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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Perth Observatory is **Australia's oldest** fully-operational astronomical **observatory**. For over 100 years it has served the state of Western Australia by its provision of information and educational services, as well as conducting international-standard astronomical research.

Our visitor activities are very popular so **booking is essential**.

To book, telephone the Observatory on (08) 9293 8255 between 9:00am and 4:00pm on working days.

You must then confirm your booking within 7 calendar days by Bankcard, Mastercard, Visa, cheque or postal order made payable to:

**Perth Observatory**  
337 Walnut Rd  
Bickley 6076

Astronomical staff supervise all activities.

To minimise inconvenience to other visitors please ensure you **arrive well before the start time**.

This is an outdoor activity so bring warm clothes and stout, comfortable footwear.

In the interests of safety, smoking is restricted in the Observatory buildings and grounds.

Your safety is our concern, but your responsibility.

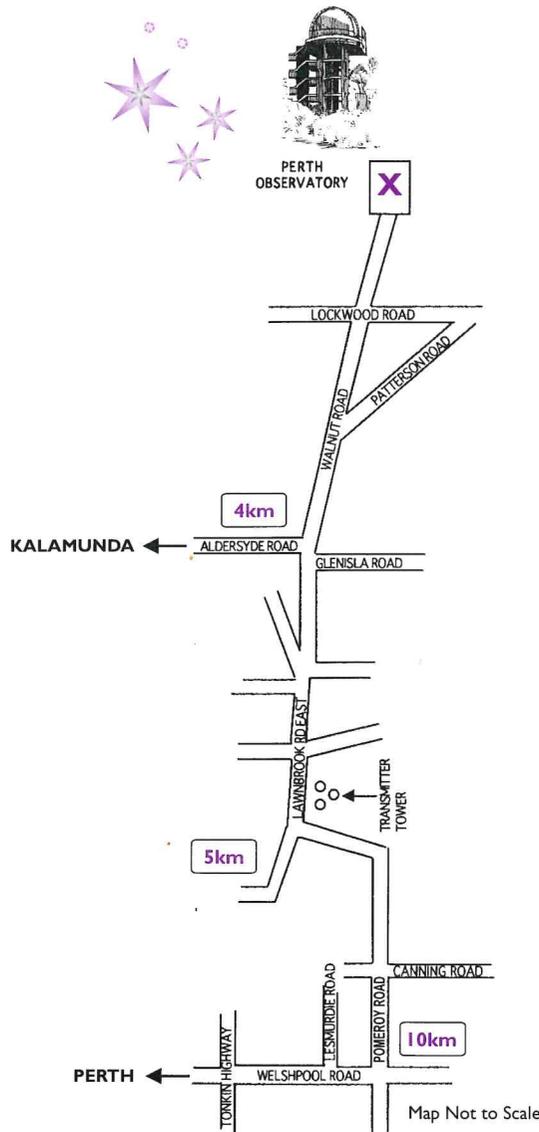
Perth Observatory strives to provide the highest level of customer service as well as unique and enjoyable educational experiences. However, conditions may require a change of tour content or structure at short notice.

**All Star Viewing Nights will proceed as scheduled**, even if they are interrupted by cloudy weather. In these circumstances a "virtual" astronomy experience, using a computer display and expert commentary, will be provided.

All charges are GST inclusive.

A full list of conditions is available upon request.

Astronomy information line: (08) 9293 8109  
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Web site: <http://www.wa.gov.au/perthobs>



**PERTH OBSERVATORY**  
337 Walnut Road, Bickley WA 6076

Approximate travel times from:

Perth	35 min	Wanneroo	55 min
Midland	30 min	Fremantle	55 min
Armadale	40 min	Kalamunda	15 min
Rockingham	80 min	Airport	30 min

# STARS AND TELESCOPES

Perth Observatory Visitor Activities  
September 2005 to August 2006



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# STAR VIEWING NIGHTS

Join professional astronomers using a range of large telescopes on a guided tour of the night sky. The tour duration is approximately 90 minutes.

Cost: \$18 adults, \$12 child/concession.

## NIGHT SKY EXPLORER NIGHTS - Moon available to view

**BOOKING is ESSENTIAL - Call (08) 9293 8255**

View the Moon, visible planets (if available), stars, star clusters and nebulae.

