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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 9am and 4pm on working days.

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

Perth Observatory
337 Walnut Rd
Bickley WA 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.

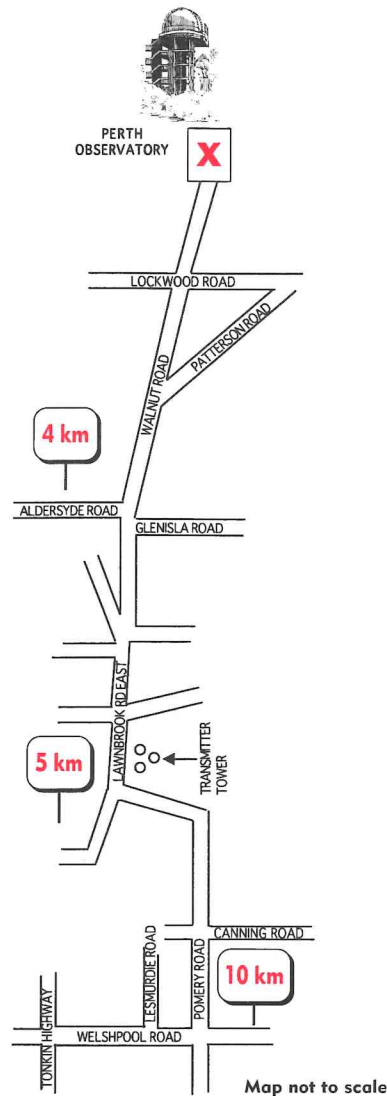
In the interests of safety, smoking is restricted in the Observatory buildings and grounds.

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.

A full list of conditions is available upon request.



PERTH OBSERVATORY

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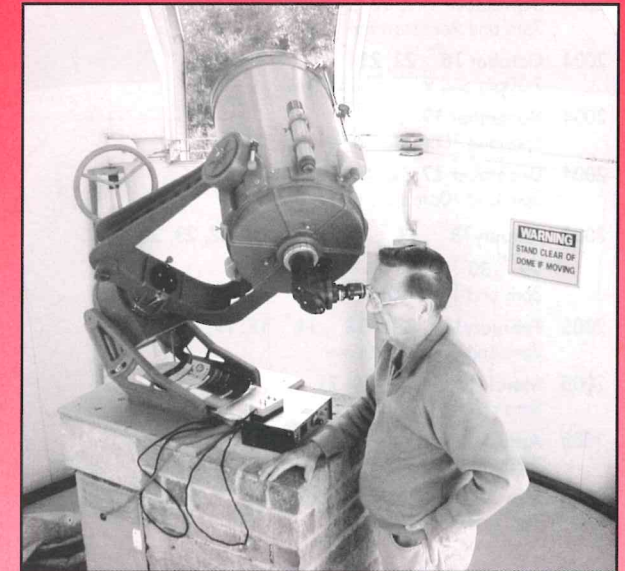
Approximate travel times from:

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

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Stars and Telescopes

Perth Observatory visitor activities
September 2004 to August 2005



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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 skies. The tours last approximately 90 minutes \$18 adult, \$12 child/ concession (including GST).

Night Sky Explorer Nights - Moon available for viewing

Booking is essential. Call (08) 92938255

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

- 2004 September 17^{1st}, 18, 24, 25
7pm and 9pm start time
- 2004 October 16^{1st}, 22, 23
7:30pm and 9:30pm start time
- 2004 November 19, 20
8pm and 10pm start time
- 2004 December 17, 18, 19, 20
8pm and 10pm start time
- 2005 January 13^{1st}, 14^{1st}, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 28^{2nd}, 29^{2nd}, 30^{2nd}
8pm and 10pm start time
- 2005 February 11^{1st}, 12^{1st}, 13^{1st}, 14^{1st}, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27
8pm and 10pm start time
- 2005 March 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
8pm and 10pm start time
- 2005 April 1^{2nd}, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 29^{2nd}, 30^{2nd}
7:30pm and 9:30pm start time
- 2005 May 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 27^{2nd}, 28^{2nd}
7pm and 9pm start time

Deep Sky Nights - No Moon available for viewing

View the visible planets, stars, star clusters, nebulae and fainter galaxies in dark moonless skies.

- 2004 September 17^{2nd}
7pm and 9pm start time
- 2004 October 8, 9, 15, 16^{2nd}
7:30pm and 9:30 pm start time
- 2004 November 5, 6, 12, 13
8pm and 10pm start time
- 2004 December 3, 4, 10, 11
8pm and 10pm start time
- 2005 January 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 13^{2nd}, 14^{2nd}, 28^{1st}, 29^{1st}, 30^{1st}
8pm and 10pm start time
- 2005 February 4, 5, 6, 11^{2nd}, 12^{2nd}, 13^{2nd}, 14^{2nd}
8pm and 10pm start time

- 2005 March 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12
8pm and 10pm start time
- 2005 April 1^{1st}, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 29^{1st}, 30^{1st}
7:30pm and 9:30pm start time
- 2005 May 6, 7, 27^{1st}, 28^{1st}
7pm and 9pm start time

^{1st} - first session only ^{2nd} - second session only.

Other dates may be made available subject to demand.



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 and a voucher can be designed to suit your particular occasion.

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 office for details and booking.



Observatory shop

Our shop contains 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.



Disabled access to the Observatory

Generous assistance from the Perth Observatory Volunteer Group and LotteryWest 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.

The Observatory buildings are also accessible to the disabled via a ramp. Another facility is the Observatory sky camera, which can be accessed through the Observatory website, and gives a current view of the sky overhead in Perth, and will be trained on objects of interest as they occur.



Daytime guided tours

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

These tours are mainly for groups of 20 or more, but applications from smaller groups will be considered subject to staff and time availability.

Duration: 90 minutes

Cost: \$7 adult, \$5 child/concession

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- 2004 November 9, 10, 11
- 2004 December 7, 8
- 2005 January 19, 20
- 2005 February 21, 22, 28
- 2005 March 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 29, 30, 31
- 2005 May 23, 24, 25
- 2005 June 20, 21, 22
- 2005 August 22, 23, 24
10:30am, 12:30pm start time:

Other dates may become available subject to demand.