

HOUSTON MUSEUM
of NATURAL SCIENCE

George Observatory

**Pre-Visit Resources for
Neurodivergent Guests**



At-A-Glance Tips



Ticket Purchase

When planning a visit to the George Observatory, it's recommended to purchase tickets online in advance to ensure your spot, especially for weekend stargazing sessions.



Weather Preparation

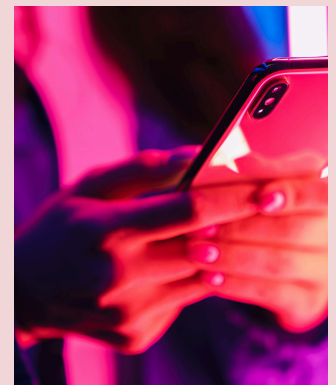
Before visiting the George Observatory for stargazing, call ahead to confirm that the session is on, as it may be canceled due to bad weather.

If the session is happening, dress appropriately for the evening's weather.



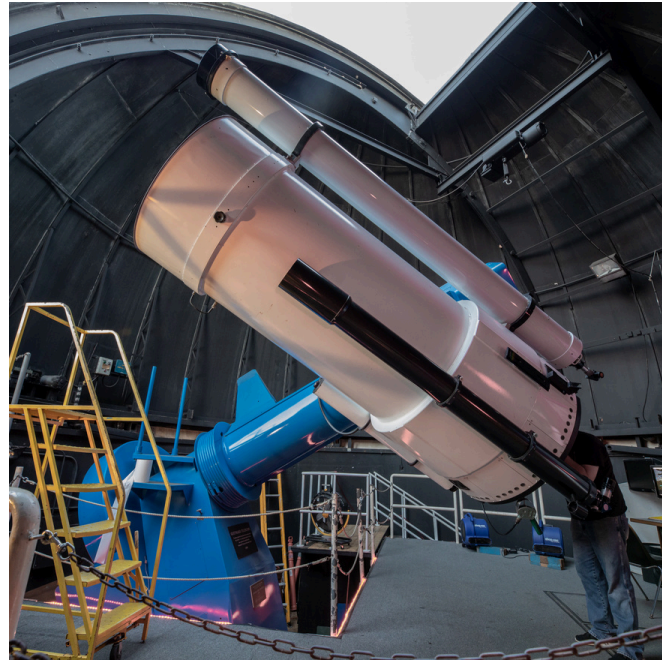
Appropriate Clothing and Light Etiquette

During the stargazing event, please avoid using flash photography or wearing bright colored clothing or shoes, as these can hinder your night vision





Welcome To The George Observatory



Today, I have a reservation for a program, so I'm going to the George Observatory! It's located in Brazos Bend Park, just a few miles away from the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

An observatory is where astronomers study the sky, including stars, planets, and galaxies.

Before I go to the George Observatory, I need to buy a ticket online.

When I arrive at the George Observatory, I will park in the Nature Center parking lot and follow a gravel trail to the entrance of the building. Staff members and astronomers will welcome me and help with any questions about the observatory or space.

Inside the building, I can show my ticket and explore the exhibits. At nighttime, I can use a giant telescope and other equipment to see things far away in space. The exhibits teach about space exploration and the history of space.



Events And Leaving The George Observatory



If I am a part of the astronomy class. I can learn about the solar system, stars and planets as well as how astronomers explore space from a distance.

Saturday Stargazing is an event where I can come to the observatory during night hours.

If I'm going to a stargazing event at night, I should check the weather to make sure it won't rain.

If the weather is not clear, the event may be canceled. That's okay! I can reschedule when the weather is better or enjoy the Cloudy Night Program.

When it's time to leave the observatory. I might feel sad. That is okay.

I can talk with my family or friends about what I saw and learned at The George Observatory and maybe draw pictures or write about my favorite part of my visit.