

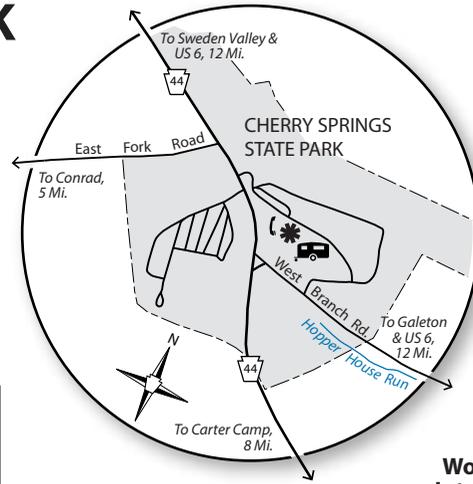
# CHERRY SPRINGS STATE PARK

## ASTRONOMY FIELD

**Park Office**  
 % Lyman Run State Park  
 454 Lyman Run Road  
 Galeton, PA 16922  
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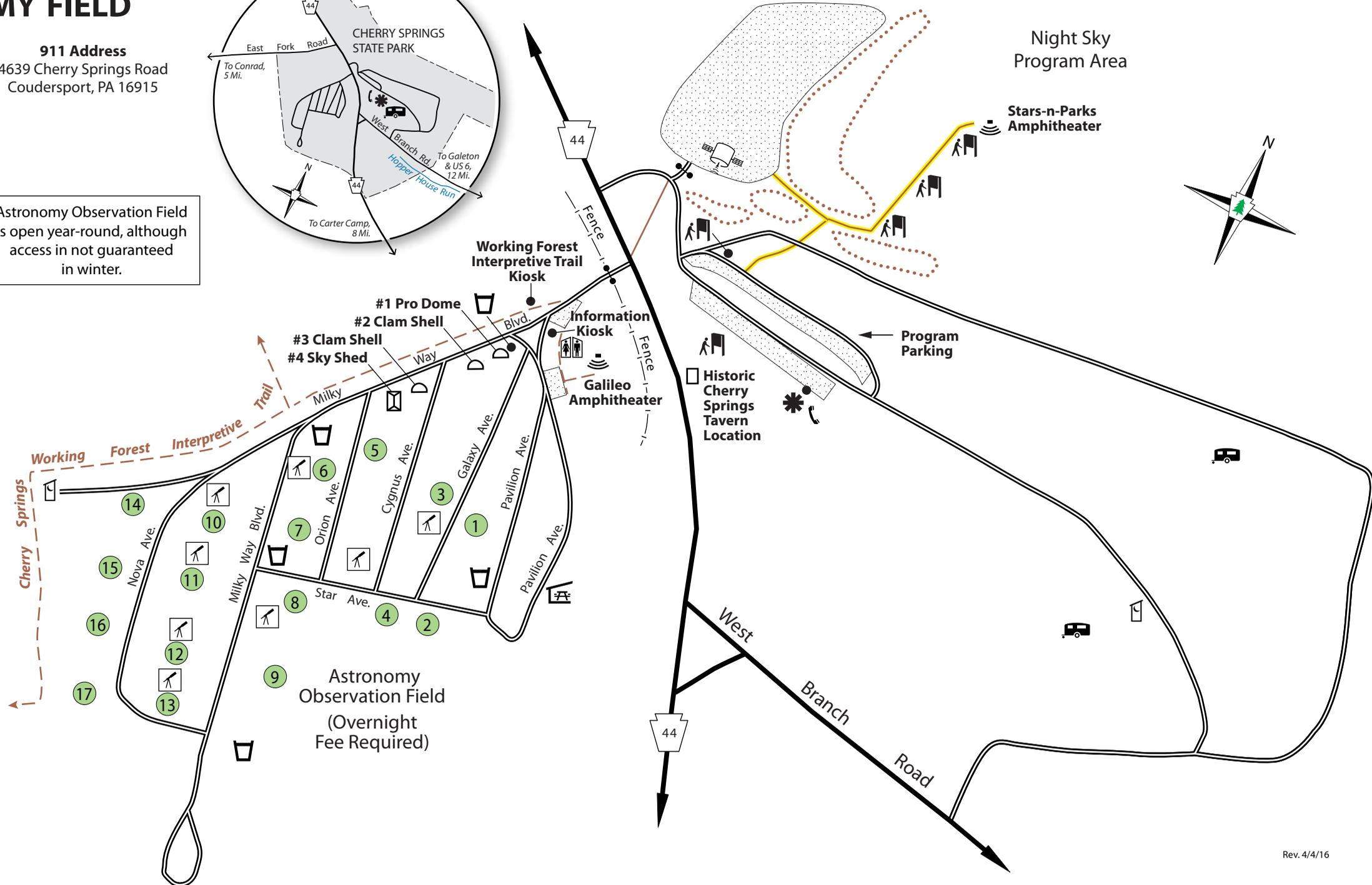
**911 Address**  
 4639 Cherry Springs Road  
 Coudersport, PA 16915

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### LEGEND

- Telescope Pad
- Electric Pedestal
- Modern Restrooms
- Rustic Restrooms
- Water
- Amphitheater
- Wayside Exhibit
- Picnic Pavilion
- Gate
- Contact Station
- Campground
- Public Phone
- Unpaved Road
- Unpaved Parking Lot
- Light-shielding Berm
- Unpaved Walkway (Seasonally Lit)
- Trail
- GPS DD:  
 Lat. 41.66384  
 Long. -77.82321



## Cherry Springs State Park Astronomy Observation Field

The Astronomy Observation Field is at the top of a 2,300-foot high mountain. The field offers an excellent 360° view of the night sky. There are 16 electric pedestals and seven pads on the field. Water hydrants and a modern restroom are near the field.

