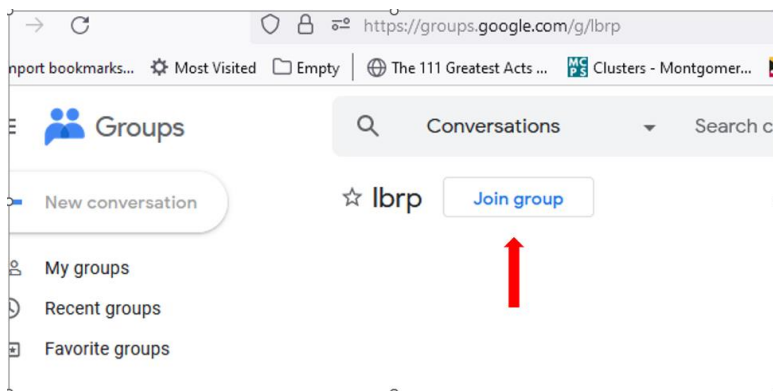


**Information on the Little Bennett Regional Park observing site (Clarksburg, MD), updated on 6/19/2023.**

**Where:** This site is in Clarksburg, Montgomery County, MD. Google map location: <https://goo.gl/maps/VuA4ViAdeERKWJp78>

**Access:** Join the LBRP Google group ( <https://groups.google.com/g/lbrp> , shown below) and this group includes folks who are also interested in using this LBRP site (**anyone can join this Google group, no approval needed.**). Once you join the group, just send an email to the group email [lbrp@googlegroups.com](mailto:lbrp@googlegroups.com) **a few days before you go and see if other folks can join you.** We recommend to go in a group of at least 2-3, some of us already have special permits that grant access to this location and we can bring guests, so you don't need to worry about the permit when you just start using/trying this location.



**Permit application:** If you have tried this site and plan to use it long term, please apply for a special use/astronomical observations permit. For details on how to apply for a permit, please see pages 2-4 of this document.

**What can I see?** It's roughly a Bortle 5 site, I have a 5 inch F6 reflector and I can see M81, M82 and M94 very easily and can barely see NGC2683 (UFO Galaxy) on a moonless night. Polaris is way above the trees, so AP is not a problem.

**Planning your observations:** Please plan your targets **Outside** of the South and Southeast **areas near horizon** (light dome) and **Outside** of the Western part (blocked by trees). There could be dew issues if you plan to stay after 11pm during late spring/summer seasons or there is a heavy rain soaking the field from the previous day.



## Special Permit Application (application form is attached in the next two pages)

1. Complete and sign the attached form, and email it to [parkpermits@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:parkpermits@montgomeryparks.org)

For "**Event Date Requested**", please put a date that is two/three weeks after your submission date, this is to give the office at least two weeks to process it, the permit office confirmed that all astronomical observation permits are for one year, so no need to worry about this "event date", it doesn't mean you are only approved for one day.

For "**Event End Time**", if you prefer overnight, you can put 7AM or any other night time you prefer.

For "**Estimated Attendance**", you can put between 4-6.

You don't need to send in any payment information at the submission as only approved permits need to be paid.

2. Please allow 2 weeks for your application to be approved, although in my case, it was much faster, only 3 days.

3. Once your application is approved (hopefully), the permit office will ask you to call them to make the payment using your credit card information.

4. Once your payment is cleared, you will receive an email from ActiveMONTGOMERY with a receipt, print the receipt, that is your permit.



# SPECIAL USE PERMIT FORM

Application Fee: \$35.00

Event Date Requested: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Event Start Time: \_\_\_:\_\_\_ AM/PM Event End Time: \_\_\_:\_\_\_ AM/PM  
MM/DD/YYYY

Location Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Special Permit Requested (select one):**

Moonbounce Climbing wall Collection of money Use of generator Memorials/services Demonstration

Use outside of operating hours Use of motorized vehicles/other Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Certificate Required? Y /  N *If yes, must name "M-NCPPC" as additional insured and be submitted to the Park Permit Office at least one week before the event date.*

Part of Special Event Request? Y /  N *If yes, Event Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS  
CITY STATE ZIP

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Instructions:** I would like to request a Special Use Permit for use of Little Bennett Park lands for the purpose of Astronomical Observations after sundown. Every effort will be made to leave the site in the same condition it was in when I arrived. The specific areas I am requesting use of are:  
1. Prescott Rd Horse Trailer Parking Area (<https://goo.gl/maps/VuA4ViAdeERKWJp78>)  
2. Little Bennett Regional Park - Wilson Mill Parking Area (off of Clarksburg Road, <https://goo.gl/maps/DCZ9YRP7HNuaXrFE8>)  
Please see the next page for Google maps of these two sites and pictures of areas where I will set up my telescope.

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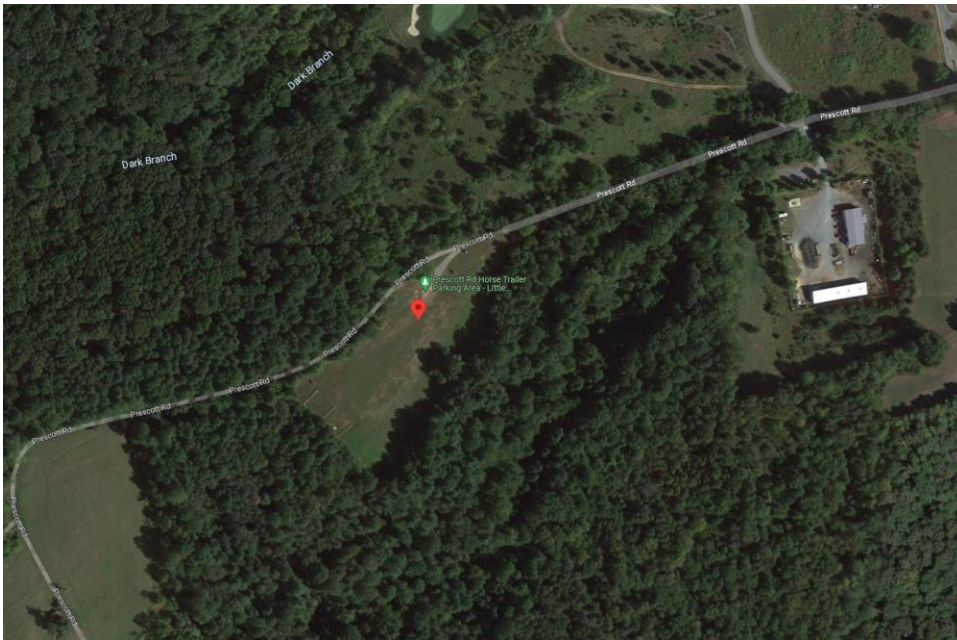
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SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS (IF NEEDED)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT/EVENT ORGANIZER

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1. Prescott Rd Horse Trailer Parking Area (<https://goo.gl/maps/VuA4ViAdeERKWJp78>)



**I plan to set up my telescope on the turf next to the parking lot.**