NOTE: Narrow, winding road. Allow at least 45 minutes from La Canada-Flintridge to Mount Wilson.

From the 210 freeway, follow the Angeles Crest Highway (State Highway 2) north out of La Canada-Flintridge, past the Angeles Forest Highway turnoff to Palmdale, to the Mount Wilson turnoff at Red Box. This is about 14 miles from the 210 Freeway. Drive about 5 miles more to Mount Wilson. You will arrive at a small intersection near a number of transmitter towers. Follow the “Observatory” sign on the one-way road to the far right around the towers until you reach the Forest Service main gate, which is the entrance to Skyline Park and the Observatory.

Your Session Director will meet you at the specified time at the main gate, not in the parking lot, and will lead you to the Observatory. Please do not drive or walk past the gate without the Session Director.

If your vehicle is larger than a 15-passenger van, you will park in the main lot and walk or carpool with the Session Director to the Observatory (about a quarter mile), and your vehicle will be required by the Forest Service to display a Forest Adventure Pass or Golden Age Passport. Smaller vehicles will be directed to park on the Observatory grounds near the 60-inch dome, and will need no such Pass.

If you arrive late, wait outside the gate and call the 60-inch dome at (626) 793-3065 from the nearby pay phone ($0.50). Cell phones rarely function here. Again, please do not drive in on your own.