**Overnight stay on the field is permitted only for visitors observing the night sky with optical devices. Short-term observing is available in the Night Sky Public Viewing Area.**

### Astronomy Observation Season

The Astronomy Observation Field is open year-round. Access cannot be guaranteed during the winter months. Contact Lyman Run State Park for information.

The field is not available the first weekend in August when it hosts the Woodsmen's Show, and during the Black Forest and Cherry Springs star parties, which are pre-registered, pre-paid events. Contact Lyman Run State Park for dates and information.

### Registration

Astronomy sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. All observers must register if they plan to stay on the field overnight. Fee envelopes are at the registration kiosk, which is near the restroom. Please follow the written instructions, posted fee schedule and list your location on the envelope so that you can be located in an emergency, then deposit the envelope in the fee tube.

Your receipt from the payment envelope is your permit for the night. The permit should be placed in view on the dash of your vehicle. Individuals staying overnight must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult.

If you arrive after dark you must park in the public lot across the road and walk into the Astronomy Observation Field.

### Galaxy Pass

A Galaxy Pass offers unlimited use of the field for a year at a discounted rate. The pass is only available through Lyman Run State Park.

### Electricity

Electricity is available on the field from 120-volt ground fault protected power outlets in RV style pedestals (six outlets per pedestal). When the field is in heavy use, outlets must be shared. Please be courteous of your fellow stargazers. Electrical

pedestals are for the charging of telescope batteries and small appliance or laptop use. Camper hook-up is prohibited.

### Observatories

Four small observatories can be rented. Each has a concrete floor, 120-volt ground fault protected power outlet and red lighting controlled by a dimmer switch.

**Observatory 1** is a 15' rotating Pro-Dome made by Technical Innovations. This slotted dome is the best for imaging in high winds.

**Observatories 2 and 3** are roomy, 12' clamshell domes made by Astro Haven and accommodate 3 to 5 people. The four-foot high walls provide wind shielding and can be partially closed for better shielding.

**Observatory 4** is a 10' by 12' Sky Shed. This "open to the full sky" roll-off roof structure eliminates the thermal currents often associated with slotted/rotating domes.

Observatories can be reserved up to 11 months in advance. Reservations can be made using MasterCard, VISA, American Express and Discover credit cards, or personal, traveler's and cashier's checks. To confirm the reservation, full payment must be received within two weeks of making the reservations.

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For reservations visit [www.visitPAparks.com](http://www.visitPAparks.com), or call 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), Monday to Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM except on the Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day holidays.

### Protect and Preserve Our Night Skies

Please be familiar with all state park rules and especially the following rules and regulations.

#### White Light

White light sources are prohibited on the Astronomy Observation Field unless the sky is 100% cloudy, or in an emergency. Flashlights must be red light only. Avoid using automobile headlights or driving on the field at night except in emergencies. Light sources in campers, vehicles and computer screens must be blocked or filtered.

### Green Lasers

Green lasers are prohibited at all times on the Astronomy Observation Field. Only park staff and designated Dark Sky Volunteers are permitted to use green lasers in the Night Sky Public Viewing Area of the park (public programming area on the other side of the road).

### Gate

The gate at the entrance of the Astronomy Observation Field may be closed but not locked when visitors are actively viewing the night sky. The headlight blocking tarp should be down when the gate is closed. The last person to leave the field is responsible for rolling up the tarp and securing the gate in the open position. (Roll up the tarp from the center section first.)

### Pets

Only during daylight hours are pets permitted on the Astronomy Observation Field. Guide dogs, and other dogs that assist people with disabilities (service dogs), are not considered pets.

### Visitors, Quiet Hours and Noise

Visitors are welcome. Visitors should park across the road in the public lot and walk into the Astronomy Observation Field. Electric generators that create excessive noise are prohibited.

### Fires

Campfires are prohibited on the Astronomy Observation Field. Gas and propane camp stoves and charcoal grills are permitted. Campfires are permitted in the campground across the road. Please be careful with fire. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished before leaving the campsite.

### Dishwashing

Dishwashing is prohibited in the restroom sinks at water spigots, hand pumps, springs, lakes and streams. Please wash dishes in a dish pan, then dispose of the water at the dump station in the campground. Food scraps invite scavengers like black bears, raccoons opossums, skunks and ants.

### Alcohol

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all Pennsylvania state parks.



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