



TAS Summer Star Party 2017 and Eclipse Party

Starparty

WSW of Goldendale, WA
Property of TAS Member Chuck Jacobson
N 45.86487 W 120.97164 altitude ~1750'
Thursday Aug 17 - Sunday Aug 20, 2017

Eclipse Party

Community Center, City of Antelope, Oregon
North Street, 1 block NE of Hwy 218
Sunday Aug 20—Tuesday Aug 22, 2017
You will be issued a permit to enter the site.

Non-Members

You must be a guest of a TAS member in good standing. Please add the TAS member's name to your signup.

Costs

You may attend the star party only, the eclipse only, or both! When you go online to pay, make sure you choose the combo star party / eclipse option if you want both!

Pre-register and pay on-line: <https://squareup.com/store/tas-online-store>

Saturday TAS and friends Pot Luck Dinner!

Club will provide burgers and dogs, Signup for a side dish to share. (The store in Goldendale is an easy drive) <http://bit.ly/TASSP2017>

Student Program

We will have day-time group activities and evening observing programs for the students.

Things to consider for Goldendale:

- Mowed vegetation, soft tuft grasses and lupine, lumpy but very little dust
- Low to moderate winds from the southwest during the day which die down at night
- **No pets**
- Great horizon
- Be prepared for hot days and cool nights
- No water, No electricity, No wireless
- No fires
- Easy access to town and amenities

Things to consider for Antelope

- Limited RV slots! Register NOW!
- Tent campers may opt to sleep on the floor inside or pitch your tent on the lawn
- No grocery store available, get your food in Goldendale.
- No coordinated meals, please plan accordingly
- Inside bathrooms available (no showers)

Goldendale Camping

You will need to supply:

- Water, meals, and sleeping accommodations.
- Extra ropes and stakes to support/protect tents and awnings for the wind
- Plan on extra stakes for carpets and tarps
- General camping and health supplies
- No charcoal cooking, please bring propane or white gas stoves

Goldendale: In Town Accommodations

For those who wish to sleep in town, Goldendale has several motels within an easy drive from the site.

Check here: <http://ci.goldendale.wa.us/>

**Quick list of things to do in Goldendale.....
(check out the websites before you arrive!)**

Wireless available in: Goldendale Community Library, Coyote Coffee, B&W Gas Mart, Ponderosa Motel, Glass Onion Restaurant & Gallery

Goldendale Community Library

131 West Burgen, Goldendale, WA 98620
(509) 773-4487

Open:

Mon-Wed 12:00-8:00, Thurs-Sat 10:00 - 6:00

Maryhill Museum (www.maryhillmuseum.org)

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 15 through November 15.

General admission is \$9, seniors \$8, children (ages 6 – 16) \$3.

Sculpture garden and picnic area are free
(excellent museum!)



Stonehenge Memorial (<http://www.maryhillmuseum.org/do.html#stonehenge2>)

open daily 7 am to dusk

Petroglyphs & Temani Pesh-wa Trail

For petroglyph viewing near Maryhill Museum walk the Temani Pesh-wa Trail at Columbia Hills State Park where pictographs and petroglyphs are on display.



Goldendale Farmer's Market

Saturdays from 9am until 1pm

Klickitat County Swimming Pool

Open swim 1-4:45 pm and 7-8:45 pm M-F; 1-4:45pm and 6:30-8:45 pm weekends

\$2.25 youth; \$2.75 adults; \$7 per family (if we go as a group we can get a group rate)

Showers—\$2 per shower 6:15am –5pm M-F; 12 noon—9pm Weekends

<http://www.goldendalepool.com/admission/>

Goldendale Golf Club (<http://w3.gorge.net/gcc/index.html>)

Goldendale Observatory State Park (<http://www.perr.com/gosp.html>)

10 AM to 7 PM in the afternoon with solar viewing and telescope displays 8:00pm program and observing

Grocery stores, restaurants, parks and much more! Go to the City of Goldendale Tourism Website (<http://cityofgoldendale.com/home.shtml>)

TAS Star Party and Eclipse Party Rules

Vehicles, driving and camping

- The main road into the site could be very bumpy and dusty. Please limit your speed to a crawl. Think about protecting telescope mirrors
- Please park cars that will be going in-and-out of the site just off Quail Rd, back-in angle parking, with headlights pointed out. Cars that are accommodations (sleeping in vans?) and not leaving may stay on site in their camping slot. We are happy to help with special accommodations/needs.
- Please bring cardboard, weighted by rocks, to put under your engine to catch oil/fluid leaks.
- Come prepared to maintain or fix your own vehicle. Spare tires with proper tools etc.
- We will do our best to arrange camping sites to best fit the site and your needs, please help us by pre-registering with your equipment information and support us with your flexibility.
- **NO FIRES!!!** This is a dry, windy environment and there is no water available in the vicinity. For this reason, no fires are permitted anywhere on site. This includes cooking fires, traditional wood fires and charcoal briquettes. No fuel source that creates ashes may be used. The only acceptable cooking source is propane barbeques, or propane and white gas cook stoves.
- Cigarettes are to be disposed of in fireproof containers, please be considerate with your smoke. Smoking is permitted only on the gravel roads not in grassy areas.

Lighting restrictions

- Red Light Only after 10:00 P.M.
- All vehicle headlights, parking lights, tail and break lights must remain extinguished at all times.
- RV, trailer, and camper lights **MUST** remain extinguished unless there is proper shielding installed on all windows and doors, or red covers are on lighting fixtures. Black plastic works well as window coverings. If you need help, we have hammers.
- Colman style lanterns or outdoor lighting of any type are NOT allowed.
- Equip all flashlights with red filters and keep them pointed at the ground. Also, keep your flashlights to a maximum of two D-cell sizes or smaller. Larger lights, even with red gel, produce too much intensity and can ruin your dark-adapted sight.
- Computer screens are often too bright even in red-light mode. Red plastic report covers fit nicely over the top and a paperboxes also makes a nice extra light barrier.
- Laser Pointers—Are fine AS LONG AS 1.) they are kept to a minimum, 2.) not used as a toy and 3.) there is no one actively photographing. We can work together on this one.
- After dark arrivals—Arrive to the site from the North (see map). Look for signs or honk from the corner/intersection of the property if you need help.

