

The following procedures MUST be observed for any RAC members who wish to observe at Taghkanic State Park & Waywayanda State Park for private viewing events during the week or during weekends:

(1) You must contact one of the 3 individuals listed below for each park via e-mail (preferred, especially if it's a day or more in advance) or phone (if time is important and it's running late) and let them know that you want to observe on a given night. These individuals are authorized to contact the park and alert them that RAC will be observing:

Waywayanda State Park Coordinators:

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Mike Heuler..... space528@msn.com 973-316-5427

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(2) The RAC representatives listed above will alert the Park Rangers that RAC members will be using the park for observing on the designated evening.

(3) You will be alerted by e-mail OR phone that your viewing is authorized. **IF YOU DO NOT HEAR BACK FROM AN RAC REPRESENTATIVE LISTED ABOVE YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENTER THE PARK AND OBSERVE. THEREFORE, IF YOU EMAILED EARLIER AND ARE OBSERVING THAT NIGHT AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN EMAIL RESPONSE, CALL SOMEONE IF IT IS GETTING LATE TO CONFIRM THAT YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE THE PARK.**

(4) **The viewing permits are for SPECIFIC VIEWING LOCATIONS AT EACH SITE.** You are NOT allowed to view in a different area of the park, another club's viewing location, or another lot. Violators will be subject to fine and loss of permit privileges. For Taghkanic, it is the parking lot in front of the lake (park close to the grass/asphalt border) and for Waywayanda it is the parking lot in front of the big bath house 1.8 miles past the park entrance (park to the left of the house and close to the lake so you don't see the light if it's on).

(5) You must have a **PRINTED PARK PERMIT** in your car. Do not assume others will bring one, do not bring a laptop with the PDF file. Keep printed copies in your glove compartment or inside your telescope equipment.

(6) **Have fun & observe !**

These new procedures will avoid confusion, make sure the park is alerted to our presence, and lead to a more productive relationship in the future between RAC and our viewing locations.

Any questions on these new procedures, call or contact me.

Thanks,

Frank