

# MarsWatch Event Schedule for the Summer of Mars

Partners: SMART Centre Market, ASTROLABE Astronomy Club, SMART-Center & Near Earth Object Foundation

This summer the Planet Mars will be the closest to the Earth since 2003. The next time Mars will be this close will be 2035. Because of this rare astronomical event, we are planning a series of special MarsWatch Events at Grand Vue Park, Brooke Hills Park, SMART Centre Market, and Barkcamp State Park. The schedule is as follows:

- July 14, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- July 20, 2018 @ Brooke Hills Park
- July 21, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- July 27, 2018 @ Barkcamp State Parke
- July 28, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- August 3, 2018 @ SMART Centre Market
- August 4, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- August 10, 2018 @ Barkcamp State Park
- August 11, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- August 14, 2018 @ SMART Centre Market
- August 17, 2018 @ Brooke Hills Park
- August 18, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- August 25, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- August 31, 2018 @ SMART Centre Market
- September 1, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- September 7, 2018 @ SMART Centre Market
- September 8, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- September 11, 2018 @ SMART Centre Market
- September 15, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- September 21, 2018 @ Brooke Hills Park
- September 22, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- September 29, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- October 5, 2018 @ SMART Centre Market
- October 6, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- October 9, 2018 @ SMART Centre Market
- October 13, 2018 @ Grand Vue Park
- October 19, 2018 @ Brooke Hills Park

Each of these MarsWatch Events starts at 8:00 PM and will be devoted specifically to viewing the planet Mars telescopically! Any cloudy or rainy nights will have educational programs centered around the planet Mars. For additional information, see the calendar for the SMART Centre Market [www.smartcentremarket.com](http://www.smartcentremarket.com) for time and details for each scheduled MarsWatch Event. These MarsWatch Events are in part funded by a generous grant from the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium.