

Telescope Lending Policy

Lending Policy:

Guidelines for Borrowing and Use:

1. The Orion Starblast 4.5" Telescope may be checked out by J. V. Fletcher Library cardholders who are 18 years old or older.
2. At the time of checkout patrons must: present a Fletcher Library card and a valid Driver's License (or U.S. Passport or photo ID with age noted on it); accept and sign the Telescope Borrowing Agreement.
3. The telescope may be borrowed for one week and may not be renewed.
4. The telescope must be returned to a staff member at the Main Circulation Desk.
5. The Borrower is not permitted to lend the telescope to anyone while the telescope is in his/her possession.

Safety:

1. Children under 18 must be supervised at all times when handling or using the telescope.
2. Permanent eye damage can result from looking directly at the sun through the telescope or its finder scope. Even pointing the telescope at the sun could result in the melting of telescope parts.

Liability:

1. The Borrower who checked out the telescope and signed the Telescope Borrowing Agreement is responsible for all costs associated with damage, loss or theft of the telescope and any of its peripheral parts. Peripheral items include: an instruction manual; pocket sky guide; a red head lamp and the organizational pouch itself. The replacement cost for the Orion Starblast 4.5" Telescope is \$350.00.
2. The J. V. Fletcher Library will not be held liable for any injuries incurred as a result of telescope use or handling.

Proper Care and Use:

1. The borrower is responsible for reading the instruction manual for proper care and use. The telescope must be kept in a clean, dry, dust-free environment, safe from rapid temperature changes and humidity. Do not store the telescope or its peripherals outdoors. Keep the dust caps on the front of the telescope and on the focuser when not in use. Make sure to turn off the range finder when not in use.