



# HAVEN

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**STAR**  
**PARTY™**

A ROCKLAND ASTRONOMY CLUB EVENT

**SEPT 7-12, 2023**

















# OVERVIEW

*Dark Sky Observing At Its Best*

RAC Members-Only Adult Observing Event

5 Nights All-Inclusive Camping

1/2-acre Observing field treated for ticks

Strictly red lights only after dark

CARRY IN / CARRY OUT site

LOCATION	SQM*	NELM**
Cherry Springs, PA	21.8	7.0
Star Haven, NY	21.5	6.8
Stellafane, VT	21.47	6.8
Taghkanic, NY	21.21	6.7
Wawayanda, NJ	20.14	6.1

*\*SQM: Sky Quality Meter. \*\*NELM: Naked-eye limiting magnitude.*





# DATES

Check-in	Thurs	Sept 7	Noon
StarBQ	Sat	Sept 9	5 pm
Check-out	Tues	Sept 12	Noon
Weather Extension		Sept 14	Noon







# AMENITIES

Solar-powered 120V charging station + USB ports

Drinks/snacks until 1am on clear nights

Two large picnic tables + fold-up tables

Canopies for shelter / meals w/ red lights

Toilets on site

Potable Cartesian Well-water

Sink & Shower, gravity-fed







# CAMPING

*First come/first serve* open camping & parking  
NO reservations for sites or site locations

6 Campsites w/ picnic tables, firepits, benches, woodchip tent areas, etc.

Each campsite can host 4-5 tents/vehicles

One small Cabin w/ 2 beds, wood stove, & dining area: Reserve for \$65/night (2 guests)

Two 8 x 16-ft. Tent Platforms: Reserve for \$25/night (Accommodates 4 guests; shaded area)

5-Acre gently rolling hillside accommodates unlimited tailgate & tent campers, RVs, etc.





## FEES

\$75 per person non-refundable TD contribution  
*(Every attendee must join/renew RAC before event)*

StarBQ & other foods are separate purchases

Walk-ins after 9/5 accepted with \$90 (cash only)

NO Family or Group discounts

NO Children under age 12

NO Pets or Gas-powered Generators

Campers / Observers may stay or go, setup  
or breakdown as desired during daylight hours





# SITE MAP 2023



Haven for Humanity

Road to HH Main Facility







# CAMPING OFF-SITE

There are many commercial camp sites & Local Hotels/Inns/B&Bs available within 15-30 mins of Haven w/ full amenities  
Note: Off-site campers must park vehicles on adjacent road to prevent headlight issues

Mongaup Pond Campground  
Little Pond Campground  
Quapaw Campground  
Little Spring Brook RV Park  
Mud Pond & Trout Pond Campgrounds  
Beaverkill Campground  
Butternut Grove Campsite  
Roscoe Campsites  
Russell Brook Campsites  
Willowemoc Campgrounds  
Hemlock Falls Camping

Knights Inn Liberty  
Budget Inn  
Reynolds House Inn  
Catskills Adventures  
Days Inn Liberty  
Rest Co.  
Anthony's House  
Best Western Monticello  
Inn at Monticello





# SECURITY

Large Club HQ Tent on Observing Field  
2 RAC staff on site 24/7

Campers are responsible for their own gear  
Everyone must sign a waiver to attend





# LOCAL SERVICES/ACTIVITIES

## Livingston Manor (10 miles):

- Full grocery market w/ deli
- Two micro-breweries
- Several sit-down/takeout restaurants/pizzarias
- Ice cream stand
- Bakery
- Organic foods market
- Sunday organic farmer's mkt
- Two gas stations
- Hardware store/tools
- Pharmacy
- Boutiques
- Sports/camping gear (Roscoe)

## Nearby Activities:

- Biking/Mountain biking
- Swimming: freshwater lakes
- Boat rentals, beautiful local lakes
- Fishing, streams
- Hiking: 40-acre open woods
- Horseback riding farms nearby
- Whitewater rafting (mild)  
on the Delaware River
- Wildlife watching: Bald eagles, songbirds, foxes, & baby bear
- Antiquing





# RULES

**Carry-in/Carry out:** Police your own garbage.

Dispose of trash in town or at your home.

**All Food** & food-based refuse must be secured from wild animals, bears, coyotes, etc. Store in vehicle. Do NOT feed cats on site!

**Quiet Hours:** Dusk to Dawn. Sorry, NO generators

**NO Music** playing at any time: Use earpods

**NO Camp or Gear Set-up** after 8pm

**NO Driving on site** after 8pm

**Red Lamps & Filters** required

**NO Vehicle Lights** or other unshielded lighting after 8pm

**NO Camp Fires** after 8pm on clear observing nights.

Always extinguish fire before leaving campsite.

Wood for firepits is available for purchase from Haven crew. Ask.

**NO Pets** at Star Haven site

**NO Smoking:** Observing Field is a Smoke-Free Zone

**NO Bikes** are allowed on Observing Field at any time

**NO Firearms or Fireworks** are allowed at Star Haven

**Tick Spray** highly recommended!

**Stay/Go** as desired during daylight hours



# Astro-Imaging: Haven Star Party Site: Vinnie Coulehan & Others

