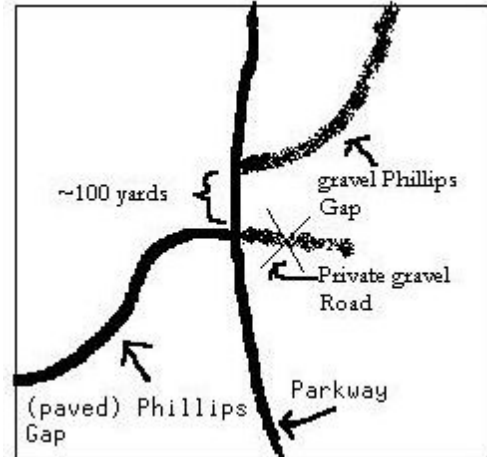


Directions to DSO

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Take highway 421 toward Deep Gap/Wilkesboro/Winston..Salem. Drive about 10 miles and then just after the traffic light in Deep Gap, get on the Blue Ridge Parkway going north (left at the Stop sign). After you cross over 421 on the new bridge at you will drive about 7 miles until you turn right on Phillips Gap Road, which crosses the Parkway between the 269 and 270 mile markers. It is paved on the left and gravel on the right--the gravel road is ***NOT*** the one immediately across from the paved side, but is about a hundred yards on down the Parkway and is marked with its name on the post of the stop sign (see sketch at right →).

Travel about 1.5 miles on the gravel road until you come to Observatory Road on the left—it is marked with a green state road sign. There is a large observatory sign just before our gate on Observatory Rd. If you arrive before I do the gate will still be locked and nobody likely there.



At the Observatory:

Drive past the Lowe's House Observers' Quarters on your left, past the first group of domes and weather tower, and on about a 1,000 feet to the 32-inch telescope dome and Visitor Center at the end of the road. Park as best as you can.

Return Trip Directions:

Drive out our road (Observatory Rd.) and onto gravel Phillips Gap Road until you reach the stop sign. Turn left onto the Parkway and then exit onto 421 at the first exit, at Deep Gap.

NORTH



to
West
Jefferson

SR 1003 (Idlewild Rd)
3.5 miles
(winter non-Parkway route)

Phillips Gap Rd

2.1 miles

Phillips Gap Rd.
(gravel rd.)

Dark Sky Observatory

2.8 miles

Blue Ridge Parkway

"Phillips
Gap"

7 miles

To Boone

US 221

US 421

Deep Gap

to North
Wilkesboro

US 421

