# Visitor Information

#### **Summer Opening Hours**

#### Wednesdays

17 & 31 May, 14 & 28 June, 12 & 26 July, 9 Aug 12.30pm-4.30pm

#### Saturday

13 & 27 May, 10 & 24 June, 8 & 22 July, 5 & 19 Aug 12.30pm-4.30pm

#### **Admission and Bookings**

Admission to the Observatory, displays and telescopes is free. A small charge applies to Planetarium Shows and Guided Group Visits and booking for these activities is essential.

#### Access

- Free parking is available outside the building.
- There is a ramp to the ground floor level for visitors who require wheelchair access. Astronomy Displays, Lecture Room and Planetarium are located on the ground floor level.
- Guide dogs, hearing dogs and other recognised assistance dogs are admitted.
- Please note that no lift is available for access to the Observatory's upper levels, which include the balcony and dome areas.

#### **Facilities**

- Visitor toilets (including accessible toilet) are located on the ground floor level.
- The Observatory Shop is full of inspired astronomical gift ides, including books, children's toys and activities, postcards and telescopes for all levels of stargazing.

#### Gift Aid

You can now Gift Aid your donations at four Leisure & Culture Dundee (LACD) venues. This means that you can increase the value of your donations to LACD by 25% at no extra cost to you, because Leisure & Culture Dundee is a registered Scottish Charity (No SCO42421), and can reclaim tax from HM Revenue and Customs on donations. Every penny helps and being able to gain an extra 25p for every £1 given makes a massive difference.

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# Mills Observatory Summer 2017 Events Programme







# Welcome to Mills Observatory Summer 2017

Gifted to the people of Dundee in 1935, Mills Observatory is Britain's first purpose-built public observatory. Situated on the summit of Balgay Hill in magnificent woodland surroundings, the Observatory offers spectacular views of the River Tay and surrounding areas from its viewing balcony. This summer the Observatory is open to the public on selected dates for a varied programme of events, including activities for children  $\vartheta$  families, planetarium shows, astronomy talks and solar viewing.

www.leisureandculturedundee.com/mills

## **EVENTS**

# SUMMER PLANETARIUM SHOWS

Wed 17 & 31 May, Wed 14 & 28 Jun, Sat 27 May, Sat 24 Jun, Sat 22 Jul, Sat 19 Aug Shows at 2pm £1 adults, 50p children Booking essential on (01382) 435967.

Take a tour of the night sky and learn about constellations, asteroids, galaxies and the latest space news.

## COMMUNITY

## **GROUP VISITS**

Available May - Aug 2017 £25 per group Booking essential on (01382) 435967.

Guided Tours for community groups can be arranged throughout the summer. Each visit includes a planetarium show, telescope tour and solar viewing session (weather permitting).

For further information or to book, please contact (01382) 435967 or email

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### **SATURDAY STARS**

Sat 13 May, Sat 10 Jun, Sat 8 Jul, Sat 5 Aug 1-3pm

FREE, no need to book, just drop in!

Come along, make new friends and take part in cool astronomy themed activities with the Creative Learning Team! If the sun shines on the day, there will also be an opportunity to do some solar viewing through the Observatory's telescopes!

# **OUTER SPACE | INNER SPACE**

Outer Space | Inner Space is a science communication venture, creating an adaptable immersive space at Mills Observatory and supporting an interactive programme of activities and events that promotes cutting-edge research from the University of Dundee in Life Sciences, Computing, Physics, Mathematics, Medicine and Astronomy.



For further details, visit www.lifesci.dundee.ac.uk/outer-space-inner-space

#### THE GIANT WORM

May - August 2017 FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

This summer, view our exciting interactive screen installation and learn more about the inner world of C. elegans - a minute creature that helps researchers in Life Sciences understand more about the big questions they explore! The Installation is available to view in the Observatory's Planetarium during public opening hours, except when the space is in use for shows or workshops.

### **WEDNESDAY WONDERS!**

Wed 12 & 26 Jul
1-3pm
FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Drop in and meet scientists from the University of Dundee and find out about the amazing research work taking place at the University. Get involved with science experiments and discover the tools scientists use to help them learn more about the worders of the world.

#### **FAMILY DROP-IN EVENT**

Wed 9 Aug 1-4pm FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Outer Space | Inner Space researchers present an afternoon of fun activities for all the family. Drop in throughout the event and try out lots of cool science activities. Watch interactive screenings of some of our previous shows, including 'A Very Fishy Tale' and 'Optics Near and Far'.