



Withlacoochee River Park Friends of the Park Activity Field Permit

St. Petersburg Astronomy Club, Inc.

The activity field is reserved for astronomy observation on New Moon Weekends and other club sponsored events. This permit is required for both members and non-members using the activity field during these times. It must be displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle.



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Rules:

1. You **must arrive prior to dusk** because the gates lock and your headlights will interrupt those already set up for viewing.
2. The [Friends-Of-The-Park Pass](#) must be displayed on your dashboard.
3. Park facing northeast if you plan to leave during the night.
4. Pay the designated representative prior to setting up on the activity field if you did not pay online prior to arrival.
5. No white lights.
6. **Campfires are not allowed on the activity field.**

Please check with the park rangers at (352) 567-0264 if you would like to observe at other than scheduled times as the activities field may be booked for other events.

New Moon Weekends

Several our club members and guests meet regularly at [Withlacoochee River Park](#) during New Moon weekends. Except for the February New Moon weekend, everyone interested in viewing the night sky is welcome to these events. The schedule is displayed on our [Club Calendar](#).

NOTE: The February New Moon week is set aside for our annual star party. You must be registered to attend. Please go to [Annual Star Party](#) for more information.

You may join us for just an evening, stay overnight, or camp for the weekend. There is plenty of room for RVs and tents with 30-Amp and 20-Amp outlets, and water. An RV dump station is located at the entry/exit of the field.

The park closes at dusk, so you **must** arrive before then. We will have the gate-code so you may depart whenever you are ready. However, we **cannot** give out the gate-code to anyone who is not already inside the park.

Reservations: The activity field is reserved for astronomy viewing on New Moon Weekends and other club sponsored events. Personal reservations are not necessary except for the February New Moon weekend as discussed above.

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Activity Field Fees: The club provides a portalet on the activity field for the months of October through March. While there is no cost if you are not staying overnight, you may make a **\$5 donation** to help offset those costs. We are an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization so your donation may be tax deductible.

For those who do not wish to camp, we have bunkhouse space available for \$15/night.

Non-member camping fees are \$25/night with electric or \$10/night without. Club members receive a discounted rate of \$10/night with electric or \$5/night without. *Camping fees, for members, are increasing to \$15/night with electric and \$10/night without as of January 1st.*

Club members click [here](#) to pay camping fees online.

Club members and non-members may pay in cash upon arrival. *Please seek out our designated representative prior to setting up on the activity field.*

Restrooms, with showers, are located approximately 300 yards from the activity field. The code for the restrooms is the same as the gate code and is only given out to folks that are on the activity field and RV campground.

We do **accept donations** to help our club meet its educational goals. We are an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization so your donation may be tax deductible.