

An Announcement from the Astronomy Club of Asheville

Where to Safely See the Monday, Nov. 11, 2019, Transit of Mercury in the Asheville Area

The Astronomy Club of Asheville will be hosting public observing sessions to safely see the transit of Mercury at two locations in the Asheville area.

1. 8:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. - **Downtown Asheville at Reuter Terrace on Pack Square Park.** Reuter Terrace is located directly across from the fire station at the corner of So. Market Street and So. Pack Square. This is the primary observing location.
2. 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. - **Tanbark Ridge Overlook off the Blue Ridge Parkway,** just 5 miles north of the Folk Art Center. Find more detailed directions [here](#).

Please check the club website home page on the morning of the transit for the latest information on weather cancellations due to clouds or high winds, and on any possible road closures as well.

Please come by for a safe view of this rare event. Club members will use telescopes equipped with 2 different types of solar filters to safely observe both the disk of the planet Mercury and any sunspots, as well as any solar prominences. The "white light" filters will show the Sun's *photosphere*, while the special "Hydrogen-Alpha" filters will show the Sun's *chromosphere*.