

A Pre-visit Guide for Observers of All Learning Styles

At Griffith Observatory, every visitor is invited to explore in their own way. This guide may help you find experiences that best fit how you like to discover and learn about the universe.

If you prefer **quieter, low-sensory spaces**, you may like

- outdoor terraces with skyline views
- the lawn and picnic areas facing the Hollywood Sign
- Astronomers Monument, sundial, and solar system lawn model (on the front lawn)

If you enjoy **observing, reading, or studying details**, try

- Wilder Hall of the Eye exhibits (history of astronomy, Tesla coil, camera obscura)
- Ahmanson Hall of the Sky exhibits (Sun, Moon, tides, seasons, eclipses, stars, elements)
- live solar instruments in the Ahmanson Hall of the Sky (daytime, weather permitting)
- *The Celestial Globe* in Gravity's Stairway and *The Cosmic Connection* timeline of celestial jewelry
- Zeiss Telescope and lawn telescopes (nighttime, weather permitting)

If you learn best by **touching, testing, and experimenting**, explore

- Wilder Hall of the Eye and Ahmanson Hall of the Sky exhibits (numerous hands-on displays with plenty of buttons)
- The Edge of Space (meteorite exhibits, information desk with other touchable objects)
- The Gunther Depths of Space (a variety of interactive exhibits)

If you learn best through **movement and physical activity**, you may enjoy

- walking along the solar system lawn model engraved into the sidewalks outside
- walking the outdoor perimeter paths for panoramic views
- The Gunther Depths of Space
 - weighing yourself on different worlds
 - creating your own “earthquake” at the seismograph

If you enjoy **immersive or visually rich experiences**, consider

- Samuel Oschin Planetarium shows
- camera obscura
- Tesla coil demonstrations
- short films in the Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon theater
- Zeiss telescope dome (nighttime, weather permitting)

Things to Know Before You Explore:

- camera obscura – a dark, small, and enclosed room
- Zeiss telescope – a small space with a dome above that occasionally rotates, line to enter
- planetarium shows – The room becomes very dark, and there can be loud sounds during the show. Doors close once it begins, and there is no re-entry.
- *Tip: Visiting earlier in the day or on weekdays usually means fewer crowds.*