

仙台市天文台

SENDAI ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY



”SPACE SQUARE”— A PLACE FOR CITIZENS

Our existence can have many different meanings. When we trace our ancestry back as far as we can, we go back to the beginning of human evolution. The formation of Earth required the assistance of the sun. The sun is in turn, required the assistance of the Galaxy. Thus, our existence is closely connected to the whole history of the universe, from the birth of our galaxy back to the beginning of the universe itself.

To help awaken in people a feeling of familiarity with the universe, Sendai Astronomical Observatory offers opportunities for visitors to see and understand the links within the universe and the relationships between it and their everyday environment. Furthermore, it offers many different kinds of programs incorporating, for example, history, environment, music and art, based on the concept that everything in this world is part of the universe. In this way we strive to provide people from all generations and walks of life with experiences and information appropriate and interesting to them as individuals.

Sendai Astronomical Observatory aims to use the “Space Square”, which is open to all citizens, as a place where citizens of the universe can meet and interact in surroundings designed to remind them of the universe in which they live in.

INFORMATION

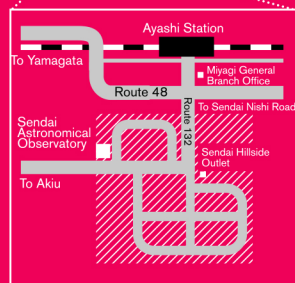
Opening hours:
Weekdays: 9:00-17:00
Saturdays: 9:00- 21:30 (Exhibition room: 9:00-17:00)
Closed: Wednesdays, third Tuesday of the month (or the next day when the third Tuesday is a holiday), and during the end of year/New Year holidays
Note: Open 7 days while schools are on vacation.
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ADMISSION FEE

		Individual	Group
Exhibition room	Adults	600	480
	High school students	350	280
	Elementary and junior high school students	250	200
Planetarium	Adults	600	480
	High school students	350	280
	Elementary and junior high school students	250	200
Set ticket (exhibition room and planetarium)	Adults	1,000	800
	High school students	600	480
	Elementary and junior high school students	400	320
Stargazing session	Adults and High school students		200
	Elementary and junior high school students		100
Yearly pass	Adults		3,000
	High school students		1,800
	Elementary and junior high school students		1,200

Notes: Special exhibitions have separate admission fees. Group discounts are available for registered groups of 30 or more. (Free admission for one person out of every 30 people.)

ACCESS



- Car** Take the Tohoku Expressway to Sendai-Miyagi IC. Then, take Route 48 to the Observatory (about 10 minutes). Parking for up to 125 cars is available at the Observatory.
- Bus (from Sendai Station)** Take the city bus bound for “Nishikigaoka,” or the Ayashi Kanko bus bound for “Nishikigaoka 8-Chome” from the bus stop at the front of Suda Building opposite Sakurano Department Store (about 30 minutes). Get off at “Nishikigaoka 7-Chome Kita, Observatory Entrance” and walk for about three minutes to the Observatory.
- JR + bus (from Ayashi Station)** Take the JR Senzan line, getting off at Ayashi. Take the city bus bound for “Uenohara,” “Nojirimachi Kita” or “Futakuchi Onsen,” or take the Ayashi Kanko bus bound for “Nishikigaoka 8-Chome” (about 10 minutes). Get off at “Nishikigaoka 7-Chome Kita, Observatory Entrance” and walk for about three minutes to the Observatory.

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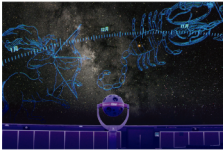
OBSERVATION ZONE

An observatory space where everyone can get a glimpse of the real universe using the 1.3-m large telescope and six other pieces of astronomical observation equipment.



PLANETARIUM ZONE

A hybrid of a conventional optical planetarium and a digital planetarium, where visitors can experience the wonders of the universe.



EXHIBITION ZONE

An entertaining space where people can view large models of the solar system and CG movies, designed to allow them to intuitively explore the surprising and exciting world of astronomy.



ACTIVITY ZONE

This space can be used for group activities. Exhibitions and events can be held at Kato-Osaka Hall on the first floor.



PLANET SQUARE

A recreational space featuring a 1/7.5-billionth scale model of the planetary orbits of the Earth's solar system where visitors can get a sense of the size of the planets and solar system.



OPEN SPACE

A square located in the center of the facility where people can relax in cafes and shops. All zones of the Observatory can be accessed from here.



SEE THE UNIVERSE RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES.

Sendai Astronomical Observatory is well equipped with up-to-date technologies that allow visitors to see and experience the actual universe with their own eyes. Community exhibitions provide added stimulation for your curiosity and imagination and always excellent customer service rounds out the enjoyment. A lively space, bursting with excitement and energy, beckons visitors into a truly “universal” world. An amazing experience awaits you!

