

Itinerary

LA GUIDES

POINTS OF INTEREST

FREE THINGS TO DO IN THE VALLEY AND BEYOND



Overview

One of LA's largest regions, the **San Fernando Valley** is filled with free cultural attractions and dog-friendly parks. Then head to the nearby San Gabriel Valley for more hidden gems, spectacular mountain hikes, and a night with the stars.

Part 1

Studio City

Named for Mack Sennett Studios (opened in 1928, now called the CBS Studio Center), **Studio City** is famous for Sushi Row on Ventura Boulevard, numerous canyon parks, and historic residences - including one of the most famous houses in TV history.



Fryman Canyon Park

8401 Mulholland Dr, Studio City, CA 91604

Enjoy great views, a fitness course, and the Dearing Trail.



TreePeople

12601 Mulholland Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Visit the TreePeople HQ in Coldwater Canyon Park.

Part 2

Van Nuys

The most populous neighborhood in the Valley, **Van Nuys** is home to Van Nuys Airport, the incredible Valley Relics Museum, the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve, and the landmark Van Nuys City Hall (built in 1932 as the Valley Municipal Building).



Japanese Garden

6100 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406

Stroll garden with waterfalls, lakes, streams, and teahouse.



Lake Balboa

6300 Balboa Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406

Go for a run when the 2,000 cherry blossom trees bloom.



**Woodley Park**  
6350 Woodley Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91436  
Channel your inner Robin Hood with free archery classes.



**Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park**  
17550 Victory Blvd., Encino, CA 91406  
Owners love the large/small dog areas and obstacle course.



**Valley Relics Museum**  
7900 Balboa Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406  
20,000+ artifacts housed in two Van Nuys Airport hangars.

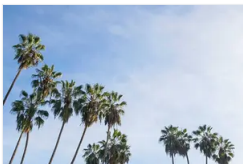
Part 3

# North Hollywood

With more than 20 independent theatres, the NoHo Arts District in **North Hollywood** is a mecca for fans. Free activities include strolling the cultural hub, viewing the world's longest mural, and taking your pup for an off-leash run.



**NoHo Arts District**  
5269 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601  
Take a walking tour of the Valley's arts and culture hub.



**"The Great Wall" aka "The History of California"**  
12920 W Oxnard St, Valley Glen, CA 91401  
The world's longest mural stretches more than 2,750 feet.



**Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park**  
5801 1/2 Whitnall Highway, North Hollywood, CA 91601  
Three-acre park has a separate area for smaller dogs.

Part 4

# Pasadena

Home of the world-famous Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game on New Year's Day, **Pasadena** offers free hidden gems like the Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden, Arlington Garden, and a summertime favorite, live music at Levitt Pavilion.



**Storrier Stearns Japanese Garden**  
270 Arlington Dr, Pasadena, CA 91105  
Historians have called this local treasure a masterwork.



**Arlington Garden**  
275 Arlington Drive, Pasadena, CA 91105  
Walk the labyrinth in Pasadena's only free public garden.



**Rose Bowl Loop**  
1001 Rose Bowl Dr., Pasadena, CA 91103  
Three-mile trail loops Rose Bowl Stadium and golf course.



**Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts**

85 E. Holly St., Pasadena, CA 91103

Locals enjoy 50 free outdoor concerts every summer.

Part 5

# San Gabriel Mountains

Surrounded by the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests, the **San Gabriel Mountains** were designated a U.S. National Monument by President Obama in 2014. You won't believe you're still in LA County when you make the trek to Echo Mountain, the Bridge to Nowhere, and the Mount Wilson Observatory.



**Echo Mountain via the Sam Merrill Trail**

E Loma Alta Dr at Lake Ave, Altadena, CA 91001

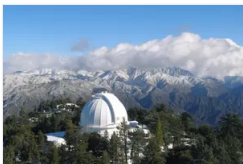
Hike up to the remnants of a mountain resort and railway.



**Bridge to Nowhere**

Camp Bonita Road, Azusa, CA 91702

It's worth the 10-mile hike to see this hidden arch bridge.



**Mount Wilson Observatory**

100 Mt Wilson Redbox Rd., Mount Wilson, CA 91023

Stargazing Nights are free and open to the public.

100 FREE THINGS TO DO IN LA

