

Great Outdoors chapter presents
Mount Wilson Observatory
Tour
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From the Observatory website:

Located on the summit of Mount Wilson above Pasadena at an altitude of 5715 feet, the Observatory is visible from much of the Los Angeles area. Visitors can view the historic Hooker 100-inch telescope from the Visitors' Gallery inside the dome. Those purchasing tickets for the 1 pm Weekend Guided Tours, are admitted to the telescope floor directly beneath the 100-inch. There is also a small Astronomical Museum on the observatory grounds. The Cosmic Cafe sandwich shop, located in the Pavilion above the main parking lot, serves fresh-made sandwiches and other treats and souvenirs on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 5 pm.

Date and hours for visiting - The observatory is open to visitors every day from 10 AM to 5 PM. Weather conditions may occasionally result in unscheduled closures.

Access to Mount Wilson is via the Angeles Crest Highway (CA Hwy 2) from the 210 Freeway at La Canada Flintridge. Here is a link to a map and directions to the Mount Wilson Observatory.

<https://www.mtwilson.edu/vis/map.pdf>



Docent-led walking tours of the observatory take place on Saturdays and Sundays during Apr 1 - Nov 30. They depart at 1:00 pm sharp from the Cosmic Cafe located above the large parking lot at the entrance to the Observatory. A special feature of these tours is admission to the area directly beneath the 100-inch Telescope rather than a restricted view from the visitors gallery in the dome. A shorter tour that does not provide entry to the telescope, leaves the Pavilion at 2:00 pm sharp on Saturdays from June 1 - Aug 31.

Tour tickets are available for same-day purchase at the Cosmic Cafe. Tickets are \$15 (adults) and \$12 (ages 16 and under & 62 and older). Children under age 6 are not permitted. The approximately 2-hour tour (1-hour for the 2 pm Saturday tour) involves about a mile of walking and climbing some stairs.