General rules

- Do unto others. We expect behavior supporting the expectations of a TAS general and family event.
- We will practice Leave No Trace Ethics; Pack it in, please pack it out and leave the place cleaner than you found it! We are all volunteers so don't leave it to someone else to take care of a trash issue.
- There is no dumping of RV gray tanks on site but Goldendale does have facilities. Dumping gray or black water in the Porta-Potties is not allowed either. We will provide a strainer for dishwashing grey water for tent campers or those without tanks. Check with Alice for "how tos".
- Pets— No pets allowed at the Goldendale Star Party site. For the Antelope Eclipse site, if you must bring your pet, please keep it under control or leashed at all times while outside. Do not leave your animal unattended, even if it is on a leash. Remember that pet owners must pick up after their pets in all areas of site. Noisy pets and their owners will be dismissed
- Noise— Quiet time is from 3am until 10:30am. Folks on the telescope field may very well be observing until dawn so be considerate (gazers) and understanding (sleepers). If you have early risers that might have a challenge along these lines let us know and we will help you find a camping site removed from the rest of the group or lots of duct tape. Please bring earplugs and eyeshades to help sooth your immediate environment. Noisy people and their owners will be dismissed.
- Generator noise and fumes intrude on your neighbor's enjoyment of the outdoors. For that reason, generators can only be used from 11:00 A.M. until Midnight.
- TASSSP support generators are exempt from this rule as are generators need for medical purposes....please let us know in advance so we can put you away from my tent....oh, I meant *the tents!*

Hold Harmless Agreement

All adults (18 and over) must read and sign the following waiver.

I hereby state that I am fully aware of the inherent risks involved with attending the Tacoma Astronomical Society Summer Star Party which is in a remote, primitive site, with activities that are concurrent with a no white light, no bright light, policy. I assume all responsibility for that risk. I also assume the responsibility for the safety and security of my equipment and property brought to this event and recognize that no security is being provide other than what I provide myself. I waive any and all claims for damage, loss or injury arising from this event, which I could conceivably bring on any grounds against the Tacoma Astronomical Society, the volunteer organizers thereof, the Directors thereof, or the property owners (Charles Jacobson). I have read and understand all the rules and regulations and agree to comply. I understand that failure to comply could result in being dismissed from this event.

Printed name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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If there are minors (under the age of 18) in your party please read and sign the following:

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Printed name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Names of Minors covered by this agreement: _____

GOLDENDALE TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

From Tacoma figure about 4 hrs. to the property, including typical comfort stops, no matter which of the routes you choose. You can avoid most mountain driving by going down to Portland then up the river. That route is probably more fuel efficient if you're hauling a heavy trailer. Driving time is a bit less from Tacoma over the passes than along the River, and probably quite a bit less from Seattle.

(1) Over Snoqualmie or White pass.

From King North Co. you are definitely, and from Pierce County probably faster using Snoqualmie. That's Although a bit longer, the road is better maintained, you don't get stuck behind a slowpoke on a two lane highway, and it's a lower pass. When Chinook Pass & Cayuse Pass are closed in the winter, it's probably shorter, too.

Around Ellensburg head south. I like taking the Canyon Road route along the Yakima River because it's shorter, more scenic and more fuel efficient. It's a few minutes slower than taking I-82 from the junction east of Ellensburg.

South of Yakima get on Hwy. 97. You can either take the "Hwy. 97" exit from I-82 just south of Union Gap or go further south on I-82, then exit on to Hwy. 22 and go through Toppenish. It's probably a tossup on time. Take Hwy. 97 south, over Satus Pass, to Goldendale.

Goldendale Directions

Take the first exit for Hwy. 142, there is a Dairy Queen on the corner. This road is **Broadway**. Continue West on Broadway (142) out of town as 142 becomes West Broadway. From the intersection of W. Broadway and N.Washington it is 11 miles to the site (according to Google maps)

Continue on 142 for ~9.7 miles to N.Harris Rd (you will pass under a high power line immediately before N Harris Rd.) Turn North (right) onto N. Harris Rd. Take the first right (East) onto Quail Rd (about 1/2 mile), continue on Quail Rd for ~.8 miles East. When you come to an intersection (North turn only) continue straight ahead...do not turn. You should see the site.

(2) From Portland/Vancouver area

If you're coming south on I-5 take the **I-205** bypass that goes east of Portland and Vancouver. You'll want to head east along the Columbia, taking either Hwy. 14 on the Washington side or I-84 on the Oregon side. I-84 is longer, but faster and with better fuel efficiency. Hwy. 14 is a more interesting drive. Both are scenic.

Take Hwy 97, cross the River on a bridge just on the east side of The Dalles, then turn east on Hwy. 14. Watch for the junction with Hwy. 97 and follow the signs to Goldendale. At Goldendale you'll turn left off Hwy. 97 at the last Goldendale exit for Hwy 142 and follow the directions above.

ANTELOPE TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

From the Goldendale star party site, allow for 1.5 hrs if there is no traffic. Plan for traffic!

From the City of Goldendale, continue South on U.S. 97 for 65 miles to Shaniko, OR. Take Oregon Hwy 218 south for another 8 miles. The Antelope Community Center is to your left, on "North Street" as you come into town