Travel Town Museum has been a transportation museum and recreation center in Griffith Park since 1952. With its impressive collection and interactive exhibits, it’s a favorite spot for families and train-lovers alike. Come learn about the history of trains and transportation in Los Angeles and Griffith Park from Travel Town volunteers—and ring a locomotive’s bell, while you’re at it! Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum is open for others to enjoy. Visit the Carolwood Barn today to see trains of all scale, many of which were donated by animators and friends who shared Disney’s hobby. Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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The Autry Museum of the American West opens in 1988 in Griffith Park, the Autry Museum—including the exhibition investigating Griffith Park and special programs—is free to all visitors on November 13th in honor of Griffith Park’s 125th anniversary. Visit docents stationed outside in the museum’s plaza to hear stories of the multi-layered history tied to the land where the Autry now sits, such as the history of the Fula Ranchos, the Griffith and National Guard airfields, and Rodger Young Village. All visitors entering the museum are required to provide proof of vaccination and wear masks when indoors. Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The historic 1937 Spanish Revival style Griffith Park Club House, located at the Wilson and Harding Golf Courses, to see design features such as vaulted beam ceilings, red-tiled roofs and arched panoramic windows. Speak with passionate golf players about the history of golf in Griffith Park, which has been present for over 100 years! Mask are required inside the club house. Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

It’s a steep hike up the North Trail that leads from Mineral Wells Picnic Area (or an even steeper flight of stairs off the Mineral Wells Trail) to Amir’s Garden—but it’s worth it! The historic garden was established in 1971 by Amir Dialameh after a brush fire ravaged the area. Meet Carol Hennessy, a Sierra Club volunteer, to learn about Amir and his remarkable legacy. Amir’s Garden is about a 25-minute hike up a fairly steep service road, depending on where you begin. Wear good footwear, bring water, and prepare for exposure to the sun. Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 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. R. Charitable Trust to learn about the Park’s namesake—Colonel Griffith J. Griffith—and the legacy he left to Los Angeles.

Great spots for children! Food and drink for sale at this site
The Griffith Park & Southern Railroad first opened for business in Griffith Park in 1923. Its miniature railroads have provided rides to passengers young and old ever since. Visit Griffith Park & Southern Railroad to learn more and to play it 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 adding up children to take a pony ride on their 4-acre facility off Crystal Springs Drive. Stop by to see this legendary attraction in Griffith Park and to meet its staff and ponies!

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**Hours:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Since the doors opened in 1933, Griffith Observatory has become the most-visited public observatory in the world. Built 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 Griffith Park and Los Angeles itself. Meet Observatory Staff and Museum Guides outside the Observatory for talks about this L.A. icon every half hour between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you plan to enter the Observatory following the talk, a mask is required. 

**Hours:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(Dine and see the sights!)

Ellen Reid SOUNDWALK presented in Los Angeles by UCLA’s Center for the Art of Performance (CAP UCLA), is a free, GPS-enabled work of public art that uses music to illuminate the natural environment of L.A’s Griffith Observatory. 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. While downloading the free app and putting on your headphones, you can explore Griffith Park in an entirely new way. CAP UCLA staff will be present near the Griffith Observatory to share insights about this artwork and how best to access it.

**Hours:** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Many people know that the Hollywood Sign originated as part of an ad campaign to sell land in the Hollywoodland suburban housing development (in 1923). But how did it transform from billboard to icon, representing not just real estate, but an entire industry, culture, and dream—unique to 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 sign.

**Hours:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

“Reaching Dante’s View requires hiking up a service road for several miles. This route is all downhill where 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 1916, the Parks Department began adding ferns to the ravine and by the 1920s the first of Fern Dell’s terraced pools and bridges were in place. Now, this restoration project is in progress to improve and sustain 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 watertfall and the bridge—to learn more about its history and the exciting work taking place there.

**Hours:** 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tucked in Fern Dell is the outdoor Trails Cafe, a local hotspot specializing in small plates, sandwiches, expresso and good beer. (In particular, is 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.

**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 Schriener
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.

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, Matt Oswalt, Hadley Meares, Tim Kirk, and others will be read by the authors and actors, with live musical accompaniment by Tom Moese.

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, Peppur Chambers; Director, Rondrell McCormick; Artistic Director, Bill Brochtrup; and Griffith Park Historian, Michael Eberts.

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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