



Moffat Community Observatory

Visitor Information

Before your visit

Your booking will be confirmed by email. Details of the car park location will be sent to you at the same time.

However, you must be aware that for any observation session the sky must be clear. Your host will keep in contact with you to advise you of any cancellation.

When you arrive

You will be asked to arrive 10 minutes before your booked session time. Your host will meet you at the observatory car park. Can you note there are no buses that stop nearer than Moffat High Street.

Warm Clothing Required

The observatory is necessarily unheated and completely open to the elements. Warm clothing will be essential.

Toilet Facilities

There are no toilet facilities or running water at the observatory.

Accessing the observatory

On welcoming you, you will be supplied with a red torch and your host then escort you to the observatory.

Please be aware that the observatory is reached by a tarmac path through a field. In the winter, snow and ice may be present. While the path will be cleared as much as possible, you are reminded to wear appropriate footwear and take extra care.

Arriving at the observatory

The observatory will be lit by red lighting. This is to let your eyes become accustomed to the dark.

Your host will then give a short introduction to the observatory including the fire plan and review the necessary safety precautions whilst in the observatory and in the telescope turret. Please read the Health & Safety statement before your visit.

You will be asked not to leave the fenced area because, in the dark, the slope and other trip hazards are not clearly visible.

Dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome but we regret that no other pets are allowed.

After your visit.

The host will escort you back to the car park.

We hope you find the visit enjoyable, entertaining and educational. Please complete the feedback form on the website. Your comments will be welcomed.

Why not book another visit to the observatory? We will be pleased to welcome you once more!