

Come See the Stars!

Exploring the Sky

2011 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Things of interest</u>
4/02	8:30 PM	Winter constellations; Saturn rising
5/07	9:00 PM	Astronomy Day; 4-day-old Moon
6/04	9:00 PM	Solstice 6/21; Saturn pauses in Virgo
7/2	9:00 PM	Mercury at sunset; Summer Triangle
8/27	8:30 PM	Andromeda rising; Sagittarius due south
9/24	8:00 PM	Rock Creek Park Day; Cassiopeia
10/22	7:30 PM	Pleiades and Jupiter rising in the east
11/05	7:00 PM	Much of Moon sunlit; winter constellations appear

Exploring the Sky is an informal program that for over sixty years has offered monthly opportunities for anyone in the Washington area to see the stars and planets through telescopes from a location within the District of Columbia.

Sessions are held in Rock Creek Park once each month on a Saturday night from April through November, starting shortly after sunset. We meet in the field just south of the intersection of Military and Glover Roads NW, near the Nature Center. A parking lot is located next to the field.

Beginners (including children) and experienced stargazers are all welcome – and it's free!

Questions? Call the Nature Center at (202) 895-6070

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