SITE 1
Travel Town Museum
3200 Zoo Dr.
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SITE 2
Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum
5202 Zoo Dr.
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SITE 3
Walt Disney’s Carolwood Barn
5202 Zoo Dr.
Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

SITE 4
Bette Davis Picnic Area
1600 Rancho Ave.
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SITE 5
Los Angeles Zoo
5333 Zoo Dr.
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SITE 6
Auryn Museum of the American West
4700 Western Heritage Way
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SITE 7
June Aachi Berk in the Auryn Museum Plaza
4700 Western Heritage Way
Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SITE 8
Griffith Park Golf Club House
15900 Griffith Park Dr.
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SITE 9
Amir’s Garden
Griffith Park
Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Great spots for children!
Food and drink for sale at this site
A quarter-mile hike up the North Trail beyond Annie’s Garden, is the Firefighter’s Memorial, commemorating fallen heroes from one of California’s deadliest fires. In 1933, a brush fire in Mineral Wells Canyon turned deadly when winds shifted. Dozens were killed and hundreds more injured. Historian and author Mike Eberts will recount this fearful story near the place where it occurred.

The Firefighter’s Memorial is about a 35-minute hike up a fairly steep fire road. Wear good footwear, bring water, and prepare for exposure to the sun.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Independent Shakespeare Co. (ISC) has been performing free works by William Shakespeare in Griffith Park since 2010. In 2019, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks announced it was building a Griffith Park Performing Arts Stage, which will create a permanent stage at the site ISC currently performs. Meet the company of ISC to hear more, as well as for impressive performances and entertainment!

Accessing this site requires a short walk up a dirt road or hill from the Old Zoo or Merry-Go-Round parking lots.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Old Los Angeles Zoo opened in 1912 and closed only fourteen years later. The zoo’s closure was a major moment in the history of Los Angeles, marking the end of an era that included the famous Animal Enclosure, as well as an elephant house.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In September 2021, Griffith Park became home to LA Compost’s newest Regional Compost Hub, contributing to the Park’s flourishing history as a center for sustainable environmental practices. Visit the site to learn about LA Compost’s mission and their work connecting the people of Los Angeles to the soil and one another.

Walk west from the Merry-Go-Round Lot 2 towards a white metal gate, which marks the site entrance.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Shane’s Inspiration inclusive playground, which opened in Griffith Park in 1957, was the first inclusive playground in all of Los Angeles serving children of all abilities. Inclusion Matters by Shane’s Inspiration, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has since partnered with the City of Los Angeles to establish 35 inclusive playgrounds throughout the City, and inspire a global inclusive play movement that has created 75 inclusive playgrounds around the world. Meet representatives from Inclusion Matters to hear about the inspiration behind this remarkable playground.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The 95-year-old Griffith Park Merry-Go-Round isn’t just any old carousel. Its 68 hand-carved horses and custom-built Shonn 165 Military Band Organ inspired what became the “Hollywood Park On Earth.” Meet L.A. Conservancy docents and Merry-Go-Round staff and to see the mechanics and organ up close!

The organ will be available to view between 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m., 2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., and 3:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Tickets to ride the Merry-Go-Round can be purchased on site.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Griffith Park’s Merry-Go-Round was an important site within the gay liberation movement. The first gay-only dance event was held on Memorial Day 1968, one year before the Stonewall riots, in a bold move toward living life in the open. Members from ONE Archives at the USC Libraries will share historic materials and tell the story of how this site helped spark a movement.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The headquarters for the Griffith Park 125th Anniversary can be found here, in the field near the Merry-Go-Round. Be sure to stop by for food trucks, event information, and all kinds of family-friendly activities. Visit Friends of the Los Angeles River to explore their interactive Watershed Table, then earn by Narraled Objects for Griffith Park-related games and coloring pages. Learn about native species with the L.A. Zoo, or take a short hike with Backpack Inc. Los Angeles. Rangers will be on hand to lead short, family-friendly walks to the Old Zoo, and even Smokey Bear will make an appearance!

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Griffith Park Visitor Center is full of information and exhibits about the history of Griffith Park and the people that shaped it. Visit with rangers and members of the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust to learn about the Park’s namesake—Colonel Griffith J. Griffith—and the legacy he left to Los Angeles.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Long before Griffith Park was Griffith Park, members of the Tongva-Odabelo tribe lived in several different villages on the land. The plants and animals that lived there too were not considered resources but relatives; people, plants, and animals all helped and relied on each other. Tongva Cultural Teller of Legend and Artist Craig Torres will talk about the reciprocal relationship between the Tongva and the land, as well as the present-day Tongva-Odabelo people.

