

General Information

Time

Please aim to arrive 15 minutes early to minimise any inconvenience, especially on the evening sessions in the school holidays.

Dress Appropriately

Our night tours are held outdoors, and it can get very cold even during the summer. Shoes should be flat and practical as there are some steps in the domes and buildings.

Young Children

Our evening programs are designed for children seven years and over.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in the observatory grounds and buildings.

Litter

The Observatory is in a state forest and as such all rubbish needs to be placed in bins or removed when leaving.

Cloudy Nights

The tour will proceed as scheduled, but with an alternative program. Cloudy nights allow you to see telescopes and history not otherwise shown. A tour will only be cancelled because of weather if there is a severe weather warning.

Disabled Access

Disabled access is available to some but not all areas of the Observatory. The main administration building which houses the display and lecture rooms can be accessed by a wheelchair ramp at the back of the building.

In the visitors' observing area a telescope can be set up on a pantograph mount for people in wheelchairs, but only for one or two at a time. Upper body mobility is needed. Please let us know about your special needs when booking so we can provide you with the best experience possible.



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Night Sky Tours

The Perth Observatory is in the Perth Hills at the end of Walnut Road, Bickley just 35 km east of Perth CBD. The natural bush setting provides the perfect backdrop to a night visit to this historic site.

There are three kinds of night tours:

Dark Sky Nights:

Since there is no moon, fainter objects such as glittering globular clusters and nebulae show up against the dark background of a moonless sky

Moonlit Nights:

The half-moon phase provides optimal conditions for viewing the stunning details on the lunar surface. Star clusters and bright nebulae will also be visible.

Full Moon Nights

Full Moon Nights are when there is a full moon during some weekends or in a school holiday period. Only bright objects are viewable due to the light pollution from The Moon.

Special Event Nights:

Come along to celebrate one of our special event nights such as Valentine's Day, Halloween and astronomical events.

Booking & Prices

To book go to our website. Prices as of the 1st of July 2016:

Tours	Prices
Night Sky Tour Adult Ticket	\$40.00 each
Night Sky Tour Concession Ticket	\$30.00 each
Night Sky Tour Child Ticket	\$25.00 each
Winter Night Tour Adult Ticket	\$30.00 each
Winter Night Tour Concession Ticket	\$25.00 each
Winter Night Tour Child Ticket	\$20.00 each
Exclusive Night Tours	See Website
School Tour (3 Activities)	\$8.00 per student
School Tour (4 Activities)	\$10.00 per student
School Tour (5 Activities)	\$12.00 per student
School Tour (6 Activities)	\$14.00 per student

School Day Tours

Our day tours have been designed for school excursions and relate directly to the Australian National Curriculum. The students will participate in activities around the observatory's grounds to broaden their knowledge of astronomy and physics, while seeing our range of modern and historical telescopes. Our day tours can be adapted for other groups of children aged between 7 and 12.

See our website for details about our day tours.

Other Tours

Star Adoption Tour

Our star adoption program provides a unique gift and a way to recognise a family member or friend through the adoption of a star. You'll also receive a private star viewing session.

All available stars in the program can be viewed by the unaided eye or binoculars in the Southern Hemisphere.

Exclusive Night Tours

Book out the Observatory for a night for your group or club!

We offer group bookings all year round for night tours. We can provide BBQ's and other events equipment as required.