

Visitor Information

Closures

Mondays, Tuesday afternoons, the day following a national holiday (open on national holidays), Dec 29 - Jan 3

Admission Fees

Free of charge

Daytime viewing

10:00-12:00 and 14:00-16:00 on days open

*Please refer to the days the Observatory is closed.

Nighttime viewing

Nighttime viewing is available about 60 days a year, only on designated days.

(Please refer to the Sapporo Science Center website for detailed information.)



In the event of rain or cloudy weather, viewing will be canceled and commentary on the starry sky and answers to questions will be given inside the dome.
In the event of stormy weather such as typhoons or snowstorms, or when it is deemed impossible to open, the commentary on the starry sky inside the dome may also be canceled.

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Transportation & Access

◆ Namboku (Subway) Line

Approx. 5-min. walk from Exit 3 of Nakajima koen Sta. on the Namboku Line

◆ Streetcar

Approx. 3-min. walk from the Nakajima koen dori Streetcar Stop

◆ Bus

- Approx. 6-min. walk from the Nakajima koen ekimae bus stop on the JR Hokkaido Bus Yamahana Line
- Approx. 5-min. walk from Nakajima koen iriguchi bus stop on the Hokkaido Chuo Bus Nishioka-Hiragishi Line/Hitsujiogaoka Line

*There is no parking at the Observatory. Please use public transportation.



Contact Us

For usage and nighttime viewing reservations

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For up to date information on Observatory openings

Sapporo Astronomical Observatory

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SAPPORO ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY



Unlock Your **Dreams** in the **Stars!**

Come closer to space at this observatory located in the middle of Sapporo. Have fun observing the sun and bright fixed stars during the daytime and seasonal stars during the nighttime.

Astronomical Telescope
20 cm F12 Apochromatic Refractor

Observatory Cards available

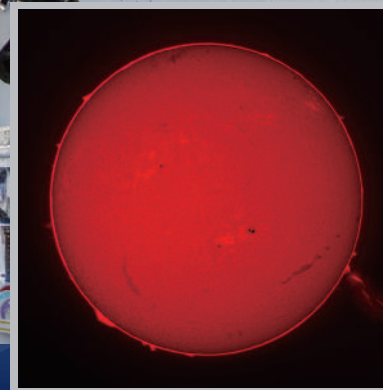
What is an Observatory Card?
These cards are offered by cooperating observatories across the country. Go and visit various different observatories to collect them. Please ask a staff member to get yours.



Deneb



Mars



Sun (H-alpha emission)

Sapporo Astronomical Observatory

Sapporo Astronomical Observatory is in Nakajima Park, a recreational area in the center of Sapporo. It is located on a hill between the Sapporo Concert Hall "Kitara" and Hoheikan (Historical Guest House). The hill is commonly known as "Okadayama". These are the remains of an artificial hill in the Okada Flower Garden, a classic Japanese-style garden that once existed.

In July 1958, an observatory equipped with a 20 cm refracting telescope (manufactured by Tokyo Optical Co., Ltd.) was built as the Snow Brand Milk Products Pavilion for the Hokkaido Grand Fair held at the Nakajima Park site. The Snow Brand Milk Products Pavilion was later donated to the City of Sapporo, which placed it under the jurisdiction of the Sapporo Board of Education and opened it as the Sapporo Astronomical Observatory in October of the same year. In 1984, the telescope was replaced by a 20 cm refracting telescope manufactured by Goto Inc., continuing to provide a window to the universe for the local community.

Although it is a very small observatory with an area of about 52m², it has been providing a watchful eye on Sapporo and the universe for more than 60 years with the support of the citizens.

