

General Information and Observing Websites

http://www.eatoncounty.org/Departments/Eaton_County_Parks_Recreation/Upcoming_Events_and_Programs/Fox_Park_Observatory-Public_Viewing_Dates.htm Public Night Schedule

<http://cleardarksky.com/c/FxPkPObMIkey.html?1> Use this one to check observing conditions. There is a box to left called "Image Control". Check this option, and when you slide your mouse over a colored square it will explain what it is. Remember if it is 30% cloudy or more the Observatory will not be open.

<http://www.cloudynights.com/> Very Good Website for all kinds of info. If you have a question about equipment, observing, whether or not we're going to be hit by a comet, or just about anything and someone in the Forums can answer you. They also have many good equipment reviews, and How-To's in the articles/archives section. Along the right edge of the Homepage is a list of reputable vendors(merchants)

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/foxparkobservatory/> Fox Park Observatory Yahoo Group. We are kinda small now, but we hope to grow

<http://lroc.sese.asu.edu/news/?archives/76-LROC%C3%A2%E2%82%AC%E2%84%A2s-First-Look-at-the-Apollo-Landing-Sites.html>
Apollo Landing site Pictures

<http://home.arcor.de/axel.mellinger/> Milky Way Panorama

<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/> Astronomy Picture of the Day (APOD)

<http://www.heavens-above.com/> Satellite Fly-overs. If you register, you can build your own list of observing sites for when you travel.

<http://hubblesite.org/> The Hubble Space Telescope Site. Somewhere on this site is a place where you can download Hubble pictures for wallpaper

<http://www.skyandtelescope.com/> Sky and Telescope Magazine

<http://www.spaceweather.com/> What's happening with the Sun, when there may be Auroras. One feature of this website that I like is toward the bottom of the page, there they put information about N.E.O's (Near Earth Objects).

<http://www.astroleague.org/index.php> Good General information site

<http://www.everyoneweb.com/observingthenightsky/> This guy publishes a monthly observing guide.

<http://www.telescope.com/control/main> Orion Telescopes Homepage. Very reputable dealer/vendor. They have some pretty affordable starter packages.

http://www.astronics.com/main/Telescopes_and_Telescope_Accessories.asp/catalog_name/Astronics/category_name/Home/Page/1 Another very reputable dealer/vendor

<http://www.stellarium.org/> Stellarium is a free open source planetarium for your computer. It shows a realistic sky in 3D, just like what you see with the naked eye, binoculars or a telescope.

<http://ap-i.net/avl/en/start> Virtual Moon Atlas is freeware that allows you to see the current Moon and click on an feature (crater, mountain range, mare, etc.) and identify it. It also has the Apollo landing sites.

<http://www.thinkastronomy.com/M13/index.html> "Where is M13" is freeware that shows a simulation of our Milky Way Galaxy with our Sun's position. It then allows you to search for objects (Messier, NGC, etc) to find their position in relation to where our Sun is.