

## Astronomy at Lake Hudson Hints and Tips

Lake Hudson, has one of the best combinations of dark skies and clear horizons available to amateur astronomers in southern Michigan.

Skies are generally dark, but skyglow is frequently a problem toward the east, and sometimes in other directions.

Local astronomical observers setting up at Lake Hudson usually use the Picnic or Beach parking areas, as there generally is less night activity there.

The campground is occasionally used for observing, as it is the only area where 110-volt power is available to the public, but campfires, lights, and campground traffic may interfere.

Amateur astronomers should remember that Lake Hudson is a public park, and that there are often other legitimate nighttime recreational users of the park present who may not share a sensitivity toward dark skies. Your courtesy and patience is requested. Most such interference tends to die out by an hour or two after sunset.

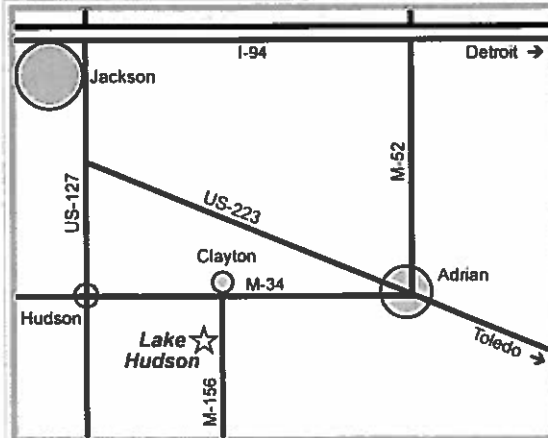
Lake Hudson is normally closed in areas outside the campground from 10 PM to 8 AM. Observing outside the campground is normally permitted if the park manager is contacted ahead of time at (517) 467-7401.

## Lake Hudson State Recreation Area

The Lake Hudson State Recreation Area consists of approximately 2,200 acres of land surrounding Lake Hudson. The 600-acre lake was impounded in 1971. The park offers a semi-modern campground, picnic area, boat launch, and a beach, with hand pumps and pit toilets.

Deer, geese, and wild turkeys are common, and hunting is permitted in season. The lake has some of the largest muskellunge found in Michigan's inland waters. Boats on the lake are limited to "no-wake" speed.

Take M-34 east of Hudson six miles to Clayton and go one mile south on M-156.



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