

The MOT Obs Tour

The top of Mount Washington is home to a weather station founded in 1932 and staffed all year ever since. The Mount Washington Observatory's two alternating observer crews live on the summit for a week, taking hourly weather observations around the clock, performing research, and conducting educational programs. The crews and other staff members observe and maintain a unique record of weather data, perform weather and climate research, and foster public understanding of the mountain and its environment.

On April 12th, 1934, the Observatory recorded the world's fastest surface wind speed ever observed by a human: 231 mph. While MOT participants have not experienced anything like that, more than 95 mph gusts occurred one year.

For the 20th year, 48 MOT participants will meet with the observers and tour the facility. The tour includes an interactive talk about the Observatory's research, the conditions that result in "The World's Worst Weather," and a weather station tour.

The 2023 "Obs Tour" will be conducted in four groups of 12 people, each starting 15 minutes apart. The tours will conclude with plenty of time to tag the summit sign and enjoy the views and sunset.

The Obs Tour is NOT included with the other MOT activities. The additional cost is \$5.00 per person over age 12, paid in cash (only) before the tour. Participation by children 12 and under is free. The tour groups depart from the Auto Road's base at 6:00 p.m.

Please send an email — *NOT a text or Facebook private message* — to me no later than Sunday, June 11th, if you want to take the tour or have questions. Please let me know how many people over 12 years old will be taking the tour.

The tour is one of the most popular MOT events. I will conduct a lottery to select participants from all the submissions entered by the June 11th deadline if more than 48 people want to participate.

Be well,

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