

Directions to Mount Wilson Observatory via Detour Route

- From the 210 freeway, take the Sunland Blvd exit. On Sunland Blvd, turn **right** (if coming from Pasadena) or **left** (if coming from the San Fernando Valley), and proceed east.
- About 0.3 mile from the freeway, Sunland Blvd merges with Foothill Blvd. Continue east on Foothill Blvd about 0.4 mile further to Oro Vista Ave (look for a tall Jack-in-the-Box sign on your left).
- Turn **left** on Oro Vista Ave and proceed north about 0.8 mile through this residential area. At this point Oro Vista turns **right** and becomes Lower Big Tujunga Canyon Road.
- After 11.9 miles you'll reach the well-marked intersection with Angeles Forest Highway. Turn **right** on Angeles Forest Highway and proceed 3.8 miles to Clear Creek and another well-marked intersection with Angeles Crest Highway.
- Turn **left** on Angeles Crest Highway and drive 4.6 miles to Red Box.
- Turn **right** at Red Box and take the 4.5 mile road up to Mount Wilson.
- Near the top of this road, among many tall transmitter towers, you'll reach a small intersection. Stay to the **far right** and proceed around the main group of towers to the main gate to Skyline Park and the Observatory.
- Beginning April 1, this gate will be open between **10:00 a.m.** and **4:00 p.m.** During these hours, proceed through the gate and park in the main parking lot. You may then walk past the STOP sign leading to the Observatory. Do not drive past this sign without permission.
- If you have reserved a special tour, wait for your docent in the main lot.
- If you have reserved an observing session, wait for your Session Director outside the gate.
- The main parking lot is on U.S. Forest Service land, and a Forest Adventure Pass is required to be displayed in each parked vehicle. These are available for \$5 at any Forest Service office or ranger station, or many sporting goods stores such as Sports Chalet. A Golden Age Passport is also acceptable in place of the Forest Adventure Pass.