

Black Canyon Astronomy Festival

June 13-16



Wednesday, June 13

10:00 am and 1:00 pm Solar Viewing at South Rim Visitor Center

Don't wait until dark to see a star. Get up close and personal with our local star and safely observe solar phenomena through a filtered telescope.

8:00 pm Author Craig Childs at Montrose Pavilion – [Doors Open at 7:30 pm](#)

Mr. Childs presents *Talking with the Sky: Archeology and the Alignment of Celestial Events*. He has won the Orion Book Award and has twice won the Sigurd F. Olson Nature Writing Award for his body of work.

9:00 pm Book signing with author Craig Childs at Montrose Pavilion

Western National Parks Association will have books for sale along with night sky merchandise

9:00 pm Night Sky Viewing, Montrose Botanic Gardens (next to Montrose Pavilion)

The Black Canyon Astronomical Society and park rangers will have telescopes set up in the Montrose Botanic Gardens for public viewing of the night sky.

Thursday, June 14 and Friday, June 15

10:00 am and 1:00 pm Solar Viewing at South Rim Visitor Center

Don't wait until dark to see a star. Get up close and personal with our local star and safely observe solar phenomena through a filtered telescope.

7:30 pm Learn the Sky Planisphere at South Rim Campground Amphitheater

Make your very own night sky chart and dark sky friendly flashlight! Rangers will be on hand to get you set up for safe and fun astronomy.

8:00 pm Evening Program at South Rim Campground Amphitheater

Black Canyon astronomy rangers will present an evening program on various facets of astronomy, nocturnal wildlife, and dark skies.

9:00 pm Night Sky Viewing South Rim Campground

The Black Canyon Astronomical Society and park rangers will have telescopes set up for public viewing of the night sky.

Saturday, June 16

11:00 am Solar Viewing at South Rim Visitor Center

1:00 pm Solar Viewing at Creamery Arts Center, Hotchkiss, CO

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7:30 pm Learn the Sky Planisphere at Crawford State Park, Crawford, CO (Peninsula Entrance)

Make your very own night sky chart and dark sky friendly flashlight! Rangers will be on hand to get you set up for safe and fun astronomy.

9:00 pm Night Sky Viewing at Crawford State Park, Crawford, CO (Peninsula Entrance)

In partnership with the Black Canyon Astronomical Society and Crawford State Park, rangers and astronomers will have telescopes set up for public viewing of the night sky.

9:00 pm Nightscape Photography Workshop, South Rim Visitor Center

Greg Owens, photographer from Owens Imagery, will demonstrate techniques on how to take photos of nightscapes. Participants are limited to 15 people, reservations required by calling 970-249-1914 Ext: 441 Must provide own camera equipment (DSLR) and tripod.



Welcome to the 9th annual Black Canyon Astronomy Festival. Events will take place to celebrate the dark skies of Colorado. Designated as an International Dark Sky Park, Black Canyon is home to some of the darkest and clearest skies in the country.