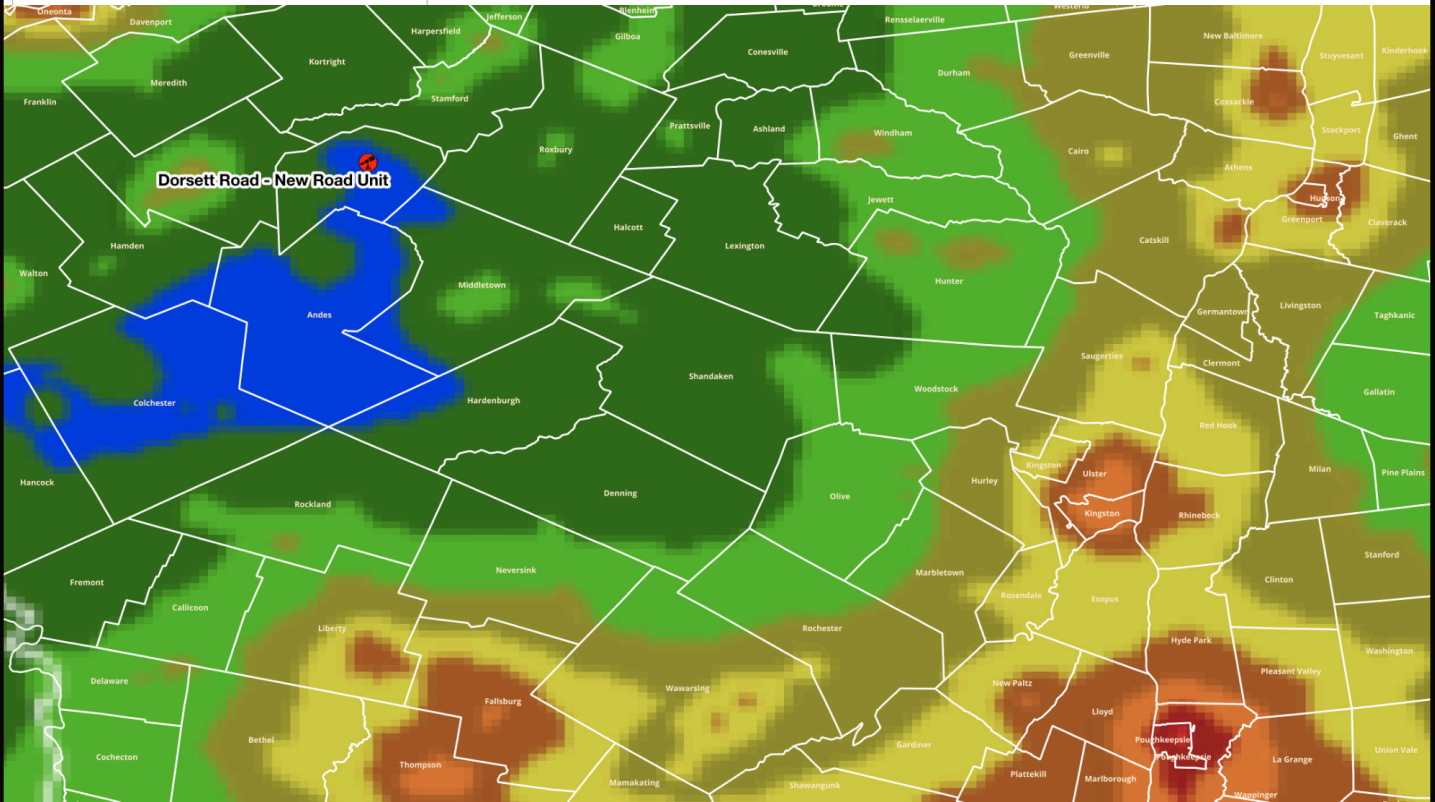




DARK SITE



Dorsett Rd Parcel - NYC DEP New Road Unit



Dark Level	Bortle 2
Site	Dorsett Road Parcel - New Road Unit (Website)
Manager	NY City Department of Environmental Protection
Address	Dorsett Rd Bovina, NY 13740 42.2847, -74.7412 (Google Maps)
Season	Open year-round: 24x7
Contact	607-363-9000 (DEP Police)
Access	Located in a NYC DEP Public Access Area open to Hiking, 365x24. DEP regulations specify that "nature observing" and "photography" are forms of hiking, so that astronomy and astrophotography are valid uses.

Comments: This parcel provides a level, mown field bordering Dorsett Rd. It features a nearly unobstructed view of the sky, with the closest buildings several hundred yards up the road.

The recommended viewing location is next to the NYC DEP access sign. You can park your car on the side of the road on NYC land... there are no obstructions, not even a drainage ditch at this location.

The only access issue is the state of mowing... the fields are grassy, and could grow fairly high at certain times of year if irregularly mown.

If you arrive and find the field overgrown, nearby alternates are Pepacton Cemetery and, for MHA A members only, Woodchuck Lodge, both of which should not be overgrown.

