



TUCSON AMATEUR ASTRONOMY ASSOCIATION

CHIRICAHUA ASTRONOMY COMPLEX (CAC)

RULES OF USE



- TAAA members using CAC must be members in good standing AND intend to do astronomy observing at the site during their visit and not just use the facilities and leave. Violations will result in loss of CAC privileges.
- Please do not duplicate the site keys. Please do not lose the site keys. If you are certified to open & close the site, the keys are to be returned to and locked inside the key safe when you leave the site. **Do NOT assume the codes have not changed.** They will be changed routinely, and you will be provided the new codes when making a reservation if checked out to open/close the site.
- **First Aid kit with tourniquet located in the Classroom & in the Utility Room. Fire Extinguishers throughout site.**
- **NO use of Laser Pointers** are permitted except for special events approved by the CAC Director. Many members are imaging or using observatories remotely and laser pointers can interfere with those operations.
- **NO open alcoholic beverages** are permitted while on the site. Beverages must be kept in room/RV.
- **NO open fires** or charcoal grills are permitted on the site. Gas stoves or wood pellet (Tragger, etc) are permitted if enclosed with a cover.
- **NO electric generators** are allowed to be used on the site during dark hours.
- **No smoking on site.** You may go outside the entrance gate if required. Dispose of any litter appropriately. Be careful, the fire danger is high at the site. Vaping is OK in outside areas.
- **Pets are allowed** as long as they are leashed. The pet owner is responsible for cleaning up after their pet.
- Please **keep the site clean.**
- **Be considerate of the neighbors** in the area and please do not make excessive noise, particularly at night.
- **Close the gate** when inside the complex. Gates left open, particularly at night, invite grazing cattle to enter. If sleeping over at the site, you may lock the gate for security but not required. Lock the site (to include rooms that were unlocked) if no-one else on site & you are leaving for the period of time even if you intend to return later.
- **Parking is only permitted on the graveled or concrete parking spaces** in designated spaces.
- **RV's** or campers will be parked **in the designated RV Area** unless instructed otherwise by the Site Staff.
- If there are no handicapped persons in your party or on-site, you may use the concrete handicapped parking spaces for parking or telescope set-up.
- **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations** are available for a nominal fee. EV vehicles have priority in these spaces.
- **Electric power is available to each of the ten (10) concrete telescope pads.** Turn on the power to the pads by accessing the electric power panel on the north outside wall of the Wallace E. Rogers Observatory using the "ML" key. Electric power is also available on the meter pedestal near the bathroom facility. The access panel is locked with a small padlock and may be opened using the "ML" key. There is a 100' long extension cord in the utility room which may be used to run electric power from the pedestal out to the nearest parking spaces.
- Only **OSHA approved ladders** are allowed to be used on site for observing equipment.
- The interior **bathroom and shower room lights (near the RMO) are automatically controlled by motion sensors.** The lights and exhaust fans will come on when you open the doors. Please do not press the wall switches. It will turn off the automatic operation of the lights and fans. When you are done using the bathroom/shower, simply leave. The lights and fans will time out and go off in approximately 5 minutes. KEEP ALL DOORS CLOSED TIGHTLY to preclude snakes and other critters getting inside (exception-shower door may be propped open for short periods to dry). Check each room carefully to ensure it is "critter free" when entering. Use the manual button white light for daytime.
- The Utility Room, marked with signs, contains a **First Aid Kit, Fire Extinguisher and an AED.** A First Aid Kit is also located in the Classroom Storage Cabinet which includes a tourniquet.
- Bathroom supplies, such as toilet paper, paper hand towels, hand soap and cleaning **supplies are stored in the utility room** along with a microwave oven. Please refill soap dispensers as needed (do NOT add water).
- Please do not throw anything but toilet paper down the toilets. Please do not dispose of any chemicals down the outside water fountain, sinks, toilets or the floor drains in the bathrooms.
- The four bathroom facility **outdoor red lights** near the RMO are all controlled by a **wall switch inside the utility room.** It is recommended that you turn these lights on when it gets dark and off during the day.
- Any garbage that you bring into the site you must take out with you when you leave. There is **no garbage service for the complex.** DO NOT throw any perishable refuse (food, etc.) into the wastebaskets. If you are last to leave, please



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empty the common area trash and recycle cans. Take any trash home with you. **DO NOT DISPOSE OF ANY GARBAGE IN THE PRIVATE BINS ON S Price Ranch Road.** Those do NOT belong to TAAA

Foley INNstitute and Mooney buildings.

- Turn on two water heater breakers in respective boxes at each building if they are off. They can be left on when closing site unless directed otherwise.
- Last one to leave. Lock all external doors prior to departing. Interior rooms should be locked when departing. Ensure all lights are off, HVAC (AC & Heat) are off, and all security shutters are closed down (completely closed with no light between slats). This includes the classroom. Follow Individual open/close checklists inside each room.
- Check to ensure the two outside bathrooms for each building (on south side) are closed, lights are off, and doors are locked if last one there. Make sure no toilets are running.
- Bathroom supplies are located in the utility room in each building or in the member Container.

General

- Be aware that there are “**critters**” **on the site**, such as Mohave rattlesnakes, skunks, scorpions, and spiders, so be careful where you walk, particularly in the undeveloped, grassy areas. It is strongly recommended that you stay within the developed areas, particularly at night. NOTE: Use a good red flashlight to navigate the site at night. Use white light if safety requires. Trip and fall hazards are the greatest physical hazards at the site. Stay hydrated. We have two water coolers (Classroom & RMO) to use with reusable bottles or provided cups.
- Tent camping is permitted in the open areas around the parking lot & in the Tent area in the center of parking lot.
- The TAAA Member who requested use of the site is **responsible for locking all doors**, padlocks and the gate when leaving the site even if you intend to return to the site later. You must make a positive handover to another trained individual prior to leaving the site. If any questions, contact the Site Director or CAC Reservations Manager.
- Cameras and other sensors are in use throughout the site.
- **Report any damage** or suspicious situations to the Site Director immediately.

Site Director

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CAC Site Address

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CAC Site Location

From intersection of SR191 & SR181 (Sandy’s RV). Turn east on SR181 toward Chiricahua National Monument. Travel 10.9 miles to intersection with S. Price Ranch Road (dirt road just before you reach Mile Post 49 with group of mailboxes). Turn right. Travel ½ mile to E. Perseus Way. Turn left. Travel slightly more than ¼ mile on E Perseus Way to the CAC entrance on the right.

Local Emergency Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911 (nearest hospital in Willcox; nearest fire station in Sunsites)

Sherriff’s Dept: (520) 432-9502 (dispatch out of Bisbee)

Border Patrol: (520) 384-4424 (Willcox Field Station)