**2023 Dark Sky Event Calendar – Rappahannock County Park**

RCRFA will open the park a total of nine (9) evenings during 2023 during which the public can come and observe the night skies (nominally once a month during the warmer months). These are listed below. The ‘New Moon’ dates have been chosen to provide dark moonless nights for observations. The “FULL Moon” date has been chosen to allow a nearly full moon to be observed above the trees in the park.

RLEP will provide a minimum of four (4) **Dark Sky Event** programs in 2023 to be scheduled on four of the nine evenings as indicated in blue text. At least 1 viewing device will be available for public use on these evenings.

On the five (5) **Free Observation Evenings**, the Park is open for viewing but there will be no program presentation or viewing devices provided.

**Note:** change to Standard Time occurs on Sun. Nov. 5

New Moon:

1. **Free Observation Evening**: Sat. Apr. 22 (Sunset 7:51 pm)

New Moon:

1. **Dark Sky Event: Sat. May 20, 8:15 pm – (Sunset 8:18 pm)**

FULL Moon:

1. **Dark Sky Event: Sat. June 3, 8:30 pm – (Sunset 8:28 pm)**

**RESCHEDULED! 10/28**

New Moon:

1. **Free Observation Evening**: Sat. June 17, (Sunset 8:35 pm)

New Moon:

1. **Dark Sky Event: Sat. July 15, 8:30 pm – (Sunset 8:32 pm)**

New Moon:

1. **Free Observation Evening**: Sat. Aug. 19, (Sunset 7:57 pm)

New Moon:

1. **Dark Sky Event: Sat. Sept. 16, 7:15 pm – (Sunset 7:15 pm)**

**RESCHEDULED! 10/7**

New Moon:

1. **Rescheduled Dark Sky Event: October 7**
2. **Free Observation Evening**: Sat. Oct. 14, (Sunset 6:31 pm)
3. **RESCHEDULED** FULL Moon:

**Dark Sky Event: Sat. October 28, 6:15 pm – (Sunset 8:28 pm)**

New Moon:

1. **Free Observation Evening**: Sat. Nov. 11, (Sunset 4:57 pm)