



Telescope Lending Program

Guidelines for Borrowing and Use

- A valid Middlebury Public Library card with current address and no outstanding fees above the fine limit are required to borrow the telescope.
- Borrowers must be 18 years and older.
- Borrowers must read, understand, and sign the Telescope Lending Guideline Agreement and a Telescope Supplemental Waiver at the Main Desk in the presence of a library staff member every time they check out the telescope.
- Borrowers are solely responsible for the telescope and will be billed for the replacement cost of the telescope and any accompanying items if they are damaged.
- The responsibility to protect against loss is the borrower's.

Time Limits and Availability

- The telescope may be borrowed for 1 week and renewed once.
- The telescope must be returned in good condition, inside the library during hours of operation.
- The telescope may be put on hold.
- The telescope is not available for interlibrary loan.

Proper Care and Use

- Use care when handling the telescope.
- Return the telescope in clean and good condition, with all parts and components.

Fines and Liability

- If the telescope and its accessories are not returned in good condition, borrowers will be charged the replacement cost for the items.

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Lending Agreement and Liability Waiver

Upon completion & acceptance by an MPL staff member, you are registered to borrow the telescope.

Lending Agreement:

1. Only patrons 18 and older with a valid MPL card may check out the telescope. Expired registration and/or accrued fines above the fine limit render a library card invalid.
2. Borrowers must read, understand, and sign both this Lending Agreement and the Waiver below in the presence of a library staff member to be registered to the telescope.
3. Patrons may borrow the telescope for 1 week with 1 renewal if there are no holds. It must be returned inside the library during operating hours.
4. All items must be returned in the same condition in which they were issued, with the exception of normal wear and tear.
5. The borrower agrees to accept the professional library staff's assessment of the returned item's condition, and to pay fair restitution for any damages, dirtiness, or loss of parts.
6. The borrower will be charged the full replacement cost for any items lost or damaged beyond normal wear and tear. The replacement cost is available upon request.
7. The borrower is solely responsible for the item, and any of its components, checked out on their library card.

I agree to the above stated lending agreement:

Print name

Signature

Date

Liability Waiver:

1. The borrower agrees that MPL is not responsible for any manufacturing defects inherent in any components of the telescope. Borrowers must check items visually before taking them out, and if any item is later deemed unsafe, or in a state of disrepair, the borrower agrees to immediately discontinue use and notify MPL.
2. The borrower agrees they are capable of using the item in a safe and proper manner. The borrower agrees to always keep the item in their possession and to practice child safety rules, as well as user safety rules.
3. The borrower agrees that MPL, its board, director, employees, and volunteers claim no expertise and make no representation claiming the fitness of any item for any use.

I am capable of using the item I am borrowing, and I will use the item in a proper manner. I do hereby for myself, on behalf of my successors and assigns, waive all claims against the Middlebury Public Library, its officers, agents, and employees, for any death or injury of any nature that may occur in my borrowing, transporting, using, or returning the telescope.

BORROWER ASSUMES ALL RISK OF ANY AND ALL DAMAGES, OF EVERY NATURE WHATSOEVER, WHICH MAY BE INCURRED BY THE BORROWER FROM THE USE OF THE BORROWED ITEM, AND BORROWER SHALL HOLD MPL HARMLESS THEREON.

Print name

Signature

Date

Staff initials _____

Please make a copy of this and give it to the patron. File the original signed copy in the telescope folder.

Checklist of parts and condition

1. Black binder containing:
 - a. night sky planisphere
 - b. 12 pages of instructions
2. Telescope
 - a. yellow cap on lens attached with string to base
 - b. two AA batteries in battery compartment
3. Chart taped to barrel of telescope
4. Hefty tote with lid