

## Activities & Entertainment in Riverside

### Riverside Metropolitan Museum

The Museum houses over 100,000 artifacts in its collections and 2000 linear feet of archives in the disciplines of Natural History, Anthropology, and History. Permanent and special exhibitions are on display throughout the year and are open to the public free of charge. The Riverside Metropolitan Museum is a center for learning and a community museum that collects, exhibits, and interprets cultural and natural history. In a rapidly changing community, the museum provides an understanding and appreciation of our region's legacy.

<http://www.riversideca.gov/museum/>

### California Citrus State Historic Park and Museum

This park preserves some of the rapidly vanishing cultural landscape of the citrus industry and tells the story of this industry's role in the history and development of California. The park recaptures the time when "Citrus was King" in California, recognizing the importance of the citrus industry in southern California.

[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=649](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=649)

### Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center

The Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center's Earth Science Museum features specimens of rocks, minerals and fossils from around the world, a mining display, fluorescent mineral display, and Crestmore Quarry display. The museum also boasts one of the largest collections of dinosaur eggs, a collection procured from China.

<http://www.jmdc.org/>

### March Field Air Museum

With over 70 aircraft and more than 30,000 individual artifacts, our museum strives to promote an understanding of humanity's reach for the skies and of March Field's pivotal role in the development of flight. For nearly 100 years, March Field has been home to aviation pioneers, some famous and some anonymous. They have left a treasure trove of precious artifacts from aircraft to flight gear, from simulators to uniforms, from photos to personal letters.

<http://www.marchfield.org/>

### Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden

The largest botanic garden dedicated to California native plants. This privately-funded Claremont non-profit is a living museum and vibrant center of learning.

<http://www.rsabg.org/>

### UCR ARTSblock

University of California, Riverside, has recently brought together its three premier art institutions to create a new cultural complex: UCR ARTSblock. ARTSblock is composed of the California Museum of Photography, the Sweeney Art Gallery, and the Barbara and Art Culver Center of the Arts. Located on a single block in adjacent historical buildings in downtown Riverside, easily accessible to the public as well as the campus, ARTSblock's mission is to provide a cultural presence, educational resource, community center and intellectual meeting ground for the university and the community.

<http://www.cmp.ucr.edu/>

### **Louis Robidoux Nature Center**

The Louis Robidoux Nature Center contains a wealth of information. Their educational, hands-on displays are always changing, offering visitors something new almost every time they visit. Although continuously changing, topics often include Native American history, native mammals, birds and reptiles, basic astronomy, the environment and much more. The center also has a small children's book and video library. Live animals can be found in the museum, such as a great horned owl, an opossum, snakes, tarantulas, toads, various species of fish and snails.

<http://www.rivcoparks.org/education/louis-robidoux/louis-robidoux-nature-center/>

### **Mission Inn Museum**

The Mission Inn Foundation offers a 75 minute walking tour led by trained docents on the art, architecture and history of the Mission Inn. This is your opportunity to see parts of the Inn that are inaccessible to the general public based on hotel availability. Reservations are highly recommended.

<http://missioninnmuseum.org/>

### **Mount Rubidoux**

Mount Rubidoux is a majestic mountain just west of the city of Riverside, that has been designated a city park and landmark. Mount Rubidoux Park is open from dawn until dusk. It covers 161 acres and features 3.5 miles of paved roads and several dirt hiking trails. The hill is also a popular place for bouldering, particularly for beginners in the sport.

<http://mt-rubidoux.org/>

### **Orange Empire Railway Museum**

The Orange Empire Railway Museum has been preserving Southern California's railway history since 1956. Home to over 200 historic railway cars and locomotives from Los Angeles and the West, the museum's 90-acre site in Perris, California is open to the public 363 days a year. Railway trains operate every weekend- come experience a day of family fun exploring the large grounds and riding the trains and trolleys that helped create the Southern California we know today.

