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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 a visit, telephone the Observatory on (08) 9293 8255 between 8:00am and 3:30pm 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 Road, Bickley WA 6076

Astronomical staff supervise all activities.

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

Our guided tours and viewing nights are outdoor activities so please bring warm clothes and stout, comfortable footwear. In the interests of safety, **SMOKING and LITTERING IS PROHIBITED** 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 StarViewing 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

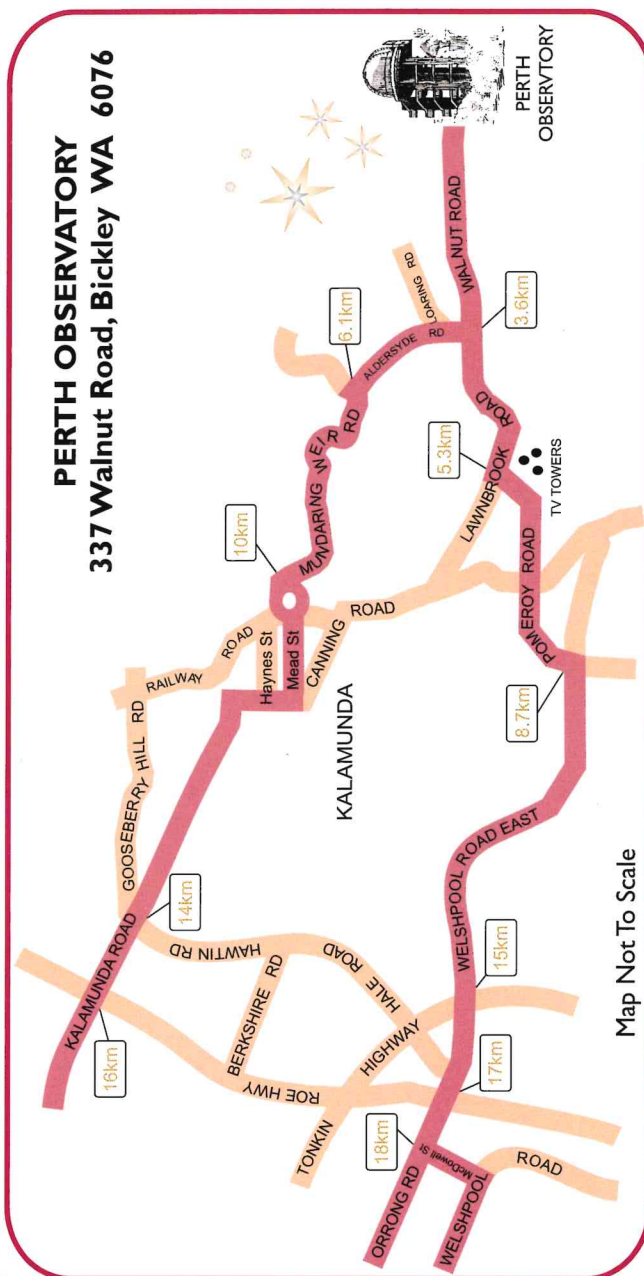
DISABLED ACCESS TO THE OBSERVATORY

In 2004 Perth Observatory was the **Winner** of the **Progress towards Accessible Communities by State Government Agencies (small) Award**. This was made possible by generous assistance from the Perth Observatory Volunteer Group and Lottery West facilitating the acquisition of a telescope that can be set up to enable visitors in wheelchairs to view the stars.

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.

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STARS AND TELESCOPES

Perth Observatory Visitor Activities
September 2009 to August 2010



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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	Airport	30 min

STAR VIEWING NIGHTS

Join professional astronomers using a range of large telescopes on a guided tour of the night sky. Use of the 30" (76cm) telescope - **the largest in regular public use in the Southern Hemisphere** is subject to suitable weather conditions.

Duration: 90 minutes **Prices:** \$22 adults, \$14 child/conc.

MOONLIT NIGHTS - Moon Visible

BOOKING is ESSENTIAL - Call (08) 9293 8255

These nights start with a brief computer-based introduction to the night sky and then our telescopes are used to view the Moon, visible planets (if available), stars, star clusters and nebulae.

DARK SKY NIGHTS - No Moon

BOOKING is ESSENTIAL - Call (08) 9293 8255

These nights start with a brief computer-based introduction to the night sky and then our telescopes are used to view the visible planets (if any available), stars, star clusters, nebulae and possibly faint galaxies in dark skies.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

EXTENDED VIEWING NIGHTS

Booking is essential - call (08) 9293 8255

(Note: Office hours are 8:00am to 3:30pm working days.)

This activity is designed for those who want a longer viewing session and wish to learn more about the Observatory. 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. Visitors will also be treated to computer-based astronomy presentations. Refreshments will be served.

Duration is approximately 2½ hours

Price: \$35 adult, no concessions.

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.

DAYTIME GUIDED TOURS

Tour the Observatory grounds, see 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 scheduled for groups of 20 or more and must be booked at least three weeks in advance.

Duration: 90 minutes Prices: \$8 adult, \$6 child/concession

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - call (08) 9293 8255

SUNDAY GUIDED TOURS

First Sunday in June, July, August & September at 2pm

Tour the Observatory grounds, see 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.

Duration: 90 minutes Prices: \$14 adult, \$10 child/concession

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - call (08) 9293 8255

GIFT VOUCHERS

The perfect gift for the person who has everything! Give them the experience of viewing the magic of our Southern night skies. Vouchers are also available for posters, books, almanacs, planispheres and private viewing sessions.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

▲ 10am Guided Tour ▼ 12.30pm Guided Tour ► 2pm Sunday Guided Tour ☾ Moonlit Viewing Session
☿ Dark Sky Viewing Session ● EXTENDED Star Viewing Night

September 2009						
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STAR VIEWING 8:00PM
EXTENDED VIEWING 7:00PM

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