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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.

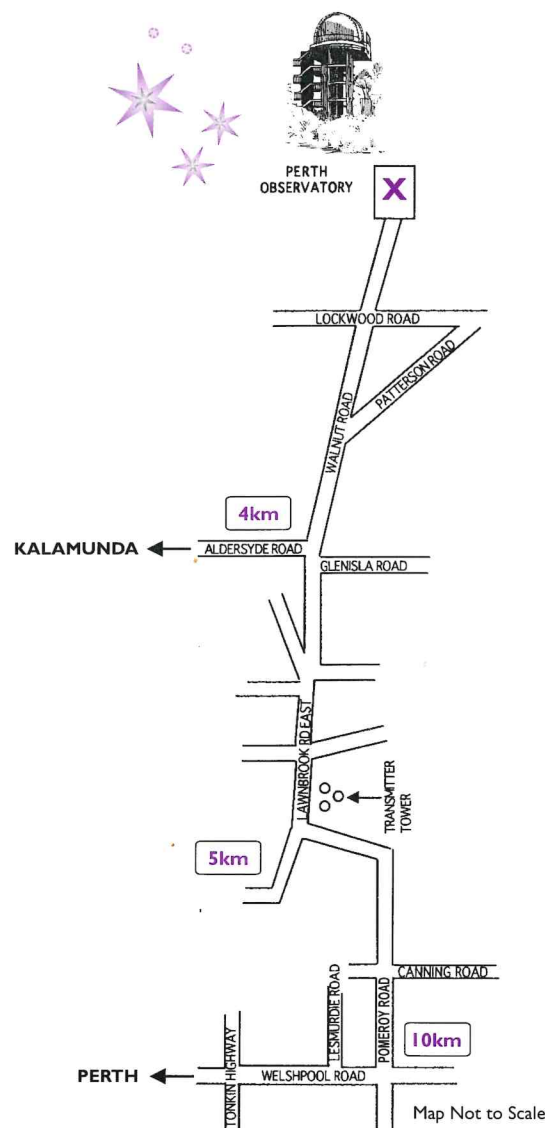
Your safety is our concern, but your responsibility.

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.



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



P E R T H O B S E R V A T O R Y

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Web site: <http://www.wa.gov.au/perthobs>



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.