

# AMADOR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY



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## Telescope Flat Astronomers Tips

The Telescope Flat Events are suggested meeting times for the best observation during the month. There is no guarantee that member amateur astronomers with telescopes will be there, but you do not need a telescope or fancy equipment to take in the beauty and wonder of the night sky. If you are new to the club and just starting out here are some tips for enjoying the evening:

- [1] Telescope Flat is located on a mountain ridge and after sundown, becomes quite cool. Wear long pants and warm layered clothing you can add or subtract as needed. A ski hat, or hooded jacket is nice.
- [2] Bring a folding chair and or pad where you can sit or lay down to look at the sky comfortably.
- [3] Bring binoculars if you have them, but you can pick out major stars, constellations, the Milky Way, planets and falling stars without any optical equipment at all.
- [4] Download the AAS star chart for the evening and see how many astronomical objects you can find.
- [5] Bring mosquito repellent for the few you may encounter.
- [6] Wear practical and comfortable shoes for walking that protect your feet.
- [7] Enjoy photography? Bring a film or digital camera and tripod and try some long exposures.
- [8] Keep your own observing log. What starry objects did you find?
- [9] Arrive at least an hour before sundown to give you time to set up in a good spot. Download and print the Telescope Flat Site Use Rules plus these Tips and bring them with you as a check list.
- [10] Safety Tip: bring a friend, don't observe alone just in case you have car trouble. The site is close to a traveled road, but traffic is sparse, especially at night. We have not tested cell phones as of yet, so let a family member know where you are going and when you expect to be back.
- [11] Last, but not least, enjoy the evening, and we'll see you there!

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