

DESCRIPTION AND GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

Location:

Aras de Los Olmos, on in the Muela of Santa Catalina wheel, inside the wind farm itself is a location with excellent sky, one of the few dark places left in Valencia

Description:

The Astronomical Observatory of the University of Valencia is a center where research, teaching and dissemination of culture in the field of astronomy are made. It is a singular entity of the University founded in 1909 by Dr. Ignacio Tarazona Blanch. It is the university's oldest astronomical observatory in Spanish State asset. It was declared of public utility in 1919.

Protection category:

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ACCESSIBILITY

1. Accessibility of the resource (universal):

It's an important meeting place for amateur and professional astronomy. Not fully equipped for people with reduced mobility. Totally adapted for childrens and families.

2. Resource Signaling:

Outside.- best way to get to CAAT's CV is 35 highway, direction Lliria , Casinos , Chelva , Titaguas and Aras de los Olmos. Leaving the last town immediately take the long way around to the right direction of Arcos de las Salinas. To 4 km you could see an indication appears on the right to the Astronomical Observatory and the Hermitage of Santa Catalina. Having reached this point in the hermitage, you should follow that for a dirt road. Once you have reached all the way up take the road to the left and at the end, are the buildings of the observatories. Careful driving is advisable to the last kilometers.

Indoor: Road infrastructure but not interpretative signals.



3. Level of accessibility:

Outside.- Private transportation to reach the resource.

Inside the resource: The ground floor is an office building for the control of telescope, there is an small room and toilet while the upper floor is exclusive to the telescope. Practical astronomy classes and open days are held.

MARKETING

1. Marketing profile:

non tourism marketing actions.

2. Information available of the resource:

Web: www.observatorio.uv

Social Networks: <https://www.facebook.com/lobservatori> , <https://twitter.com/@observatoriuv>

Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FemaPlQ473U>

VISITS

1. Capacity of the establishment:

1 visit per day. Each session lasts about two hours. Due to the limited capacity, only a maximum of 30 people per session is supported, and a minimum of 15 people is required for the session.

2. Schedule and Availability for visitors:

Open when tours are organized.

3. Admission:

Free

4. Limitations:

It needs to improve infrastructure and signposting for tourists the services for disabled persons.

5. Visit the resource:

Guided when tours are organized by the ACAT or other partners.

TOURIST RATING OF THE RESORT

1. Hierarchical level of resource:

• **Level 1:** Attractive with some striking feature, able to interest visitors from long distance that had come to the zone by other touristic reasons, or capable to motivate local tourist flows.

It would be necessary an strategical planning for astrotourism in the region, including an specific signposting technical planning.