

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Areas of Interest:

- Nature Center Docent
- Outdoor Work Days
- Garden Maintenance
- Fox Park Observatory
- Displays and Artwork
- Workshops
- Publicity for Special Events
- Clerical/Mailing Assistance
- Community Advocate
- Special Event Assistance
- Educational Assistance
- Grant Writing/Fundraising
- Other _____

Which of the following would you like us to contact you about?

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Available Programs
- Other _____

Thank you! All information is confidential.

Make checks payable and send to:

Friends of Eaton County Parks
PO Box 522
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

HISTORY:

In 1998, a group of residents and amateur astronomers with a common vision proposed to create a Public Observatory within Eaton County Parks. They formed a non-profit organization and set about gaining community support, raising funds and soliciting donations of supplies and materials. The Fox Park Public Observatory opened its doors to the public in the fall of 1999. The Fox Park Observatory non-profit joined forces with the Capital Area Astronomy Club in 2004 to form the Capital Area Astronomy Association (CAAA) and continued to operate the Fox Park Public Observatory. In 2007, the CAAA fashioned an agreement with the Eaton County Parks Commission. Through this contract, Eaton County Parks assumed ownership responsibilities for the Observatory and equipment. Members of the original corporate board now act in an advisory capacity helping to coordinate programs and volunteers to maintain Observatory operations.

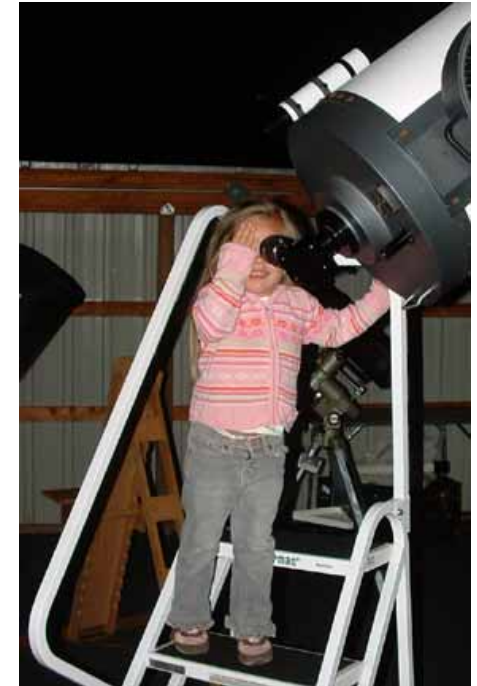


For more information on Eaton County Parks, please visit www.eatoncountyparks.org or call the park office at 517-627-7351.



EATON COUNTY PARKS
A MEMORABLE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

FOX PARK PUBLIC OBSERVATORY



Open Air Observatory

Fox Park Public Observatory
3979 E. Gresham Hwy.
Pottersville, MI 48876
517-645-6666



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MISSION:

To share and promote the wonders of Astronomy by providing quality educational experiences for people of all ages through the science, technology and history of Astronomy.



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GOALS:

- Provide families, civic and community groups the opportunity to view the night sky with various telescopes.
- Encourage and support astronomers of all generations.
- Enhance public awareness and advance the science of Astronomy.
- Help those that wish to pursue Astronomy through telescopic viewing and astrophotography.
- Invite the public to hear lectures and view seminars from members in the field of Astronomy.
- Integrate with area schools, colleges and universities.
- Add to the enjoyment and quality of life in mid-Michigan.
- Contribute to scientific discovery.
- Collect historic astronomical related items.

FEATURES:

Young and old alike can share the excitement of the night sky at the Fox Park Observatory. Through the Observatory's array of specialized equipment, including professional grade computer controlled telescopes, one can view such wonders as the giant planet Saturn and its rings, the Moon with its craters and mountains, spots on the Sun (using safe solar filters) and glowing clouds of gas, star clusters and distant galaxies many times larger than our own Milky Way.



PROGRAMS:

The Fox Park Public Observatory offers programs for general public viewing and astrophotography throughout the year. School, youth and civic groups can reserve individual Astronomy programs at the Observatory or at your facility. For a full list of programs, dates and times, visit the Eaton County Parks website at www.eatoncountyparks.org.

Visit the Fox Park Observatory Facebook page. When visiting Eaton County Parks, make sure you put this unique attraction on your list of things to do!

To arrange individualized programs, please call the park Naturalist at 517-627-7351 X 23.

SUPPORT:

Though regular building and grounds maintenance is funded by Eaton County Parks, special or unexpected needs are supported by the Friends of Eaton County Parks. Joining the Friends of Eaton County Parks enables you to contribute financially to programs through membership, donations and sponsorships. Please join us as an active volunteer.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(continued on back)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

Check one:

New member _____ Renewal _____

Membership year January 1 through December 31

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

____ Family: \$25.00

____ Individual: \$15.00

____ Student: \$10.00



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is a 501(c)3 non-profit.

All contributions are tax deductible.

