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Craters of the Moon Sky Viewing Event OK It's one heck of a Star Party

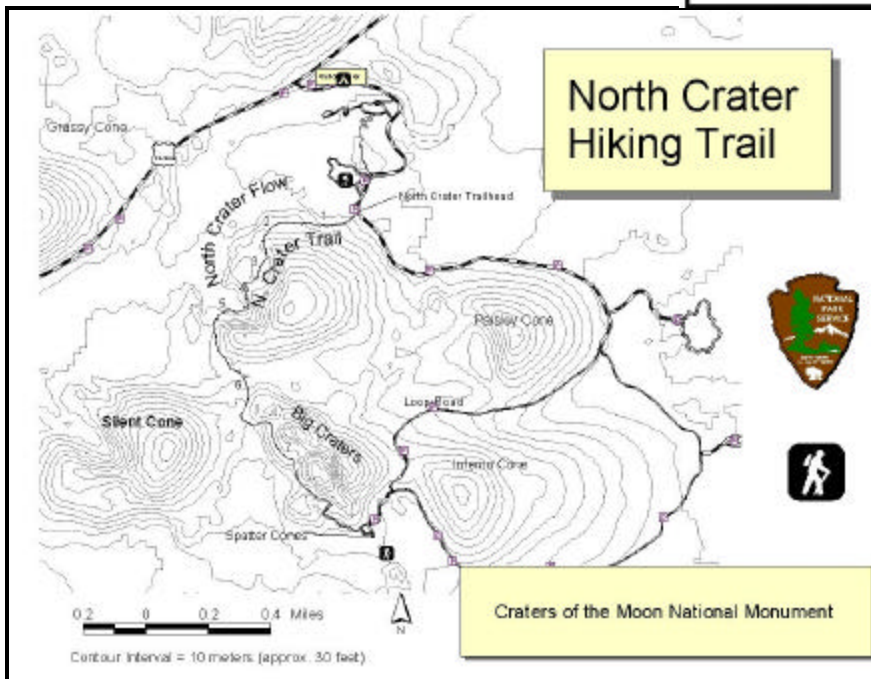
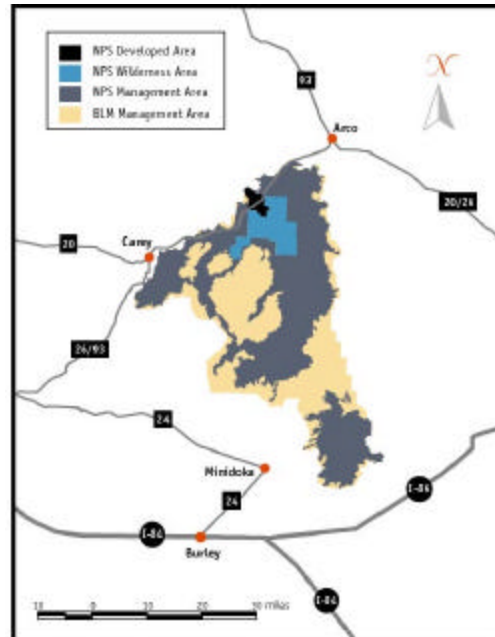
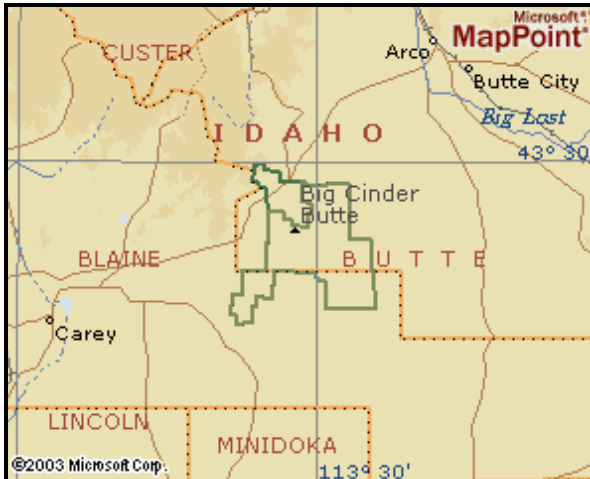
It is the time of year for star parties and the early summer Craters event is one you will not want to miss. Fritz Fraunholz guarantees good weather and fun times. Maps our included on the following page. The event will start at

dusk both Friday and Saturday evenings. Rain or shine Craters National Monument is a fun place to go and the wild flowers should be gorgeous with all the spring rains we have had.

Bring your telescope and meet at the Caves area inside the park. Please try to get there before sundown so you can avoid the sometimes awkward late night parking jam.



Finding your way around Craters



Coming Events

Thanks to the following generous donors who have donated funds for the shipping of the SHARE system from Boston Massachusetts:

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It is not too late if you wish to donate something please contact Cheri Lowman at 736-7293.

Stay tuned for the Great Debate now moved up to August 13, 2005. Apparently Chris Anderson's sky charts indicated this was a better night for an informative and fun event. Possible balloon launch earlier the same day from Paul Verhage's group of balloon launchers and trackers.

What is up in the Sky for June 2005

June 2005 can be described as the month three planets gathered. Start looking now to spot golden Saturn low in the west after sunset still just outside the twins of Pollux and Castor. Bright Venus is starting to make its debut as the evening star and if you are very observant you will start to see always shy Mercury starting to climb into the evening sky. Later this month say around the 24 and 27 of June these three planets will appear to get very cozy indeed being within one half a degree apart.

Jupiter is the real shiner though being quite high in the early evening. Mars is continuing

its 2005 impressive show as it rises earlier and earlier in the morning sky.

Pluto observers note that this month on June 14 Pluto is in opposition. Still you need a good sky chart and telescope to view this tiny dot in the sky. It is outside the normal ecliptic but will linger in Serpens Cauda the entire year.

The nights are short this time of the year, but thankfully June 21st 46 minutes after midnight the summer solstice happens and our nights will again start to increase in length.