

Stars Over Yellowstone

Enjoy Yellowstone's unpolluted sky. Find constellations, hear star stories, and view the sun and other celestial objects through telescopes. Weather permitting.

Safe Solar Observing

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center area

Saturday

June 25 & July 30, 2–5 pm

Safely view the sun through telescopes.

Night Sky Observing

Between the Madison Campground & Amphitheater

Friday & Saturday

June 24 & 25, July 29 & 30, 10:30 pm

Find the Milky Way, Jupiter, craters on the Moon, the center of the Galaxy, star clusters, and nebula. Telescopes available. Dress warmly; bring a flashlight.

Stars Over Yellowstone is presented by The Museum of the Rockies and its partners, including the Southwest Montana Astronomical Society. The Museum of the Rockies is in Bozeman, Montana, at 600 Kagy Blvd.; 406-994-2251.

Astronomy Evening Programs: *Madison Campground Amphitheater*

Friday, June 24, 9:30 pm

Cosmic Update 2011 by Jim Manning, Executive Director, Astronomical Society of the Pacific. What's up, what's new, what's hot in the big wide universe and our exploration of it.

Saturday, June 25, 9:30 pm

Did Mars Start Out Like Yellowstone? by Jim Manning. Look at our search for life elsewhere. See how Mars may have started out like Yellowstone and may be a possible source of life.

Friday, July 29, 9:30 pm

Star Gazing from the National Parks, by Mike Murray, Program Manager, Clark Planetarium, Salt Lake City. Some of the most pristine views of stars and deep sky wonders can be experienced from Yellowstone because of dark night skies and incredible viewing conditions. Discover how to get the most out of your star observing experience in Yellowstone.

Saturday, July 30, 9:30 pm

Seeing in the Dark: Tales of an Amateur Astronomer by Mike Murray. The inspiration to explore the sky has one common thread: a curiosity to discover more of nature's secrets and feel a personal connection to the universe. Learn about observing with binoculars, "star hopping," astronomy clubs, star parties, choosing your first telescope, observing techniques, using star charts, and more.