

SeeStar S30-Pro Observing. May 7th, 2026

So Thursday evening, May 7th, I went on a small hike with my S30-Pro, (about 3 miles roundtrip), thru Jays Woods to a bluff on the Monongahela River overlooking the Oakland section of Pittsburgh, PA. Was hoping to capture a star trail with the University of Pittsburgh's 42 story Cathedral of Learning skyscraper in the foreground. Along the ridge there's a line of towers, so I utilized one of their level concrete piers to sit the S30-Pro on. Here's a daytime cellphone shot of the view:



Once dusk had settled-in, I powered-on the SeeStar, switched to Milky-Way Mode, framed the FOV, and started testing exposures. 60 second and 30 seconds was too bright for the sky. (the city lights was so bright I almost didn't need a flashlight, lol).

Finally settled on a 20 second exposure and let the scope run for a good hour.



Lots of helicopters & planes, skyglow, and a few stars, lol. Oh, and here's a shot of the SeeStar on its sturdy "pier" afterwards,,, ☺

So, not a very pretty picture, but it was a lot of fun making it, plus I got to go on a night hike! Looking forward to using the S30-Pro Milky-Way mode next month at the Cherry Springs Star Party!