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Haleakalā hosts skywatching event

MAUI, Hawaii (April 27, 2020) – Haleakalā National Park will host its first summer skywatching event for all visitors that want to get a clear view of the Milky Way galaxy. This event will take place at the Summit District on Friday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Before the event, the park will hand out star maps and a pair of binoculars to all visitors at the Haleakalā Visitor Center. The galactic core is the brightest spot on the Milky Way galaxy and is visible from February to September at the summit. Reservations will open 60 days prior to the event.

The Summit District has become one of the top six places in the world to watch planets, stars and moons after dark. With its lack of environmental pollution and a horizon that is 115 miles out to sea, over 80% of all stars are visible at the summit.

Because the event takes place on a 10,023-foot mountain top in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, the park encourages visitors to be prepared for intense temperature drops at night.

More information on sunrise and sunset reservations can be found on the park's official website at <https://www.nps.gov/hale/index.htm>.

Haleakala National Park was founded in 1961 and is located in southern Maui, Hawaii. In 1980 it was declared an International Biosphere Reserve and has one of world's largest volcanic craters that reaches 10,023 feet.

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