

## Funding



Show your support by making a significant contribution that places your name plate/logo on a Planet Walk Station

### Level 1: \$2,500

Logo/Name Plate on 9 stations

### Level 2: \$1,000

Logo/Name Plate on station of choice  
(First come, first served)

### Level 3: \$500

Logo/Name Plate on Welcome Station

Our goal is to raise \$18,000.  
We currently have pledges totaling \$11,000

# Planet Quest

A Pathway for Planetary Discovery



Planet Quest is a portable model of the Planet Walk provided by Dark Skies Organization for special events, school programs, and community outreach. It is based upon the same concept as the Planet Walk.

The planetary displays are mounted on A-Frame structures that make the exhibit easy to transport and set up. The scale is small enough to fit around the perimeter of a football field (800 feet).

Schedule Planet Quest for your next outdoor event through the Dark Skies Organization.



The Planet Walk exhibit, a Westcliffe/Silver Cliff Adventure, is a walk-thru, outdoor scale model of the universe. Taking the walk, you experience the relative size of the planets and their distance from the Sun.

*“The fundamental objective of the exhibit is to provide visitors a sense of earth’s place in space but a larger sense or celebration of the fact we even have the ability to know it; that something the size of [our brain] has the ability to ask questions of the universe...”*

-- Jeff Goldstein

The vastness of the universe cannot be illustrated within the constraints of the pages of a book. If the planets are to scale, the distance scale will not fit. If the distance scale is shown, the planets are too small to be seen. To show both scales, the model must be taken outside and spread out over a large area.

Our 3.7 billion-to-one scale model of the universe enables you to take a three-billion-mile walk (4,000 ft.) from the Sun to Neptune. Enjoy the informative markers about each planet along this scale model of the solar system.

Free and open all year

## The Planet Walk Exhibit



Our exhibit consists of :

- 10 displays – a welcome sign, the Sun and eight planets to Neptune spread over 4,000 feet
- 15" Sun
- Audio guides (included)
- Total cost \$ 15,830
- Quote good through December
- Customized for us!



Saturn Display

## The Path

Our Planet Walk model is based upon a 15" sun. This puts the farthest planet, Neptune, 4,000 feet away.



The model starts in the northwest corner of Bluff Park at the west end of Main Street in Westcliffe and follows the north path connecting with the north side of Main Street east through downtown ending at the High School.

The Jupiter Station is just past Cliff Lanes across the street from Lowe's Market.

Saturn is in front of the Back Room and across the street from the All Abord Westcliffe train terminal.

Uranus is at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Main in front of Pepper Stafford's Boutique and flower shop and across the street from Courtyard Country Inn.

Finally, Neptune is in front of the gymnasium entrance of the High School.

## Benefits

- Increases public awareness of beautiful Westcliffe and Silver Cliff by drawing explorers through the townships in an adventure
- Provide opportunity for school field trips to learn about the solar system
- Put the towns on the map of "places where science is taken seriously."
- Increase tourism
- Stimulate additional interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Astronomy and Mathematics
- Provide a creative and unique landmark that the community can be proud of
- Perfect opportunity to expose residents and visitors to a fascinating science project on a grand scale
- Potential for educating and inspiring young and old alike and bring them together
- Unites science education, art, and outdoor recreations
- Compliments our attraction as a Dark Sky Community and the Smokey Jack Observatory

### And it is Covid Friendly

- It is outdoors
- Stations are more than 6 feet apart