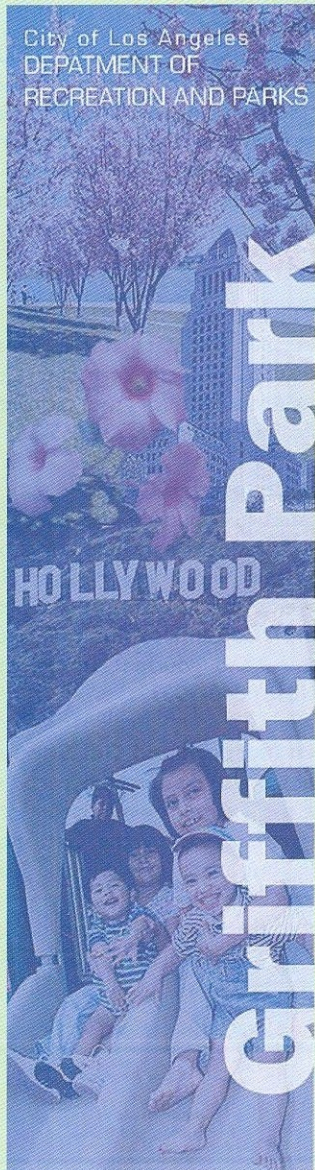


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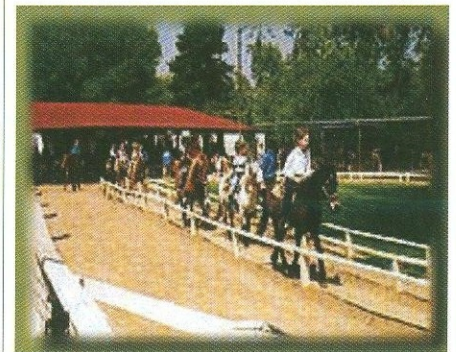
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Griffith Park Attractions



History of Griffith Park

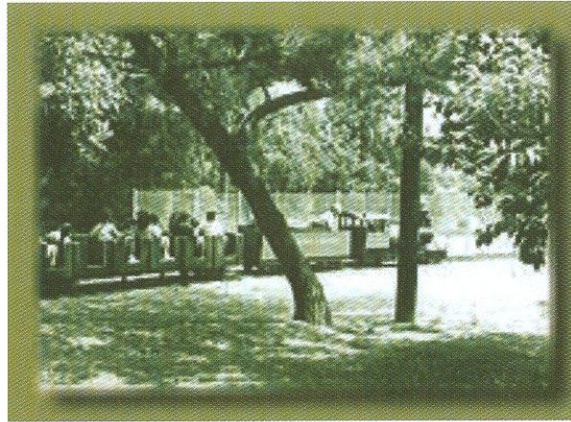


Griffith Park is named for its former owner, Colonel Griffith Jenkins Griffith, who bequeathed 3,015 acres of his Rancho Los Feliz estate as a Christmas gift to the City of Los Angeles in 1896 to be used as parkland. Now at over

4,210 acres, Griffith Park is the United States' largest municipal park with urban wilderness area. The Park's amenities include family attractions, educational and cultural institutions, and miles of hiking and horseback riding trails.

Col. Griffith (1850-1919) was a native of South Wales who emigrated to the United States as a teenager. He became wealthy from gold mine speculation and eventually settled in Los Angeles, where he purchased 4,071 acres of the Rancho Los Feliz estate. Col. Griffith's massive gift of land to the City came with one important condition:

"It must be made a place of recreation and rest for the masses, a resort for the rank and file, for the plain people. I consider it my obligation to make Los Angeles a happier, cleaner, and finer city. I wish to pay my debt of duty in this way to the community in which I have prospered"



A sample of the family attractions in Griffith Park:

Merry-Go-Round

Take a ride on Griffith Park's historic merry-go-round! Located on Crystal Springs Drive in Park Center, the historic merry-go-round features a classic pipe organ to enhance your fun. Walt Disney himself was a frequent visitor! An attached snack stand offers food to refresh you after your ride. Information: (323) 665-3051.

Train Rides

All aboard the miniature trains! At the station on Zoo Drive, enjoy a trip around Travel Town. The station on Crystal Springs Drive offers a trip through the "Old West" and around the Pony Rides, as well as a simulator ride. Information: (323) 664-6788.

Pony Rides

Another Griffith Park institution! Children can enjoy rides on well-trained ponies in slow, medium, and big sizes. Families can take a burro-drawn stagecoach ride together. Parents can walk alongside their youngest on the pony "carousel." Information: (323) 664-3266.

Pony Ride Refreshment Stand

After enjoying the nearby pony and train rides, grab a snack here! Featuring hamburgers, taquitos, ice cream, and cotton candy, this stand has something for everyone! Information: (323) 661-5222.

Bicycle Rentals

Don't feel like hiking? Try biking! Besides top-quality bicycles and surries, you can also rent roller skates

and in-line skates at this stand located in the Ranger Station's parking lot on Crystal Springs Drive. Information: (323) 653-4099.

Fern Dell Refreshment Stand

Located on Fern Dell Place off Los Feliz Drive, this rustic-looking snack stand offers gourmet items such as homemade apple pie and Café Mochas. Sit on picnic benches and enjoy the great outdoors! Information: (323) 871-2102.

Griffith Observatory

Nestled inside the Observatory on 2800 East Observatory Road are the Stellar Emporium (for all your souvenir needs) and The Café at the End of the Universe (because star-gazing can work up your appetite!). Coin-operated telescopes are located on the perimeter of the building for your enjoyment. Information: (213) 473-0800

The Greek Theatre

See a show under the stars at this venerable amphitheatre at 2700 North Vermont. Consult www.greektheatrela.com for the current season's schedule. Information: (323) 665-5857.

Los Angeles Equestrian Center

LAEC is located just outside the park at 480 Riverside Drive. Amenities include horse boarding, riding lessons, and horse rentals. Getting married? Have it catered at LAEC's beautiful banquet room! You can also find tack and saddlery, souvenirs, and gourmet snacks on-site. Information: (818) 840-9063.

Travel Town Museum and Gift Shop

View the trains or have a birthday party in one of the cars at the Travel Town Museum on Zoo Drive. Afterwards, stop by the Gift Shop for train-related souvenirs, drinks, and snacks. Toys are provided for play in a children's play area in front of the shop on certain dates. Information: (323) 662-4253, (323) 662-5874.



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