

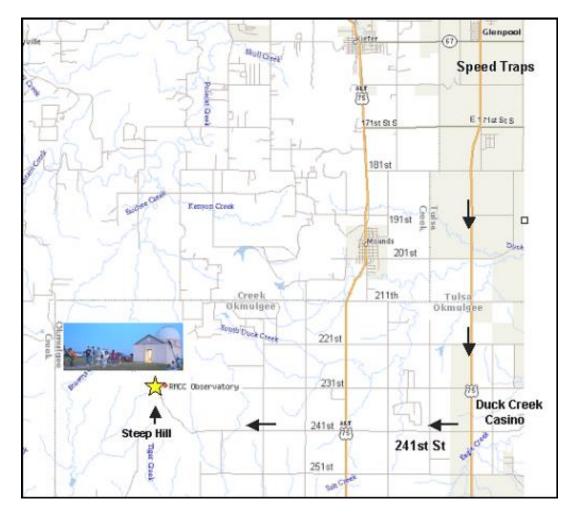
## **Directions to Astronomy Club of Tulsa Observatory**

The Astronomy Club of Tulsa has a dark sky observing site located on a hilltop near Mounds, OK. The site features a domed building containing a 14-inch telescope, classroom, bathroom, and one acre observing field. It is an approximately 45-minute drive south of Tulsa

- The observatory is open only for scheduled events.
  Check our website for events schedule at <u>www.astrotulsa.com</u>
  Check our website for weather cancellations before setting out!
- Please read other important notes about your visit on the page below map.

#### Directions from Tulsa via US 75:

- Do not use GPS for routing It may send you on rugged, impassable, or nonexistent roads.
- Go south on US 75 from the Tulsa area, toward Glenpool and Okmulgee. Watch the reduce speed signs in Glenpool !!
- Continue 10 miles south from the traffic light on US 75 at Glenpool to 241st St.
- Turn Right (west) off of 75 onto 241st St. across from the Duck Creek Casino.
- Continue west on 241st ( also known as Ferguson Road)
  after about 3 miles you will cross Alt US 75 and continue west on 241st
- Continue west on the gravel / dirt road about 3.5 miles and follow it as starts up a hill.
- Stay to the right at the Y part way up the hill onto the paved road.
- Continue on the paved road about 1 mile further.
- Drive straight through the white metal gate, uphill past the observatory building and gate.
- Continue straight into the paved parking lot next to the large building with a tower.



### Observatory is only open for scheduled events.

#### Non-members are welcome on our Guest Observing nights.

Our members will have telescopes set up for viewing.

A donation is appreciated to help with our operational expenses. Suggested donation \$ 5.00 per adult, \$ 2 for kids – children under 6 are free

# Children are welcome but must be supervised and must stay on observatory grounds. No pets please

Groups - In order to better serve your group, please make separate arrangements for a visit.

#### Check for weather cancellations before you leave!

Notice of cancellation of events will be posted at <u>www.astrotulsa.com</u> Scheduled Events will be cancelled in the event of clouds, rain and other weather conditions deemed unsuitable, or other unforeseen circumstances. If conditions change a cancelled Friday event may be postponed to Saturday.

- As you arrive, please drive slowly and be aware of guests walking in the dark. Leave you lights on low beam until parked.
- It is colder and breezier on the hilltop than in town. Dress accordingly! Check the weather forecasts but expect it to feel colder, sometimes much colder.
- We recommend closed toed shoes to avoid stubbing your toes in the dark.
- We suggest you bring snacks and water or something else to drink (no alcohol). There is a microwave oven in the classroom
- We hope you enjoy your visit to our dark site to enjoy viewing the stars. Once your eyes adapt to the darkness, you will be able to find your way around easily In order to preserve your night vision, we ask our guest to avoid using white lights.
- In our classroom we use red lighting that preserves night vision. A flashlight with a Red LED or covered with Red plastic or material may be useful.
- Please avoid texting and extended cell use.
   the bright cell screen will ruin you night vison and distract others.
- In the summer months you may desire to use an insect repellant to ward off pests. Please use them at your car and away from the telescopes and their optics.