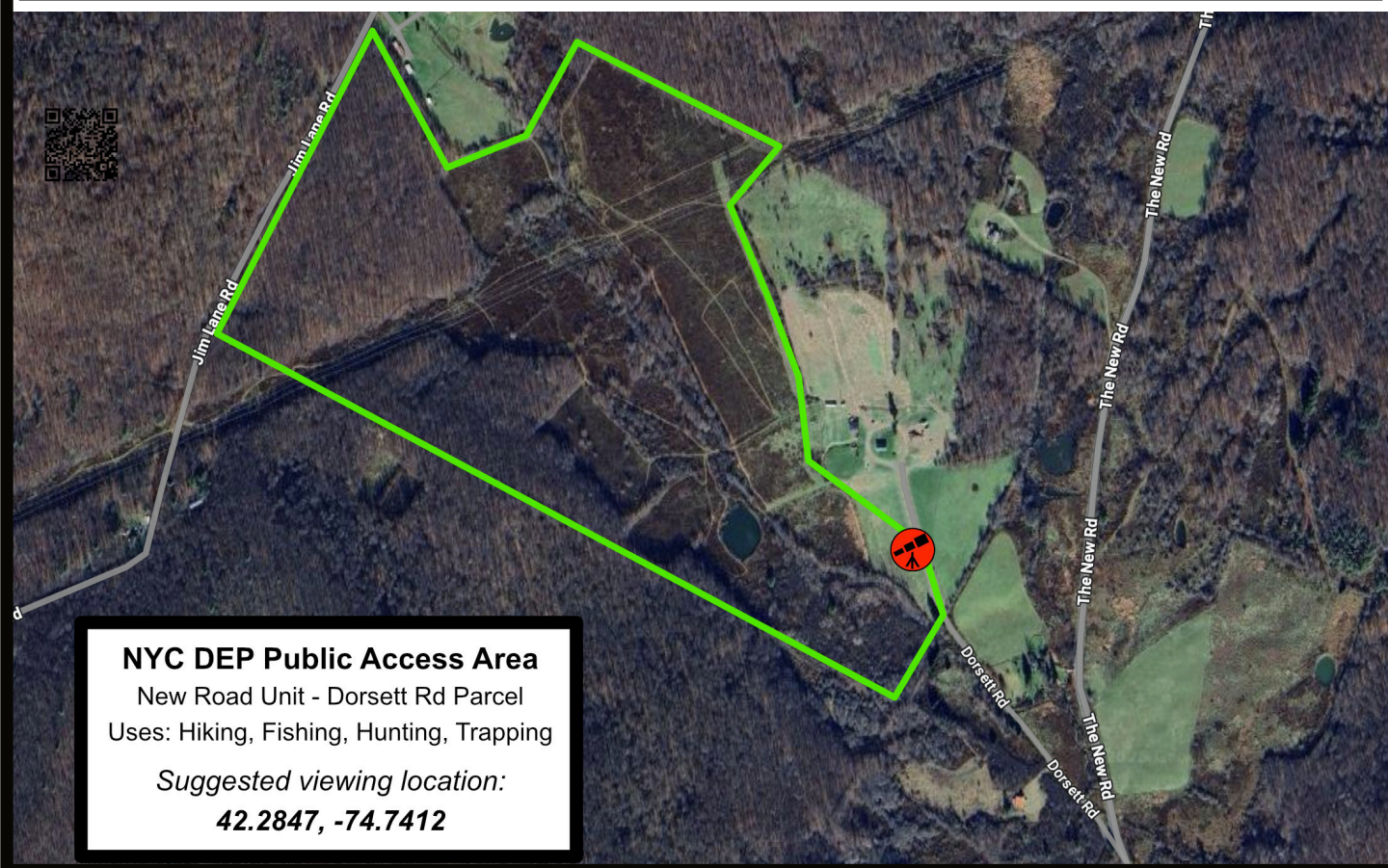
While remote, this dark site is easily accessed via state and county highways. Dorsett Road is well marked and maintained. Look for the NYDEC sign on the left in a field just off the road.

Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association has educated the public and supported amateur astronomers since 1985. We partner frequently with local organizations to conduct observing parties and educational events while enjoying the camaraderie of amateur astronomers from all walks of life. We sponsor monthly, public star-parties year-round at Taghkanic State Park, and a seminar series at SUNY New Paltz: midhudsonastro.org





Cardinal directions are approximate (see bottom center window in each of the above images for accurate compass bearing). Altitude to the upper crosshair (in degrees) is shown in the right hand window. Photos here were taken in early spring. Later in the year, the field may be brushy. From spring through late July, the field probably supports chiggers and other biting insects. Ticks are an issue year-round. Be prepared with permethrin treated clothing and insect repellent. You may want to arrive early to scout the state of the field. If you can't use this site, the Pepacton Cemetery site is about a half-hour drive and will not be so brushy. The advantage of this location is that it has excellent site lines in all directions, whereas Pepacton's, while not bad, is more restricted. If you are an MHAA member, another option is the Woodchuck Lodge. It is also under 30 minutes away, offers similar site lines, and skies that are nearly as dark (Bortle 3 instead of 2). This is also a field set-up, but the Lodge maintains a mowed trail system through the fields allowing you to set up in short grass.



NYC DEP Public Access Area
 New Road Unit - Dorsett Rd Parcel
 Uses: Hiking, Fishing, Hunting, Trapping
Suggested viewing location:
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