



DARK SITE

Website

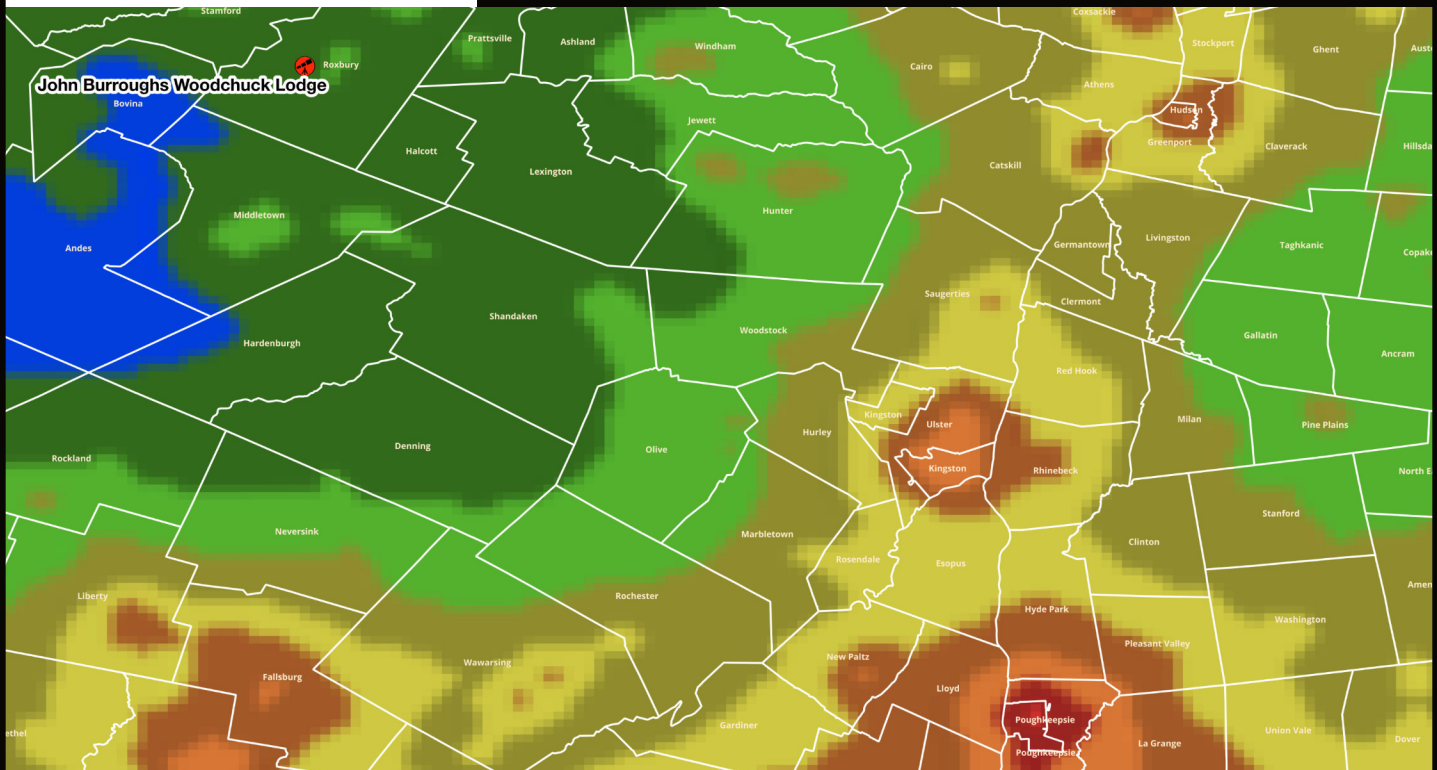


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John Burroughs Woodchuck Lodge

Nighttime Access Requires Active MHA A Membership



Dark Level	Bortle 3
Site	John Burroughs Woodchuck Lodge (Website)
Manager	Woodchuck Lodge, Inc.
Address	1633 Burroughs Memorial Rd. Roxbury NY 12474 (Google Maps)
Season	Open year-round
Email	jbwoodchucklodge@gmail.com
Access	Grounds are open year round, but the lodge is closed unless an event is in progress. MHA A members exclusively are permitted free nighttime access for observing. Please visit the MHA A website to download a credential that confirms your MHA A membership.

Comments: John Burroughs was a pioneering naturalist and best-selling writer who died in 1921. Burroughs was a leading champion of Catskills preservation, which is a major reason we still find dark skies in the Catskill region.

The Lodge was his summer home, and his gravesite is a state historic park located a few hundred yards up the road. The Lodge and its substantial grounds are operated by a 501(c)3 non-profit. If you enjoy the site, please consider making a tax deductible donation.

The grounds are open year-round, but normally close at sundown. By special arrangement, MHA A members are permitted to remain after dark for astronomical observation.

While remote, this dark site is easily accessed via state highways taking you within a couple of miles. The local access roads are well marked and maintained.

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 crosshair (in degrees) is shown in the right hand window. Photos here were taken in early spring. Later in the year, the field will be brushy except where mowed to maintain the trail system. You'll need to set up in mowed areas. From spring through late July, the field supports a significant population of chiggers and other biting insects. Ticks are an issue year-round. Be prepared with permethrin treated clothing and insect repellent. While locations on the Centennial Trail (marked on map) provide the most wide-open views, depending on your targets, you may be able to observe from the parking lot or from the lawn in front of the Lodge itself. Please park your car in the lot after you unload and set up. The cottage in the N view is owned by a Lodge board member. Please respect their privacy. They are big supporters of the dark site initiative. Don't be surprised if they come down to say hello.

