

MPG Open Observing Nights

The General Motors Astronomy Club (GMAC) hosts monthly open observing nights at the Milford Proving Ground Softball Fields, typically on the Friday closest to the new moon, with Saturday as a rain date (or cloud date). These events are open to the general public, but the attached liability waiver is required for non-GM-employees. No badge or drive access is needed. Members and non-members are encouraged to bring their own telescope or photography equipment, but, of course, no equipment is required to participate.



Address:	13120 Commerce Road, Milford, MI, 48380 (approximate)
Position:	42°36'15"N 83°41'49"W (42.604167 -83.696944) Elevation: 303 meters (995 feet)
Hours:	Gates open one hour before sunset and close when the last car leaves.
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The following etiquette is expected at all GMAC-hosted observing nights:

- 1) Park your vehicle such that the headlights are pointed away from the observing area, in case you need to leave early. If your schedule permits, please try to arrive before sunset.
- 2) Minimize the use of bright white lights at the site, as they affect night vision and astrophotography. A small red flashlight is acceptable.
- 3) In warm weather, bug spray is recommended to keep the mosquitos at bay, but be careful not to apply it near the telescopes as it can damage the optics.
- 4) Always ask before approaching telescopes and be careful not to bump the scope or trip over wires. Most amateur astronomers enjoy sharing their telescopes with others, but it is important to respect their equipment and wait for an invite before putting your eye to the eyepiece.
- 5) Cameras are allowed and encouraged for astrophotography and group photos. However it is strictly forbidden to photograph vehicles on GM property, regardless of the security status of the vehicle. Be careful not to include ANY vehicles in your photographs.

Clear Skies!

PROVING GROUND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

Thank you for visiting our Proving Ground. We certainly hope you enjoy your visit. We want to make your visit is a safe one. Please follow all the written rules and warnings and please strictly follow the direction of designated hosts.

To minimize the risk of injury during the tour, we require visitors to adhere to the safety guidelines and expectations shared by the facility, including the designated age requirement.

The use of cameras (or any other recording device) and cell phones while on the tour is prohibited. Please do not text or send social media messages during the tour.

No backpacks, purses, fanny packs or other containers may be brought into the plant areas (garages / work areas) except to accommodate special requests (for medical reasons, etc.)

Please consider the safety and comfort of other guests during your visit. GM reserves the right to deny access or remove any visitor for failure to follow safety rules, security policies or any other reason.

We ask that you acknowledge the following:

- You were warned at here are hazards inherent in the operation of this facility
- You agree to comply with GM's safety, security and directions for the entire time you are on the premises
- You agreed to stay within defined travel paths and to adhere to any warnings, postings, barriers or guards
- You will not enter into any work space unless expressly invited by the GM tour leader

Finally, we ask that you agree to the following waiver:

As a condition to my being permitted into the site, on behalf of both myself and my party, I hereby release the General Motors LLC and its employees, for ourselves, heirs, representatives, executors, and assigns, from any / or all liability whatsoever that may arise from any injury, damage, and / or loss which we may suffer while in or on GM premises.

I have read, understand, and accept the terms of this tour form and release and waiver:

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature for those under 18: _____

Date: _____