

Thursday Optional Activities and Field Trips

MUSEUMS

Heritage House

8193 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, Friday - Sunday: Noon - 3:30 pm, Admission: Free. Suggested Donation \$5. The Heritage House harkens back to the former grandeur of Magnolia Avenue in the nineteenth century, then the most scenic thoroughfare in Riverside. The house was designed by architect John A. Walls, of the prestigious Los Angeles firm of Morgan and Walls, in the Queen Anne Victorian style. It has now been completely restored and reflects the historic tastes, values, and lifestyle of a bygone era.

<http://www.riversideca.gov/museum/heritagehouse/default.asp>

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/>

Mission Inn Museum and Walking Tour

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. Reservations are highly recommended as we only take a limited number of guests per tour. Please call the museum at (951)788-9556 during regular business hours for available tour times and reservations. Tours leave from the Mission Inn Museum. Tours are \$13 for adults and senior citizens, children under twelve are free with an adult. Weekdays: 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm. <http://missioninnmuseum.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/>

Riverside Metropolitan Museum

3580 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm*, * Open until 9 pm on first Thursdays for Arts Walk, Admission: Free. Suggested Donation: \$3. Once a U.S. Post Office, this 1914 Italian Renaissance style building now greets the visitor with baskets, brilliant stones and dinosaur bones. 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. Riverside's cultural heritage and river communities are highlighted in the many exhibits and the Southland's natural history is displayed with life-size dioramas of the desert and mountains. <http://www.riversideca.gov/museum/>

San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands

2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. (909) 798-8608. Open Tuesdays through Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission: \$10. 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/>

UCR ARTSblock

3824 Main St, Riverside, Tuesday - Saturday 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm, General admission: \$3.00, Seniors (60+): Free. UC 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/>

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/>

PARKS, OPEN SPACES, AND GARDENS

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/>

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

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

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/>

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/>

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/>

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/>

Rancho Jurupa Park

4800 Crestmore Road, Jurupa, Magnificent trails lead to countless hiking and biking adventures, including access to the Santa Ana River Trail.

<http://www.rivcoparks.org/parks/rancho-jurupa/rancho-jurupa-park-home/>

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/>

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/>

University of California Riverside Botanic Gardens

Open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (951) 784-6962. Admission is a \$5 suggested donation. 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/>

Victoria Avenue

Considered one of Riverside's best places to walk, jog or ride bikes, this wide and peaceful avenue dates back to Victorian times, with construction beginning in 1892. You cannot park on Victoria Avenue itself but you can on almost every cross street. You can also use the parking lot at the church located at Lincoln and Victoria.

http://www.riversideca.gov/park_rec/trails-victoria.asp