

Important Things to Remember When Visiting MLO

General tours

Before going up to Observatory

1. Bring your own drinking water.
2. Bring your own food. We do not provide food at the observatory.
3. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a jacket; the UV radiation is very high at the observatory.
4. Fill your car with gas before leaving Hilo for the observatory. There is no gas available at the observatory.
5. Check weather conditions especially summit conditions from national weather forecast.
6. Bring jackets and other warm clothing. There may be arctic conditions at the station.
7. Check the MLO web site for any special information. The website is found at: <http://www.mlo.noaa.gov>
8. Drive slowly and carefully on the MLO access road. The road is single lane and has many blind hills & turns. Please drive with your headlights on.
9. Do not drive while on the cell phone. Pull off to the side and stop the car while on the phone.

While at the observatory

1. Sign in guest book in Keeling Building.
2. Check with MLO staff if you are encountering any problems or need assistance.
3. Keep MLO Staff work areas clear (i.e. tables in center of Keeling Building and areas in front of existing instruments – all instruments are checked daily).
4. MLO is on a water catchment system, please conserve water. Be sure the sink's water faucet is closed when done.
5. Be courteous to other visiting groups.
6. Do not touch other projects' computers or instrument.
7. Telephones - DO NOT make any long distance toll calls from the MLO phone unless you are charging it to your phone card or calling collect. A non-toll charge is anywhere on the Big Island, everywhere else has a toll charge. You need to dial 9 to get an outside line. Ask permission from MLO staff first.
8. No Smoking at the site. Do not use any aerosol products(spray cans) at the mountain site.
9. Before Leaving Observatory, Please take care of your own trash. (Bring down and dispose your trash when you're done). Please keep the facility CLEAN!