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Dear Member:

The DEEP SKY OBJECTS STUDY GROUP OF THE SOUTH SHORE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY has succeeded in obtaining permission to use the darkest observing location I know of, **that** is WOMPATUCK STATE PARK. In many ways this is an ideal place. The park is sealed off from outsiders and is guarded at the gate. The observing location is a large newly paved area with a long, low building in the center. It is 1.7 miles from the gate on the left. It would be best to arrive at dusk as the area is partially hidden from the road by trees.

Directions are as follows: From Rt. 3 take exit 30 (Rt. 228) to Main Street Hingham, Go 3.75 Miles to Free Street, watch for the sign to Wompatuck State Park. Take a Right turn, follow Free Street as it veers left onto Lazell Street, Opposite a large barn is the entrance road to the park. Show your membership card to the guard at the gate.

The observing dates will be on Fridays; June 25, with a Rain Date of Friday July 2. Next month July 23, Rain Date, July 30; August 20, Rain Date August 27. Suggested itinerary will include Messier Objects in good position and suitable New General Catalogue Objects. Each Member with a telescope will be assigned a different object to find and all will view each find as it is made. A suggested group of objects will include: M5, M64, NGC 4565, M 53, M 3, M 51, M 81, M82, NGC 6543, M13, M57, M92, M4, M16, M7, M8, M20, M17, M22.

Feel free to call with any suggestions: 749-3645

Sincerely,

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