



## Del Valle User Agreement (dated 6/20/2022)

In exchange for the opportunity to use the Del Valle observing site, I agree to:

- Notify the Del Valle Park Staff, by email, of my intention to observe at the site, estimated arrival and departure times and the number of vehicles in my group by no later than noon of the day of my visit (preferably 24 hours in advance).
  - Park Supervisor Rick Parente [rparente@ebparks.org](mailto:rparente@ebparks.org)
  - Del Valle Operations [dvpark@ebparks.org](mailto:dvpark@ebparks.org)
  - Dispatch [dispatch@ebparks.org](mailto:dispatch@ebparks.org)
  - Verify that there is no Red Flag Warning posted for Del Valle at:  
<https://www.ebparks.org/alerts-closures>
- Coordinate observing activities with others using the Del Valle site using a "Person-in-Charge" protocol (see below)
- Lock the gate behind me after entering the observing site. The gate is secured with a daisy-chain of locks, and the TVS lock is the only combination lock. I will never dummy-lock the gate.
- Never give the lock combination to the site to anyone, including other club members; only board members are authorized to do so.
- Drive slowly and carefully while in the park to avoid raising any dust from the dirt road.
- If ten (10) vehicles are already at the site, I will park my vehicle outside the gate.
- Set up at one the observing sites as indicated in the Site Diagram leaving adequate room for emergency vehicles to pass at all times. I won't park on top of any tall, dry grass to avoid accidentally starting a fire.
- Abide by all the rules established by TVS and EBRPD for the use of the site. I agree that these rules may be changed by TVS or EBRPD at any time. A complete listing of the EBRPD rules can be found [here](#). In particular, these include:
  - Absolutely no smoking or fires of any kind
  - No littering
  - No loud noises or music
  - No alcoholic beverages
- Always personally escort any guests to and from the site and remain with them at all times while at the site.
- Be responsible for ensuring that my guests abide by all the TVS and EBRPD rules while visiting the site.
- Lock the gate behind me after leaving the observing site.
- Carry a copy of this Agreement, counter-signed by the TVS Del Valle Coordinator or officer, with me while I am at the site.

By my signature below I show that I have read and understood the above conditions for observing at the Del Valle site. I understand that the failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in the revocation of my privileges.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone number (for emergency contact): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign and return this form to TVS by any of the following (email is preferred):

Email to our Del Valle [coordinator](#) as a signed document, or

1. Mail to Tri-Valley Stargazers, P.O. Box 2476, Livermore CA 94551, or
2. Bring it to a regular TVS general meeting and hand it to an officer of the Club.

Upon approval you will be given the combination to the TVS lock on the access gate.

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- **User Orientation** –New TVS User agreement approvals will require a walk-thru of the site and the requirements for usage.
- **Person-In-Charge** – The first User to arrive shall be the Person-In-Charge with the responsibility to ensure that other Users are not blocking emergency access and other Users are mindful of the requirements of the agreement. Should that person depart then another User will take the responsibility in turn.
- **Red Flag Warning** – When Del Valle conditions are such that a Red Flag Warning is issued then TVS Users shall not attempt to use the viewing area behind Gate D3. Web access is at: <https://www.ebparks.org/alerts-closures>. Users must check the fire hazard status before using the viewing area.
- **Emergency Response Planning** – In the event of an accident, observation of a fire or other incident of health or safety concern the TVS Users are encouraged to call EBRPD Dispatch first 510-881-1833, followed by 911 and then depart the area immediately for your own safety. Check that you have cell phone service in the observing location or move further in the direction of Livermore to make a report. Carrying a fire extinguisher in your vehicle is suggested as a general practice.
- **Movement on the Fire Road** – Users should arrive before dark so that travel into the area is adequately illuminated. Vehicles should be parked facing toward the exit direction to minimize maneuvering of your vehicle. The fire road is well maintained, flat gravel road and use of a higher clearance vehicle (*e.g.* SUV) is recommended for the fire road as well as crossing the parking barriers on the public side of Gate D3.

## Site Diagram

