

Visitor Information

Winter Opening Hours

Weekdays	Saturdays & Sundays
Oct 2016 - March 2017 Mon to Fri	Oct 2016 - March 2017 12.30 - 4pm

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 ideas, including books, children's toys and activities, postcards and telescopes for all levels of stargazing.

Inspirational Venue Hire

Set in the beautiful surroundings of Balgay Park, Mills Observatory offers an alternative and bespoke event experience. We can accommodate a range of events including Meetings, Wedding Ceremonies and opportunities for smaller film and photography shoots.

For more information, please contact hospitality@leisureandculturedundee.com

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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How to find us – info and map
For further information about Mills Observatory, please visit www.leisureandculturedundee.com or find us on **Facebook/Twitter**



Winter 2016/17 Events Programme

Welcome to Mills Observatory Winter 2016!

During the dark evenings, breathtaking views of the stars and planets can be seen through our state-of-the-art 16-inch reflecting telescope. The Observatory's dome still houses an impressive Victorian 10-inch refracting telescope built by Thomas Cooke of York in 1871, although due to its age and size is now used on special occasions only. The dome is open every weekday evening from October to March, weather permitting, and a variety of smaller telescopes and binoculars are also available to use from the Observatory's viewing balcony that offers views over the River Tay.

www.leisureandculturaldundee.com/mills

Exhibition

Outer Space | Inner Space

The Giant Worm!

Sat 1 October - Fri 31 March 2017

This winter season learn about the inner world of *C. elegans*, a minute creature that lives in your compost heap! Our exciting interactive screen installation explains how this tiny worm helps researchers in Life Sciences to understand 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 Planetarium Shows or Workshops.

Free, no need to book, just drop in.

Outer Space | Inner Space is a new science communication venture, creating an adaptable immersive space at Mills Observatory, promoting 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



Talks

Winter Planetarium Shows

7pm, 7.45pm,
8.30pm & 9.15pm

**Fri 7 & 21 Oct, 4 & 18 Nov, 2 & 16 Dec,
6 & 20 Jan, 3 & 17 Feb, 3, 17 & 31 Mar**

Take a tour of the night sky in the Observatory's Planetarium Room and learn about constellations, asteroids and galaxies.

£1 Adults, 50p Children.
Booking essential on (01382) 435967.

Mills Observatory... Dundee's Eyes on the Skies

Wed 26 October
1-2pm

Bringing the Observatory's 80th Anniversary year to a close, Ken Kennedy of Dundee Astronomical Society will take you on a tour of the Observatory's 80 year history, from inception to modern times. The talk will be followed by Telescope Viewing (weather permitting).

FREE. Booking essential on (01382) 435967.

Winter Wildlife at Mills Observatory

Sat 19 November
1-2pm

The Mills Observatory is located within the centre of Balgay Park, which is home to many different kinds of wildlife. Join one of our Natural History Curators for a talk about the mammals, birds, mini-beasts and plants that can be found living around the Observatory during the winter months. Then explore (self-led) the park and return to the Observatory to report on the wildlife seen.

FREE. No need to book, just drop in!

Community

Group Visits

Available October - March

Visits to Mills Observatory for community groups can be arranged throughout the summer. Each visit includes a Planetarium Show, a Solar Viewing Session (weather permitting) or 'hands on' astronomy activity.

For bookings or further information, please contact creative.learning@leisureandculturaldundee.com

£25 per group. Booking essential.



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