

**DIRECTIONS TO THE WILLIAM D. McDOWELL OBSERVATORY**  
**3 DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst, New Jersey**  
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**From the NJ Turnpike:**

Take exit 16W to Route 3 West. Take Route 3 West to Route 17 South (Lyndhurst Exit). Follow around the ramp to the traffic light (Quality Inn will be on your left). Make a left onto Polito Avenue. Continue to the end of Polito Avenue. At the STOP sign make a left onto Valley Brook Avenue. Follow this road to the end (approx. 1 ½ miles). Cross the railroad tracks and stay left to enter DeKorte Park.

The Meadowlands Environment Center is the first building on the left after the tracks. Continue past this building. Make a right turn at the Science Center, the first building on your right, into the parking lot. The Observatory is adjacent to the Science Center.

**From the Garden State Parkway:**

From the Parkway North, take Exit 153A; or from the Parkway South, take Exit 153 to Route 3 East. Follow Route 3 East to the 2nd Route 17 South Exit (the sign will read: Route 17 South/Lyndhurst - Service Road). At the end of the exit ramp there will be a traffic light, and the Quality Inn will be directly across the street to your left. Go straight through the intersection onto Polito Avenue. Continue to the end of Polito Avenue.

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**From New York: George Washington Bridge**

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**From New York: Lincoln Tunnel**

Follow exit ramp on left for Route 495 at Route 3. Take Route 3 West to Route 17 South (Lyndhurst Exit). Follow around the ramp to the traffic light (Quality Inn will be on your left). Make a left onto Polito Avenue. Continue to the end of Polito Avenue.

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**From New York: Holland Tunnel or From Jersey City (downtown)**

From the tunnel, follow signs for Route 1&9 (left ramp). Take 2nd exit for Route 280, Route 1&9, and Kearny. Exit onto Route 7 (Belleville Turnpike). Follow Route 7 to first traffic light in North Arlington (CVS will be on your right). At light make a right onto Schuyler Avenue. Follow to end, and the road makes a sharp left at the Schuyler Diner. Take the first right onto Orient Way (you will see a sign for NJ Turnpike). Go to the first traffic light and make a right onto Valley Brook Avenue.

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**From Newark:**

Route 21 North to Exit for Route 3 (East/West). Follow signs for Route 3 East. You will come off exit and be on Route 3 heading East. Stay in the right lane and you will pass exits for Park Ave., Ridge Road, and the third exit will be Route 17 South/Service Road. Take this exit and continue straight onto Polito Avenue. Take to the first STOP sign and make a left onto Valley Brook Avenue.

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**From Northern Bergen County:**

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