<http://www.oerm.org/>

### **Riverside Art Museum**

Located in the historic Mission Inn district of downtown Riverside. The building is home to artists and art lovers as a place to quietly roam and experience the world of art. Discover a wealth of opportunities to learn and be inspired in our galleries where there's something to pique everyone's interests and to challenge their perceptions of what art is.

<http://www.riversideartmuseum.org/>

### **Sherman Indian Museum**

Sherman Indian Museum, on the campus of Sherman Indian High School, is dedicated to the history of Native Americans, housing traditional Native American art and history exhibits.

<http://shermanindianmuseum.org/>

### **The Stahl Center & Museum**

The Stahl Center and the Museum were established in honor of Ana & Fernando Stahl, who sought to understand and share their lives and their medical and educational skills with the peoples of the Amazon and the Antiplano in Peru and Bolivia. The goal of the museum is to share the vision of the Stahls and

other medical missionaries who have contributed artifacts to the Stahl Center, and to assist visitors in appreciating and understanding the cultures of the world. There is a special educational emphasis.

<https://lasierra.edu/stahl-center/museum-of-culture/>

### **University of California Riverside Botanic Gardens**

The Gardens is a living plant museum with more than 3,500 plant species from around the world for visitors and researchers to see and study. It was established primarily for teaching purposes. In a beautiful setting, the Gardens serves to provide a wide assortment of plant materials for courses at UCR and other local schools. The UCR Botanic Gardens are nestled in the foothills of the Box Springs Mountains on the east side of the University of California, Riverside Campus. The Gardens covers 40 hilly acres. Wander over four miles of scenic trails or just relax on a bench and enjoy the beauty.

<http://gardens.ucr.edu/>

### **World Museum of Natural History**

The World Museum of Natural History contains outstanding systematic displays of amphibians, birds, mammals and reptiles. Specimens prepared by sculpture and freeze-dry taxidermy are displayed in a lifelike manner.

<https://lasierra.edu/la-sierra-university-centers/>

### **Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside**

Whether you hike, bike, or just stroll, the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park's trail system is a wonderful way to enjoy a beautiful natural environment within the City of Riverside! The trail offers amazing views of the city, chances to see native plants & wildlife, great birding opportunities –all just minutes from downtown.

<http://mysycamorecanyon.com/>

### **San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands**

The San Bernardino County Museum, in Redlands, California, is a regional museum with exhibits and collections in cultural and natural history. Special exhibits, the Exploration Station live animal discovery center, extensive research collections, and public programs for adults, families, students, and children are all part of the museum experience.

<http://www.sbcounty.gov/museum/>

### **Hidden Valley Wildlife Area and Nature Center**

Hidden Valley Wildlife Area is located along the Santa Ana River and is set on 1500 scenic acres and has access to 25 miles of hiking and equestrian trails. Visitors can get away from the noise and lights of the city and enjoy the beautiful views of the river or the bluff overlooking the wetland pond. The Nature Center is open to the public on Saturdays 10AM – 4PM.

<http://www.rivcoparks.org/education/hidden-valley/hidden-valley-nature-center/>

### **Fairmount Park in Riverside**

This Olmsted-designed park features a bandshell, two tennis courts, playground, picnic facilities, rose gardens, Lake Evans, Brown Lake and Fairmount Lake, fishing, golf course, lawn bowling green, barbecues and a restored historic boathouse with rental pedal boats.

[http://www.riversideca.gov/Park\\_rec/facilities.asp](http://www.riversideca.gov/Park_rec/facilities.asp)

**Box Springs Mountains**

Box Springs Mountain Park encompasses 1,155 acres and is located 5 miles east of Riverside off Highway 60 and Pigeon Pass Road near the city of Moreno Valley. The park consists of equestrian & hiking trails. Peaking at 3,047 feet, this brown mountain is among the most prominent features of the central Riverside County landscape.

<http://www.rivcoparks.org/about-us/trails-committee/adopt-a-trail/trail-lists-and-maps/>