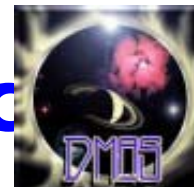




The Des Moines Astronomical Society Presents



# 2012 Ashton Public Nights

Night-sky viewing follows all presentations, weather permitting

Date	Time	Presentation Subject	Presenter
Apr 7	8:00	Observatory open - Night-sky viewing after dark	---
Apr 14	8:00	Astronomy Through The Ages	Dave Lynch
Apr 21	8:00	Meteors: Rocks From Space	Harry Wood
Apr 28	8:00	Limits In Astronomy	Rod Williams
May 5	8:00	Observatory Open - Night-sky viewing after dark	---
May 12	8:00	Saturn: Lord Of The Rings	Jan Winter
May 19	8:00	The Birth Of Stars I	Herb Schwartz
May 26	8:00	The Birth Of Stars II	Herb Schwartz
Jun 2	8:00	Observatory open - Night-sky viewing after dark	---
Jun 9	8:00	The Big Ear: Arecibo	Janet Meade
Jun 16	8:00	The Moon	Harry Wood
Jun 23	8:00	Get To Know Your Telescope	Doug Rudd
Jun 30	8:00	Observatory open - Night-sky viewing after dark	---
July ----- No Presentations / Night-Sky viewing at observatory on Saturday evening only ----- July			
Aug 4	8:00	Observatory open - Night-sky viewing after dark	---
Aug 11	8:00	Surprises In Astronomy	Rod Williams
Aug 18	8:00	Eclipses: Equipment/Safe Photography	Dave Lynch
Aug 25	8:00	Astronomy 101	Norm Van Klompenburg
Sep 1	8:00	Observatory open - Night-sky viewing after dark	---
Sep 8	8:00	Dark Skies	Norm Van Klompenburg
Sep 15	8:00	--To Be Announced--	
Sep 22	8:00	We Are Made Of Star Stuff	Jan Winter
Sep 29	8:00	--To Be Announced--	
Oct 6	7:00	Observatory open - Night-sky viewing after dark	---
Oct 13	7:00	--To Be Announced--	
Oct 20	7:00	--To Be Announced--	
Oct 27	7:00	--To Be Announced--	

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# ASHTON OBSERVATORY

Ashton-Wildwood Park, Jasper County  
8755 W. 122<sup>nd</sup> Street North  
Mingo, IA 50168

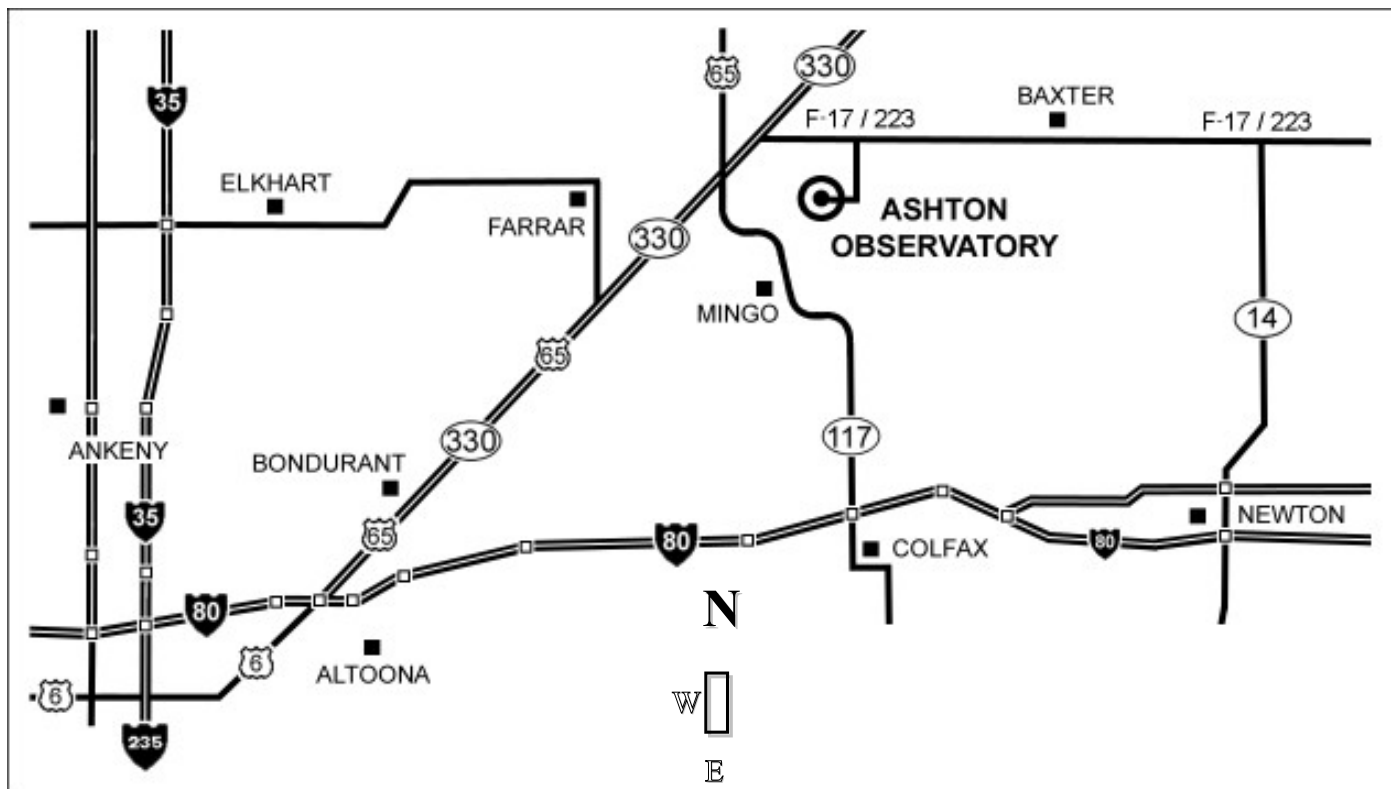
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- Turn east off Hwy 330 onto County Road F-17/223
- Turn south onto West 122<sup>nd</sup> Street North
- Turn west into Ashton-Wildwood Park drive

### From East of Altoona:

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-- OR --

- Take I-80 west towards Colfax
- Take Hwy 117 north to Hwy 330
- Turn northeast onto Hwy 330 for about 1 mile
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