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., including 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
The 6.647-acre Rancho Los Feliz was granted to Corporal José Vicente Feliz as early as 1785. It was one of the first land grants in California, and over time it eventually become the property of Griffith J. Griffith. The Los Feliz adobe remains an important relic from Griffith Park’s Rancho days. L.A. Conservancy volunteers will share more about this Historic-Cultural Monument and its connection to Griffith Park’s past and present.

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Site 21**
Griffith Park & Southern Railroad
4400 Crystal Springs Dr.

The Griffith Park & Southern Railroad first opened for business in Griffith Park in 1925. It's still a popular railroad ride that provides rides to passengers young and old ever since. Visit Griffith Park & Southern Railroad to learn more and to play a fun, interactive, kid-friendly game!

**Tickets for train rides can be purchased on site.**

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Train rides begin at 10:00 a.m.)

For over 73 years, Griffith Park Pony Rides has been saddling up children to take a pony ride on their 4-acre facility off Crystal Springs Drive. Step by step through this legendary attraction in Griffith Park and meet its staff and ponies!

**Tickets for pony rides can be purchased on site.**

**Hours:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In 1918, Griffith J. Griffith’s will established a trust fund for the construction of a world-class observatory and Greek Theatre. To be built in Griffith Park. Eleven years later the Greek Theatre was completed, quickly becoming one of Los Angeles’s and the nation’s most beloved outdoor entertainment venues. Now managed by the City of Los Angeles directly, the Greek has undergone extensive historic restoration, uncovering architectural details not visible for decades. Los Angeles Conservancy docents will be on site to take you on a brief tour behind the scenes of this renowned theatre.

**Hours of the Greek Theatre are approximately 25 minutes. Seats and scalpels will be included. Masks are required to be worn when indoors.**

**Food can be purchased at the nearby Franklin’s Café & Market.**

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Since the doors opened in 1935, Griffith Observatory has become the most visited public observatory in the world. Filled with funds set aside expressly for its construction by Griffith J. Griffith, the Art Deco style Griffith Observatory (which was renovated and restored in the early 2000s) has become a symbol of Los Angeles Park and Los Angeles itself. Meet Observatory Staff and Museum Guides outside the Observatory to learn about L.A. -icon every 50 minutes starting at 10:00 a.m. **If you plan to enter the Observatory following the talk, a ticket is required.**

**Hours:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(Each talk begins every half hour, excluding the 1:30 p.m. talk.)

Many people know that the Hollywood Sign originated as part of an ad campaign to sell lots in the Hollywoodland suburban housing development in 1923. But do you know how it became the most recognizable symbol of Los Angeles? The Hollywood Sign Trust will be near the Griffith Observatory to share the details about Griffith Park’s and the world’s most recognizable landmark.

**Hours:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ellen Reid SOUNDWALK presented in Los Angeles by UCLA’s Center for the Art of Performance (CAP UCLA). A free, GPS-enabled work of public art that uses music to illuminate the natural environment of L.A. Griffith Park. Created by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer and sound artist Ellen Reid, the experience is guided by the listener: the path you choose dictates the music you hear, and no two visits will be exactly the same. Imagine: following the free app, and putting on your headphones, you can explore Griffith Park in an entirely new way. CAP UCLA staff will be on site near the Griffith Observatory to share insights about this artwork and how best to access it. **Headphones will enhance the experience, so bring them along!**

**Hours:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Dante’s View in Griffith Park is a popular destination for many hikers—but how this mountain-top garden came to be and how it got its name is a mystery for many. Clare Borden of the Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust will be waiting at Dante’s View for those interested in a brief narrated story—not to mention a fantastic view.

**Reaching Dante’s View requires hikings up a service road for several miles on the way you begin. Wear good footwear, bring water, and prepare for exposure to the sun.**

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For nearly a century, Griffith Park’s Fern Dell has been an urban oasis. In 1989, the Ten Commandments Departed in adding tens to the regime and by the 1920s the first of Fern Dell’s terraced pools and bridges were in place. Now, the project to develop this historic area into a new urban park is a project in progress to improve and restore the habitat in Fern Dell for future generations to come. Meet members of friends of Griffith Park in two different locations within Fern Dell—at the waterfall and the bridge—learn more about its history and the exciting work taking place there.

