Griffith Observatory

Griffith Observatory’s unique architecture, setting, programs, and cinematic exposure have made it one of the most famous landmarks in Southern California, and the most-visited public observatory in the world. Built in 1935 and sitting 1,134 feet above sea level, the Observatory is visible from much of Los Angeles. The Observatory offers free admission and features public telescopes, planetarium shows, interactive science and space exhibits, and breathtaking views.

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Los Angeles Zoo

The LA Zoo is committed to providing a stimulating and educational experience for visitors as well as excellent living conditions for the more than 1,200 animals and almost 7,500 plants in its care. The Zoo participates in conservation programs in order to preserve native habitats and ensure that animals can continue to live in the wild.

Flora and Fauna

Over 150 plant species have been recorded in Griffith Park, including trees, shrubs, grasses, wildflowers, ferns, and vines. The Park boasts rare native species such as Southern California black walnut (found only in the Los Angeles area).

Mammals making their home in the Park include mule deer, coyote, raccoon, gray fox, opossum, skunk, bobcat, and mountain lion. Hundreds of native insects inhabit the Park, including two striking butterflies: the black, white, and orange California sister and the lime-green bramble hairstreak, neither of which occurs in the surrounding area.

The Park is also home to a variety of lizards and snakes, including California whipsnake, California kingsnake, ringneck snake, gopher snake, and western rattlesnake.

Ornithologists have identified over 200 species of birds in the Park, which is an important stopover for migrating birds and provides an abundance of habitat for wintering birds.

Travel Town Transportation Museum

This outdoor museum celebrates the part railroads played in the history of Southern California. Actual locomotives, freight and passenger cars, cabooses, trolleys, and horse-drawn cars are on display. For a nominal charge, take a miniature train ride around the museum perimeter.

The Park

Griffith Park is one of the largest municipal parks in North America and is the largest historic landmark in the City of Los Angeles (Historic Cultural Monument #341), now covering 4,311 acres.

This storied landmark is a rare example of untouched, natural charpaler in an urban center. Situated in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains, the park’s tree-studded canyons are criss-crossed with more than 70 miles of hiking and equestrian trails that offer unparalleled views of the Los Angeles basin.

BICYCLE RENTALS

In the parking lot behind the Griffith Park Ranger Station.

GOLF & TENNIS

There are two 18-hole course (Wilson and Harding C), and two 9-hole courses (Roosevelt E1 and Los Feliz E2)

There are three tennis complexes: Griffith Park Recreation Center F7, Vermont Canyon Tennis Courts F5, and Park Center D6.

HUNTING & JOGGING

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PONY & TRAIN RIDES

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SOCCER

John Ferraro Athletic Fields.

SWIMMING

“The Plunge” swimming pool is open during summer months. Located at the Griffith Park Recreation Center.

Hollywood Sign

For safety and security there is no access to the sign. There are several viewing sites throughout the park (see map).

www.hollywoodsign.org

Park Rules

25 mph speed limit strictly enforced
No open fires
Alcohol and smoking prohibited

Do not feed the wildlife
Bicycles are not permitted on trails
Dogs must be on leash at all times

In case of emergency, call Park Rangers 323.644.6661 or 911

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