

The Miami Valley Astronomical Society (MVAS)

Is an organization for Amateur Astronomers!

We promote amateur astronomy at every level. The MVAS provides a forum where members can get together to meet, share ideas on astronomy and related subjects, learn from more experienced members, stargaze with friends, and simply enjoy the fellowship of a group of individuals sharing a common interest.

We promote education among our members by inviting guest lecturers who are often professional astronomers or who teach astronomy at regional colleges and universities. Our observatory at John Bryan State Park sports a roll-off roof observatory, a variety of telescopes and a secure building located in a fenced-in compound providing significant security.

Our most important mission is public education. We promote education by bringing astronomy to the public through regular stargazes at John Bryan State Park, schools, scout camps, and other outreach events at other area locations.

The Society began in 1918 as the Dayton Astronomical Society (DAS), and was the first formally organized group of amateur astronomers in the Dayton area. One of its founding members was Colonel Edward Deeds, then president of the National Cash Register Company.



Meetings

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend our club meetings.

Refer to our website mvas.org or our Facebook page for up to date info on day, times and locations of meetings.

Outreach

The MVAS holds public programs and stargazes in addition to regular club activities. Programs are held for schools, city and state parks, public libraries, scout troops, etc. Programs are also scheduled around special astronomical events like eclipses, meteor showers, and visible comets.

Observatory

MVAS members have access to the John Bryan Observatory located inside the John Bryan State Park, near Yellow Springs, Ohio.

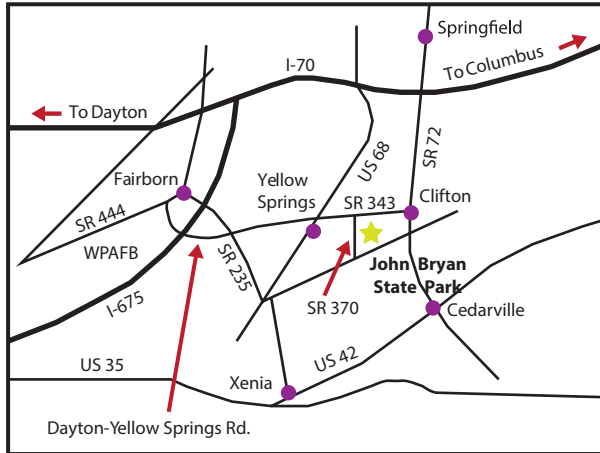
The John Bryan Observatory is our club's premier observing site. It is a terrific facility and one of our best membership benefits with access to an impressive array of astronomical equipment.

Membership Benefits

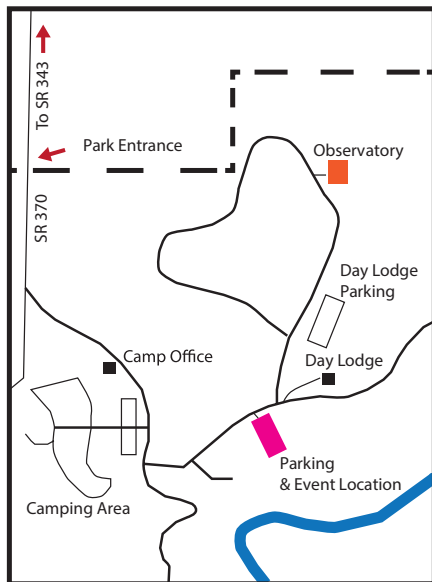
- The knowledge, experience, friendship and camaraderie of fellow amateur astronomers.
- Use of the observatory and equipment at our John Bryan State Park facility.
- Members Nights at the JB Observatory.
- Campout weekends at the JB Observatory.
- Access to the MVAS Library.
- Ability to check out loaner telescopes and other equipment.
- Workshops and learning opportunities.
- Participation in outreach activities for the public.
- Membership in the Astronomical League through club (includes their Reflector newsletter).
- Earn observing awards from the Astronomical League.
- Discount on astronomy magazines
- Discount at Oberwerk.
- Discount on observer handbooks and astronomy calendars
- Purchase MVAS logo apparel



Where to Find Us...

John Bryan State Park



John Bryan Observatory



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