

THE LUMINOSITY OF LEARNING

Educational opportunities will abound in the fields of:

- Star cluster, nebulae and galaxy observation
- Deep sky object viewing
- Learn the constellations programs
- Planetary observation
- Inter-cultural activities
- Optics, light and time
- Physics, robotics and space travel
- And much more

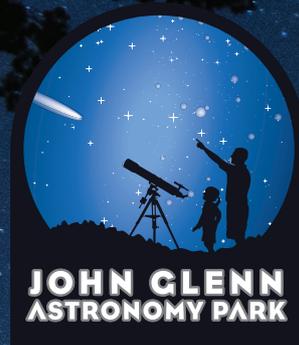
Park will host events, such as:

- Meteor shower viewing parties
- Spring and fall equinox viewing
- Milky Way events during optimal viewing in late summer-early fall
- Star parties and conventions
- Lectures and classes given by astronomy experts
- Phases of the moon, lunar eclipse and solar event gatherings and viewing
- Star clusters, nebulae and galaxies observation
- Comet observation
- Constellations and deep-sky object viewing
- Astrophotography workshops



“For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.”

VINCENT VAN GOGH



The John Glenn Astronomy Park is a project of the Friends of the Hocking Hills State Park, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving Hocking Hills State Park and preserving it for the enjoyment of future generations.

JOHN GLENN ASTRONOMY PARK

Where
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INSPIRING SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY

“The most important thing we can do is inspire young minds and advance the kind of science, math and technology education that will help youngsters take us to the next phase of space travel.”

JOHN GLENN

Nearly every scientist, inventor and explorer can trace his or her passion for knowledge and discovery to early memories of wonderment stirred by gazing at a star-filled sky. The moon, planets, stars and constellations spark a desire for greater understanding. They inspire poets, painters, writers and dreamers. The blaze of the sun, too, fuels learning.

And yet, as light pollution accelerates, the places where conditions are optimal for stargazing slip away. With dark sky locations rapidly diminishing, opportunities to inspire young scientists die with them. And opportunities for true academic and scientific research dwindle as well.

John Glenn Astronomy Park, located in southeast Ohio's spectacular Hocking Hills, will introduce visitors to the majesty of a light pollution-free night. It will preserve one of the Midwest's finest astronomical locations and build a remarkable destination with rich opportunities for research, discovery and connection.



Outstanding design, a light pollution-free site and an elevation above the surrounding terrain offer exceptional views and unique Astronomy experiences for park visitors.

SHARING A HERO'S LEGACY

Dedicated to one of America's greatest heroes, the John Glenn Astronomy Park will feature:

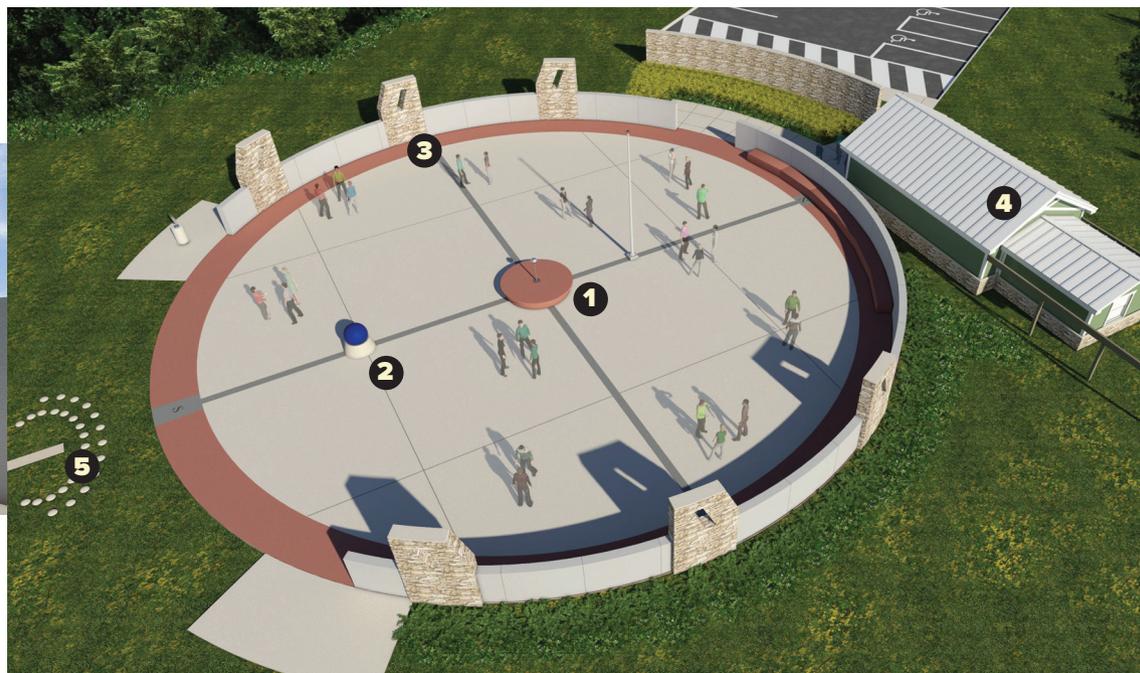
- An idyllic woodland location at Old Man's Cave in Hocking Hills State Park
- The darkest skies in Ohio and a site elevated above the surrounding terrain
- Memorable experiences for the more than 4 million people who visit Hocking Hills State Park annually
- Daytime study of the sun, Earth, North Celestial Pole and other features
- An 80-foot Solar Plaza surrounded by notched wall for framed view of the sun on key days
- An enclosed 540-square-foot retractable roof observatory for night sky viewing
- Gathering areas and open green space

PRESERVING THE WONDER

You can help create an unforgettable experience for visitors. Build a lasting legacy that engages, sparks learning and ignites a passion for science and exploration.

A number of opportunities are in place for individuals, organizations and institutions to help build and sustain the John Glenn Astronomy Park, including:

- Naming rights for the Observatory Building, Sun Plaza and Planet Earth Sculpture
- Sponsorship of features such as the Central Jupiter bench, Sun Slots and feature walls
- Solar Plaza and other name recognition
- Sustaining programming and events



- 1** The Solar Plaza represents the size of the sun when compared to Planet Earth and Jupiter, which is depicted by a 7-foot stone bench. A sculpture of Earth rises above, and each element is created to scale.
- 2** A sculptural floating stone sphere is etched with the map of the sky.
- 3** Notches in the Solar Plaza walls offer framed view of the sun on key days.
- 4** The enclosed 540-square-foot observatory features a retractable roof to permit night sky viewing.
- 5** A standing sun dial allows visitors to interact with the movement of the sun.