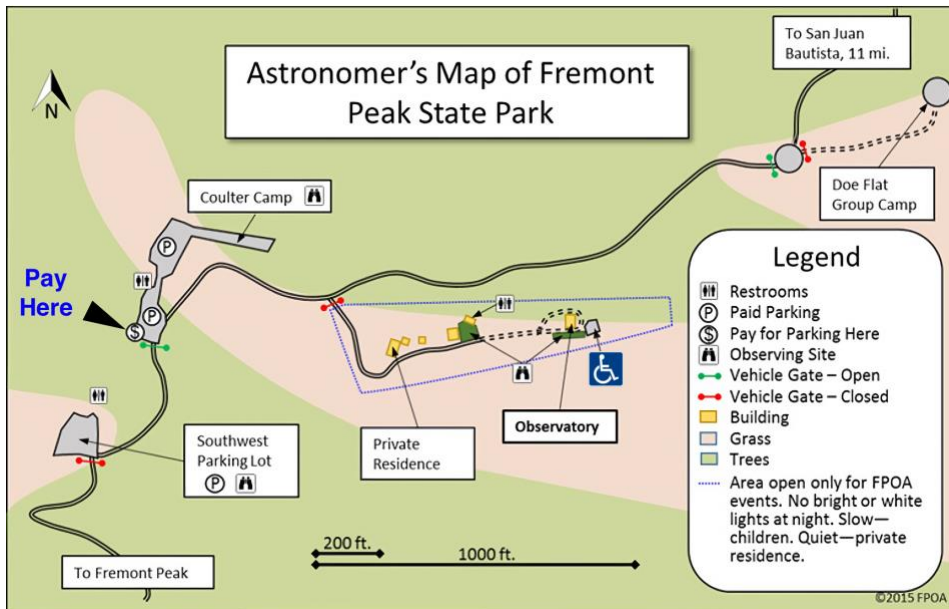


Fremont Peak Observatory Association (FPOA)

What We Do

FPOA volunteers spread the word about the wonder of the night sky, educate the public through presentations and observing sessions, and provide quality observatory facilities.

Each year over 2,000 members of the public are treated to a multimedia presentation by an FPOA astronomer while the Saturday evening sun sets over the Pacific. They gaze at night sky's splendors through the eyepiece of the **30" diameter Challenger** telescope, and a variety of sophisticated amateur telescopes, before returning to their campsites and homes.

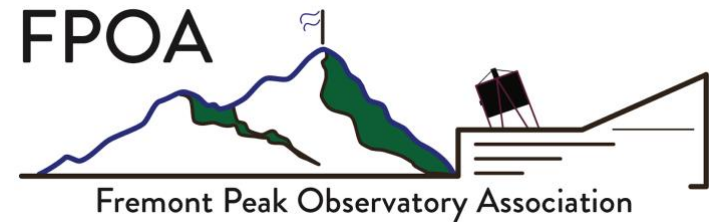


Directions

From Hwy. 101, about 11 miles south of Gilroy, take the eastbound Hwy. 156 exit. Go 3.0 miles, to a traffic light, and turn right onto county Hwy. G-1 (San Juan Canyon Road).

Parking and Accessibility

To visit the observatory, park in any of the public parking areas (see map), pay your entrance fee (see map), and walk along the road to the observatory.



Programs

The Observatory is open to the public for scheduled viewing and educational programs. When the summer advection fog rolls in from Monterey Bay and covers the lights of Hollister and Gilroy, the skies above Fremont Peak are as dark and star-filled as any place to be found within 100 miles of the San Francisco Bay area.

2025 Evening Program Schedule

Please arrive by sunset. Presentations are at 8:30 pm from May through August, and 8:00 in other months followed by observing through the 30" Challenger and other telescopes (depending on weather).

Jan/ Feb	Closed	Jul	19, 26
Mar.	22, 29	Aug.	16, 23, 30
Apr.	5, 19, 26	Sep.	13, 20, 27
May	3, 24, 31	Oct.	18, 25
Jun.	21, 28	Nov / Dec	Closed

2025 Daytime Solar Program Schedule

Solar observing is offered at the observatory from 2 to 5 PM on these dates

March	29	Jul.	19
April	19	Aug.	30
May	24	Sep.	13
June	28	Oct.	25

Website:

www.fpoa.net

We sometimes close due to weather.

Check our status on our website before coming up the hill.



View observatory status

Other Contacts

Fremont Peak State Park:
831-623-4255 or www.parks.ca.gov

Camping Reservations:
www.reservecalifornia.com

Questions: info@fpoa.net