



Ashton Observatory Public Nights 2025

Presented by The Des Moines Astronomical Society, Inc.

Ashton Observatory is open to the public for weekend programs, followed by stargazing – Saturday evenings, April through October.



Date	Time	Presentation Subject	Presenter	days	Moon
Apr. 05	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			7.8 ☾
12	8:00 p.m.	Planet Parade	Greg Woolever		14.8 ☽
19	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			21.8 ☾
26	8:00 p.m.	Majestic Leo.....	Derryl Barr		28.8 ☀
May 03	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			6.2 ☾
10	8:00 p.m.	Types of Objects in the Universe	Paul Caligiuri		13.2 ☽
17	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			20.2 ☾
24	8:00 p.m.	Choosing A First Telescope	G.Woolever/DMAS team		27.2 ☀
31	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			4.7 ☾
Jun 07	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			11.7 ☽
14	8:00 p.m.	The Milky Way – There’s More To It Than You See.....	JoAnn Cogil		18.7 ☽
21	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			25.7 ☀
28	8:00 p.m.	Draco’s Realm	Derryl Barr		3.2 ☀
Jul. 12	8:00 p.m.	Venus.....	J.R. Paulson	05 ☽ 12 ☽ 19 ☀ 26 ☀	
26		(to be announced).....			
Aug. 02	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			8.7 ☾
9	8:00 p.m.	How Far Is That Star?	Paul Caligiuri		15.7 ☽
16	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			22.7 ☾
23	8:00 p.m.	The Color Of Stars	J.R. Paulson		0.1 ☀
30	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			7.1 ☾
Sep. 06	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			14.1 ☽
13	8:00 p.m.	The Apollo Landing.....	Wade Johnson		21.1 ☾
20	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			28.1 ☀
27	8:00 p.m.	(to be announced).....	Jim VandeBerg		5.6 ☾
Oct. 04	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			12.6 ☽
11	8:00 p.m.	(to be announced).....	Jim VandeBerg		19.6 ☾
18	8:00 p.m.	Stargazing			26.6 ☀
25	8:00 p.m.	(to be announced).....			4.1 ☾

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Ashton Observatory is located in Ashton Wildwood County Park, Jasper County, Iowa

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