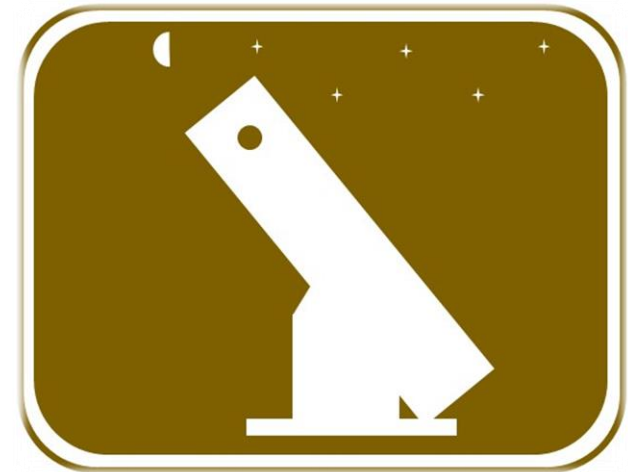


Dobson-Fest 2022



Jefferson College Observatory
Hillsboro, MO
Saturday, September 17, 2022
4:00 to 10:00pm



**Come see Dobsonian telescopes used by local
amateur astronomers**

Bring your own telescope!

Do you know that the “Dobsonian” reflecting telescope is one of the most popular telescopes on the market today?

There is a good chance that if you own a telescope it could be a Dobsonian.

Want help learning how to use your telescope?

We will have demonstrations and tips from local amateur astronomers on how get the maximum enjoyment out of your telescope

Activities and Demonstrations

- General info on telescopes and local astronomy clubs
- How to select a good first telescope for the family
- What are Library Telescope and Binoculars?
- Demonstrations on set up and use your telescope
- Tips on how to clean and align your telescope
- Display of best telescope accessories
- Telescope Making and Mirror grinding
- Night time demonstrations on how to set up and use your Dobsonian.

OBSERVATORY LOCATION

The observatory site is located north of the Jefferson College Hillsboro campus (on Farm Road) near the Softball Field and shares a paved parking lot, making the site especially attractive to astronomers from across the region due to its location outside the immediate St. Louis area and the associated light band.



DIRECTIONS

From St. Louis, travel South on Hwy 21 to the Jefferson College/Hayden Rd exit. Turn right onto Hayden Rd and then left onto Jefferson College Drive. Farm Road will be approx. 1/4 mile on the right.

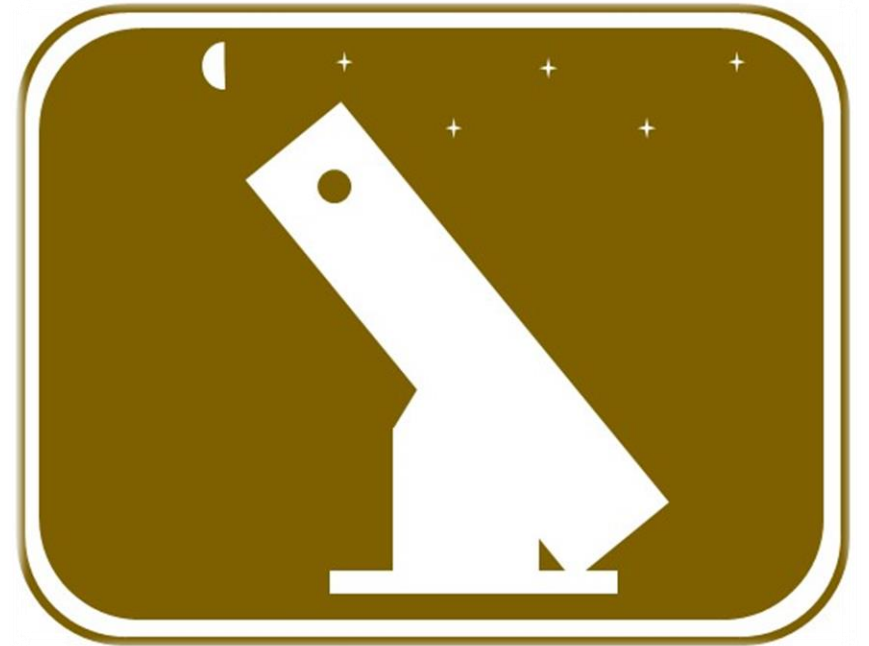
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John Dobson (1915-2014) was known as a telescope maker and innovator. During his lifetime, John developed easy to build telescopes, made from low-cost materials. Many of today's commercial telescopes are of the Dobsonian design. The simplicity of design, makes a Dobsonian telescope easier to setup and use compared to more sophisticated telescopes.

Dobsonian telescopes are very durable and they don't wear out or break easily. You may have a Dobsonian stored away in a closet or garage. Bring it to Dobson-Fest 2022 and let us help you!

Do you have a Dobsonian telescope that you love? Show it off at this event. Share your experiences. Prizes will be given to the best Dobsonian in the following categories

1. Most kid-friendly telescope
2. Most colorful telescope
3. Most inspirational telescope