

Astronomical Society of Nevada
INTRODUCTION TO TELESCOPE BASICS

Friday, April 28, 2023,

Mogul Park

110 Mogul Mountain Drive, Reno, NV 89523

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We have received quite a bit of interest in response to my message last week, proposing that we schedule a session to help and mentor new members on telescope basics. As a possible date, I proposed Friday, April 28. So far, about seven new members have expressed interest in this date! This Friday looks like a great opportunity for our first such event! Thus, we are scheduling:

ASN Introduction to Telescope Basics: Mentoring, advice, and tips from ASN members for anyone wanting to learn the basics of setting up, operating and observing with a telescope

All are welcome – new members, long-time members, and guests – to this evening under the stars (and Moon) at this local Washoe County Park in west Reno (Mogul). New members and beginners, this is the time to bring out your telescopes and ask questions! ASN members, come out and meet some of our new members and share your tips, help and expertise.

If you do not have a telescope yet – this is a chance to come out see various telescope types, compare what it's like to observe the night sky with them and ask questions. Learn and become familiar with the pros and cons of various telescopes available and learn more about what might be right for you.

When:

Friday, April 28, 2023, 6:45 PM (1-hour before sunset)

(Plan to arrive about an hour before sunset, to allow time to set up in daylight)

Sun & Moon:

Sunset is at 7:50 PM

Moon up all evening, rising at 12:52 pm, sets at 3:02 am

Moon in Leo, 8.5 days old waxing gibbous, 62% illuminated,

Where:

Mogul Park, (I-80 west Mogul, exit 7 toward W 4th St)

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This link is a map pin to navigate to the parking area:

<https://w3w.co/door.illustrates.sights>

Park Facilities:

Paved parking area

No power hook-up

Park picnic tables

Although the website says, "One portable restroom is onsite.", I did not see it when I visited.

What:

ASN members will be on hand to assist on various topics including:

- Shopping for a first telescope, what to consider selecting one right one
- Setting up a telescope
- Answer questions on the various types of telescopes optical and mount systems
- Eyepieces considerations
- Basic telescope set-up and orientation under a twilight sky
- Setting up computerized and Go To telescopes
- Star Party etiquette
- And any and all questions regarding getting started in amateur astronomy and the ASN!

Who:

RSVP not required. New members who have expressed interest in attending, so far, include Sher Todd, Phil Ricci, Kent Elliott, Michael Groff, Ted Williams, Scott Groach & Becky, and Mel Pincolini. Please feel free to come and join us! If you have any questions on the day of, feel free to call me at my number listed below.

We also need our experienced ASN members to help. Come and meet our new members and share your expertise, help and tips. In addition to setting up and using a manual Dobsonian telescope, we need members experienced with German Equatorial Mounts (GEM), Go To and computerized telescope systems, and various common telescopes including Celestron, Meade and Orion.

Can't make this event?

Note that ASN members are also available at our third Friday public start parties at Sparks Marina, to help anyone needing assistance or with questions, weather and observing conditions permitting.

Looking forward to seeing and meeting our new members!

Clear skies,

-Brad Carlson

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