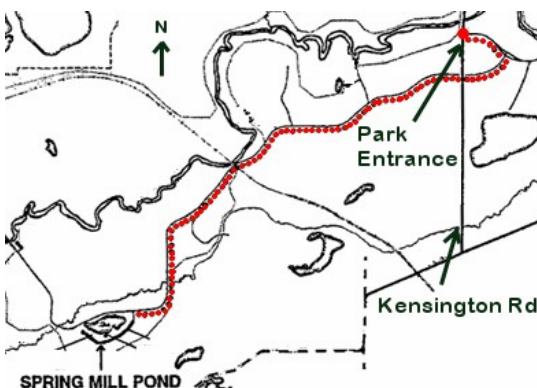
Observing Nights - Hotline

The FAAC observes at Island Lake on clear Friday or Saturday evenings, year round. You are welcome, but you must be with a club member if you plan to stay after 10PM. Call our **Hotline, (313)757-2582**, to see if anyone is going out on a particular night.

Observing Site - Island Lake Park



Home for our observing nights and Beginner's Nights. Go to the Island Lake State Recreation Area, off **I-96 - take Kensington Rd exit south, between South Lyon and Brighton.** Find us at the **Spring Mill Pond** site:



Dark Sky Site

The FAAC members also support and use the grounds of **Lake Hudson State Park**, near Clayton, Michigan, a **Dark Sky Preserve**. **Location:** 1.25 miles south of M-34 (Beecher Rd.) on M-156 (Morey Hwy.), 15 miles west of Adrian.

Monthly FAAC Meeting

The FAAC holds general membership meetings at **5:30 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month** except for Nov. & Dec. where a combined meeting is held on the 1st Thursday in December. The location is in the **Berry Amphitheater Conference Room** in the Administrative Services and Conference Center on the campus of **Henry Ford Community College** (on Evergreen Rd. just south of Ford Rd. in Dearborn). See the map on our web site for details.



Each meeting presents an opportunity to share observing experiences with fellow astronomers, ask questions, get detailed technical information, and watch the main astronomy presentation offered that evening. You're welcome to attend, and see how you like our club. Pizza and pop are served.