

Almost Heaven Star Party by NOVAC

At Spruce Knob Mountain Center in West Virginia

To Spruce Knob Lake and Campground
≈ 5 mi past SKMC



Club 10" Dob loaner scope
31+23 lb in small trailer,
also a loaner goggles support arm

Bathhouse
with showers



Center's Main Lecture
and Dining Yurts
(have WiFi)

AHSP Check-In Tent

GPS: [38.683, -79.56136](#)

- Yellow observing, tents & cars
- Red observing, tents only
- Green observing, RVs
- Tan extra parking

Gate closed after dark.
No entrance before 10 am Friday.

non AHSP office building

Gravel

Road Signs
(3 mi from Rt 28)

Hunting
Ground Rd

Sawmill Run Rd 28/10
(narrow asphalt)
county road

Rt 28

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From the North & East:

From I81 take exit 296 W onto Rt 48.
(The exit is 3.4 mi S of I66)
(After the first two stations gasoline goes up 30¢/gal)
Go W 43 mi on Rt 48 to Moorefield exit.
Then go S on Rt 28 for 55 miles.

Distances to Sawmill Run Rd turnoff:

- Petersburg 42 mi
(Cell navigation stops after Petersburg.)
- Seneca Rocks & Rt 33, 19 mi
- leave Rt 33 junction, 8.4 mi
- Circleville bridge, 5.6 mi
- leave valley ≈ 3 mi



county road sign

AHSP Sign

5.8 mi from Rt 28

If you start going downhill,
you've passed AHSP.

Questions?

Check [AHSP.org](#),
ask at check-in tent or
ask an AHSP volunteer
wearing an orange lanyard.

Sky seeing forecast:

[ClearDarkSky.com/c/spruce_WVkey.html](#)

*Back Ridge Astrophotography Observatory

From the South:

Distances to Sawmill Run Rd:
Green Bank 26 mi
Bartow & Rt 92, 17 mi
Thornwood & Rt 250, 14 mi





Recommended route is through Moorefield. Rt33 from Harrisonburg has steeper grades and tight cutbacks.

Recommended routing through Moorefield, WV



As noted above, the junction where Rt 33 leaves Rt 28 is more of a landmark than Judy Gap, and Rt 28 leaving the valley and starting to climb is more noticeable than Cherry Grove.

This is because Google Maps includes small unincorporated towns with no speed limit change or any noticeable buildings as you drive the highway.

