Stellar Garden / Observatory

星のひろば・屋上天文台

■Purpose of Exhibition

On the rooftop of the new Science and Technology building, there is a space to enjoy the night sky.

An 80-cm telescope is available during public nightobservation sessions (registration required), and daytime sessions to view stars (no registration required). From the break area on the 7th floor of the Science and Technology building, you can always observe this large telescope over the glass windows.

The stellar garden is a grass square on the west side of the 80cm large telescope and solar telescope (Creating the figure of the sun in the exhibition room of the Science and Technology building), and an area where astronomical telescopes are arranged so you can observe stars during public night-observation sessions (registration required). Numerous small telescopes are ready in the store rooms, which are equipped with lasers that point out stars.



■Additional Knowledge



[Public Astronomical Observatories in the Mountains and the City]

Although it is said that stars cannot be seen in the city, this is actually not true.

Faint stars and the Milky Way are indeed invisible, but conspicuously bright stars and planets can be seen even in the city. Therefore, in the Nagoya City Science Museum, the public night observation sessions give you the opportunity to look at bright astronomical objects. On the other hand, if you would like to observe a starfilled sky and the Milky Way, the mountains would be more suitable.

The Nagoya City Science Museum also has an astronomical observatory at Shimin vacation village resort in Kiso Ontake, which is full of nature. Since accommodation is provided, you can savor the stars and Mother Nature while relaxing.

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