

The George Observatory is open to the public every Saturday evening, except for major holidays. The large dome houses the 36" Gueymard Research Telescope, which is one of the largest telescopes in the United States open to the public on a regular basis. Explore the wonders of the night sky with the three large research-grade telescopes, in addition to numerous privately owned volunteer telescopes. Visitors of all ages can use their eyes to look directly at the moon, planets and other beautiful objects in the night sky. Expert astronomers will answer questions and share their knowledge of the universe.

Open to the public every Saturday;
observing starts at dusk!

Telescope viewing is weather dependent.
Tours will be given on cloudy nights.

Park entrance fees apply.

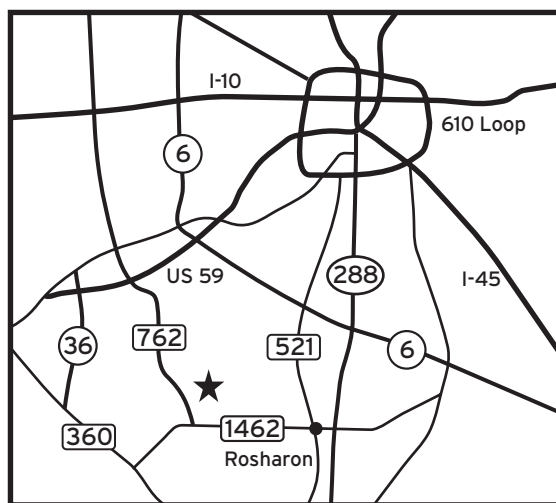
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(281) 242-3055

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**For ticketing and hours of
operation, visit our website:**
www.hmns.org/observatory

The George Observatory is located in Brazos Bend State Park about 45 miles southwest of Houston. It is about two miles inside the state park. There is a parking lot located next to the path to the George Observatory complex.



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GEORGE OBSERVATORY

at Brazos Bend State Park

*A satellite facility of
Houston Museum
of Natural Science*



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Astronomy Classes

Astronomy classes are offered on a variety of topics, including the Solar System, Exploring the Night Sky, Telescopes, and Deep Space and Beyond. A tour of the observatory is also included.

When: By reservation

Ages: Grades K-12

Length: 1 hour

High School Observing Sessions also available by reservation.

Astronomy Classes can be combined with Expedition Center missions to create an amazing field trip for groups of all ages. Ask about a Mega-Mission.

Simulated Space Flights in the Expedition Center at the George Observatory

Kids of all ages go on an imaginary space flight to the Moon or Mars in the Expedition Center Space Station Observer. Students become astronauts and mission controllers to use teamwork and problem solving in this exciting learning experience.

FULL MISSION

Older students spend one hour in the SS Observer and one hour in Mission Control going to the Moon and Mars.

Grades: 4-12

Length: 2 hours

Participants: 18-36 students

MINI MISSION

For smaller groups or classes and great for birthday parties. Participants become astronauts in the SS Observer.

Grades: 4-12

Length: 1 hour

Participants: 10-18 students

JUNIOR MISSION

Developed especially for younger children and their eight adult helpers. Great for birthday parties or scouts.

Grades: 1-3

Length: 1½ hours

Participants: 10-18 students

Special Events

Visit the Houston Museum of Natural Science website at www.hmns.org/observatory for various special events, such as:

- Family Space Day: Participate in a mission, as a family, without having a large group!
- Rocket Days: Kids build and launch water rockets and do a mission
- "How to Use Your New Telescope" classes
- Scouting events
- Meteor showers

Information and tickets are available online.

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FOR RESERVATIONS

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