

Observing Site Courtesy and Safety

These guidelines are intended to promote enjoyable, safe observing for all present.

- If the session is in the New Forest, please use a designated parking area and **DO NOT PARK ON FOREST VERGES**
- Please only use dim red light in or near the observing area. White light spoils night vision.
- It is a condition of attendance at our observing events that members of the public **DO NOT USE LASER POINTERS** for any purpose.
- Observing areas are necessarily dark. Please be careful when moving around.
- Always dress for about 5° colder than you think it will be. Pay special attention to insulating heads and feet.
- Optics do not combine well with food and drink; please keep them well separated.
- If you breathe on optics, they fog up. Instantly. This could mean the end of somebody's observing for the evening, so please be careful.
- Never touch any optical surface.
- Please remember that observing kit is usually expensive and often "quirky". Please only use or adjust somebody else's kit with his/her permission.
- If you do inadvertently touch or breathe on somebody's optics, or if something appears not to be functioning properly, please do not try to remedy it yourself: you could easily cause more damage. **Always** tell the owner of the kit.
- Pets and observing don't mix well; please don't bring them.