	First Session Only 7.30pm start	2nd Session Only 9.30pm start	Both Sessions 7.30pm & 9.30pm
2005 October	Thursday 6th & 13th	Friday 21st	Friday 7th & 14th Saturday 8th & 15th
	8pm start	10pm start	8pm & 10pm
2005 November	Friday 4th, Saturday 5th & Thursday 10th	Friday 18th & Saturday 19th	Friday 11th & Saturday 12th
2005 December	Saturday 3rd & Sunday 11th		Friday 9th & Saturday 10th
2006 January	Monday 2nd, Thursday 5th, Sunday 8th	Thursday 19th, Friday 20th	Friday 6th, Saturday 7th, Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th
2006 February		Friday 17th & Saturday 18th	Friday 3rd & 10th Saturday 4th & 11th Sunday 5th & 12th
	7.30pm start	9.30pm start	7.30pm & 9.30pm
2006 March	Sunday 12th	Friday 17th Saturday 18th	Friday 3rd & 10th Saturday 4th & 11th Sunday 5th
	7pm start	9pm start	7pm & 9pm
2006 April	Thursday 6th		Friday 7th Saturday 8th
2006 May			Friday 5th Saturday 6th

Other dates available subject to demand

## EXTENDED VIEWING NIGHTS

**Booking is essential - call (08) 9293 8255**

For those who want a longer tour of the night sky and want to see more of the Observatory's operation. Objects to view may include the Moon (if available), the visible planets (if any available), bright comets (if any available), stars, star clusters and nebulae. Refreshments will be served. The tour duration is approx. 2½ hrs. Cost: \$30/adult, no concessions. 8pm start.

**2005 - November: Sunday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th**

**2006 - February: Thursday 16th and 23rd**

## DEEP SKY NIGHTS - No Moon available

**BOOKING is ESSENTIAL - Call (08) 9293 8255**

View the visible planets (if any available), stars, star clusters, nebulae and faint galaxies in dark skies.

	First Session Only 7pm start	2nd Session Only 9pm start	Both Sessions 7pm & 9pm
2005 September			Friday 23rd & 30th Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th
	7.30pm start	9.30pm start	7.30pm & 9.30pm
2005 October	Friday 21st		Friday 28th Sat 1st, 22nd, 29th Sunday 2nd
	8pm start	10pm start	8pm & 10pm
2005 November	Friday 18th & Saturday 19th	Friday 4th & Saturday 5th	Friday 25th & Saturday 26th
2005 December		Saturday 2nd	Friday 2nd & 29th Saturday 30th
2006 January	Thursday 19th, Friday 20th & Monday 30th	Monday 3rd	Saturday 21st & 28th Sunday 22nd & 29th Friday 27th
2006 February	Friday 17th & Saturday 18th		Friday 24th & Saturday 25th
	7.30pm start	9.30pm start	7.30pm & 9.30pm
2006 March	Friday 17th & Saturday 18th		Friday 24th Saturday 25th Sunday 31st
	7pm start	9pm start	7pm & 9pm
2006 April	Thursday 20th & 27th Monday 24th		Friday 1st, 21st, 28th Sat 2nd, 22nd, 29th Sunday 23rd & 30th
2006 May			Friday 19th & Saturday 20th

Other dates available subject to demand

## MARS NIGHTS

Mars is Back! If you missed out on seeing it big and bright in August, 2003 you can get another chance in our October and November Star Viewing nights (see above).

## ASTRONOMY FIELD NIGHTS

We bring telescopes to your location in the city or country. Away from the city lights, the country skies blaze with stars waiting to be explored. Contact the Observatory on 9293 8255 for details and bookings.

# DAYTIME GUIDED TOURS

Tour the Observatory grounds, inspect modern and historic telescopes, view the Sun's sunspots (weather and time permitting) and enjoy a 'Highlights of the Universe' computer presentation with expert commentary.

These tours are mainly for groups of more than 20 visitors, but small groups are welcome to apply.

Duration: 90 minutes Cost: \$7 adult, \$5 child/concession

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - call (08) 9293 8255**

	First Session Only 10am start	Both Sessions 10am and 12.30pm
2005 September		Wednesday 7th & 14th, Thurs 8th & 15th Friday 9th
2005 October	Wednesday 19th	Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Thursday 20th
2005 November	Wednesday 16th	Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th & 22nd Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 17th
2006 February		Tuesday 28th
2006 March	Wednesday 15th	Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd & 16th Monday 13th & 20th, Tuesday 14th & 21st
2006 April		Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Friday 5th
2006 May	Wednesday 10th	Monday 8th & 29th, Tuesday 9th & 30th Wednesday 31st, Thursday 11th
2006 June	Wednesday 14th	Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th, Thursday 15th
2006 August	Wednesday 9th	Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Thursday 10th

Other dates available subject to demand

## DISABLED ACCESS TO THE OBSERVATORY

In 2004 Perth Observatory was the **Winner** of the **Progress towards Accessible Communities by State Government Agencies (small) Award**. This arose from generous assistance from the Perth Observatory Volunteer Group and Lotterywest that facilitated the acquisition of a telescope that can be easily manoeuvred to provide a view of the stars while providing easy access to suit viewers of different ability. **Please tell the staff about your particular needs at the time of booking so that the appropriate facilities can be made ready for your visit.**

Most Observatory buildings are accessible to the disabled.

**GIFT VOUCHERS** These are the perfect gift for the person who has everything! Present them with an experience to view the magic of our southern night skies. Phone the Observatory on 9293 8255 and a voucher can be designed to suit your particular occasion.

**OBSERVATORY SHOP** We sell many educational and unusual items relating to astronomy and space. We also have the BEST range of astronomy posters in WA. Visit, phone or order by mail.