

THE NIGHT SKY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

NIGHT SKY TOURS

Night Sky Conservation (NSC) recognizes the need to perform public outreach for Mississippi Mills and its surroundings. For this reason, NSC conducts public night sky tours every year, normally in the summer months of August and September.

Each NSC Night Sky Tour is held under the pristine dark skies of the Mill of Kintail Conservation Area, near the prestigious and protected Fred Lossing Observatory (FLO).

Experienced astronomers from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC), the Ottawa Valley Astronomy and Observers Group (OAOG) and the Ottawa Astronomy Friends (OAFs) are on hand to show the most beautiful objects of the night sky, including the Moon, planets, comets, satellites, star clusters, nebulae and galaxies.

The organizer of both night sky tours is also the Coordinator of the Night Sky Conservation Program: Michael A. Earl. He brings his own expertise in astronomy and his own astronomical equipment to assist in the successful festivities of the evening.

Both NSC Night Sky Tours are free to the general public of all ages and is especially enthusiastic about answering all questions about space and astronomy. The public will immediately understand how beautiful a sky without light pollution can be once they step outside the city into the true canopy of the heavens.

In 2010, two Night Sky Tours are currently being organized:

First NSC Night Sky Tour: 8 p.m. Friday, August 27, 2010

Second NSC Night Sky Tour: 7 p.m. Friday, September 10, 2010

Both of the Night Sky Tours have three rain (cloud) dates in case the skies are overcast on the date planned.

The NSC Night Sky Tours web site: www.castor2.ca/nsc/06_Tours.