Opening Times and Admission

The Lake Afton Public Observatory is open to the public on Friday and Saturday evenings. From May 1st through August 31st, the regularly scheduled public programs run from 9:00 - 11:00 pm. Admission to the Observatory is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12, and children under 6 get in for free. There is also a special family admission where 2 adults and their immediate minor children or grandchildren get in for \$18.00. Current program information is available from our information line at WSU-STAR (978-7827) or on our website at http://webs.wichita.edu/lapo Afton Public Observatory on Facebook.

Location

The Observatory is located about 20 miles southwest of downtown Wichita on MacArthur Road at 247th Street West in Lake Afton County Park. It is immediately north of the lake, just off MacArthur Road. Lake Afton can be reached by any of the following routes: west from Wichita on U.S. 54 to the Lake Afton sign at Viola Road three miles past Goddard, then three miles south and one mile east; or southwest on K-42, 7 miles to Schulte and nine miles west on MacArthur.

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