**Hours:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Trails cut in Fern Dell is the outdoor Trails Cafe, a local hotspot specializing in all day breakfast, lunch, salads, sandwiches, beer and wine. (Yes, please! In particular, it’s a must! Chat with the owner and staff, who have been known to serve Griffith Park hikers with directions and hiking tips as well as coffee. While you meet L.A. Conservancy docents to learn more about Fern Dell’s historic elements, such as Historic-Cultural Monument No. 112, the only archeological landmark in Los Angeles. It designates a site where a Tongva-Otomi village once stood.

**Trails Cafe closes at 2:00 p.m. but L.A. Conservancy staff will be in site until 4:00 p.m.**

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Along with 30 different sites to visit, some special events are happening in Griffith Park in honor of its 125th anniversary, as well.

9:00 am: Hike Historic Griffith Park with Author Casey Schreiner
To celebrate Griffith Park’s milestone anniversary, join Casey Schreiner, founder of Modern Hiker and author of “Discovering Griffith Park”—the first in-depth guidebook for the park—on a guided hike from Fern Dell to the summit of Mount Hollywood. Learn why Griffith Park is the greatest city park in the country and meet other experts along the way! Registration for this event can be found here.

9:30 a.m.: Hike to Hidden Amir’s Garden with the Sierra Club
Join the Sierra Club and hike to some historic and conservation-related sites to learn more about them and the history of Griffith Park’s interior. Hikers will stop at Amir’s Garden, the memorial to the 1933 firefighters, and Royce’s Canyon to hear the stories of these significant places.

The hike is 4 miles long with 800 feet of elevation gain. Hikers will be primarily on fire roads with some hills. Bring hiking boots or shoes with good traction, water, suitable clothing layers, sunscreen, and a hat.

10:00 a.m.: Visit the Investigating Griffith Park exhibit at the Autry
The Autry Museum—including the exhibition Investigating Griffith Park and special programs—will be free to all visitors as part of the anniversary celebrations.

All visitors to the museum are required to provide proof of vaccination and to wear masks when indoors.

11:30 a.m.: Birthday Celebration and Independent Shakespeare Co. Performance
Visit the 125th Event’s Hub to commemorate Griffith Park’s 125th Anniversary! Craig Torres, Tongva Cultural Educator and Artist will welcome the crowd, followed by remarks from the L.A. Conservancy, Assemblymember Friedman’s office and Councilmember Raman. Join us for cake and a lively and festive performance from Griffith Park’s own Independent Shakespeare Co.

1:00 p.m.: Book Reading at the Autry: The Feral Boy Who Lives in Griffith Park
Visit the Autry at 1:00 p.m. to hear live reading of stories from the extended Second Edition of this short story collection. The largest urban park in the nation is the fertile ground where new myths and legends grow. New stories by Annette Zilinskas, Mott Oswalt, Hadley Meares, Tim Kirk, and others will be read by the authors and actors, with live musical accompaniment by Tom Moese.

Following the readings, the authors will sign copies of the newly released extended edition, available in the museum store.

2:00 p.m.: Play Reading and Discussion at the Griffith Park Visitor Center Outdoor Amphitheatre
Antaeus Theatre Company presents a free reading of “90027: Griffith Park – The Fire In-Between” as part of Griffith Park’s 125th Anniversary celebration. The live reading will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Playwright, Peppar Chambers; Director, Rondrell McCormick; Artistic Director, Bill Brochtrup; and Griffith Park Historian, Michael Eberts.

“90027: Griffith Park – The Fire In-Between” is part of Antaeus Theatre Company’s original audio series, The Zip Code Plays: Los Angeles (learn more here).

2:30 p.m.: Book Reading at the Autry: Griffith Park A to Z
Join Casey Schreiner, author of Discovering Griffith Park, for a lively slideshow presentation through the alphabet of what makes Griffith Park one of the finest city parks in the entire country. Learn about groundbreaking aviators, ham-and-egg eating secret societies, famous animals, movie stars, citizen gardens, hiking routes, mysterious artists, and more!

Following the presentation Schreiner will sign copies of his L.A. Times bestselling book—the first and only in-depth guide for the park.

3:00 p.m.: Meditative Performance with floating at the Old Zoo
End your day of exploring Griffith Park on a special note. Join floating among the echoes of the Old Zoo for a patient practice in deep listening. Led by Taleen Kali, a Los Angeles native and multi-hyphenate arts practitioner, this meditative performance for singing bowls and bass guitar is an offering for grounding oneself in closer relationship to our local environment.

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