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VISITOR ATTRACTIONS

Claremont Hills Wilderness Park

Located at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains and Angeles National Forest, the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park offers nature lovers a five-mile walking loop, along with smaller trails. The loop is one of the most popular in the Inland Empire, offering moderate elevation and dramatic views stretching to Downtown L.A., Catalina Island, and the Inland Empire basin. The 2.8-mile Thompson Creek Trail that abuts the park's southern point is also popular with walkers, runners, bicyclists and leashed dogs.

Claremont Museum of Art

Located in the historic Claremont Depot, the Claremont Museum of Art celebrates the community's rich artistic legacy and promotes the cultural vitality of the region by showcasing paintings, sculptures, and other works by local artists.

Claremont Packing House

Built in 1922, the Claremont Packing House is the last-standing of four Claremont packing houses built along the Santa Fe rail corridor during the height of the citrus industry. Today a century of architecture comes alive with fine dining, live music, hip boutiques, wine tastings, art classes, art walks and festivals. In addition to Packing House Wines, Gus's BBQ, and other great eateries, it features the Aerial Circus Studio, where students learn to fly through the air, a cooking academy, and Thoreau's Bookshop, a nationally famous bookstore that provides donated books to prisoners.

Claremont Village

Claremont Village is a historic downtown area in the heart of Claremont. This European-style village has over 150 shops, restaurants, bakeries, art galleries, day spas, boutiques, entertainment venues, hotels, lounges, and more. Notable stops include shopping at Rhino Records, Rio de Ojas and Amelie; snacking at Cheese Cave, I Like Pie, Some Crust Bakery and Bert and Rocky's; and dining at Bardot, Espiau's, Tutti Mangia, Viva Madrid and Walter's. Walking these picturesque streets will make you swear you're no longer in Southern California.

Folk Music Center and Museum

The Folk Music Center and Museum has been in Grammy-winner Ben Harper's family since 1958, and features hundreds of instruments from around the world that visitors can actually touch and play. It's become a destination for music lovers from as far away as Australia, Japan, and Europe. Many days you can meet Ellen Harper herself, working behind the counter.

Historic Route 66

Along Foothill Blvd. find original buildings from "the mother road's" heyday, including Wolfe's Market (now shared with The Meat Cellar), the Old School House (home to Candlelight Pavilion), the former Griswold's Stone Cellar and Inn (now Buca di Beppo and DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Claremont), and the former Tugboat Annie's boat-shaped restaurant.

California Botanic Garden

California Botanic Garden is the largest botanic garden dedicated exclusively to California native plants, displaying about 2,000 taxa spread across 86 acres, including plants native to the California Floristic Province as a whole – from southern Oregon to Baja California. In addition to being able to stroll the garden’s pretty pathways, visitors can walk among butterflies at the Butterfly Pavilion, May through August (most summers), and enjoy music and brews on select summer evenings.

Raymond Alf Museum of Paleontology

Dinosaur lovers can discover artifacts of the ancient giants at the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology, the only nationally accredited museum located on a high school campus in the United States. The museum has two circular exhibit areas totaling 4,000 square feet: the Hall of Footprints and the Hall of Life. The fossil track and trackway collection is one of the largest of its kind in the nation.

The Claremont Colleges

The Claremont Colleges are a consortium of seven, highly selective institutions of higher education, all within walking distance of each other. Claremont McKenna, Harvey Mudd, Pomona, Pitzer and Scripps Colleges are among the nation’s top-ranked liberal arts schools. The campuses boast beautiful historical architecture, lavish lawns and numerous examples of public art. Check the colleges’ calendars for stimulating presentations, musical productions, art exhibits and other events.

James Turrell Skyspace (“Dividing the Light”)

Called “one of the best works of public art in recent memory” by the *Los Angeles Times*, "Dividing the Light" gathers visitors on benches beneath a canopy that frames a window to the sky. At dusk and dawn a lighting program bathes the canopy in changing colors, from goldenrod to turquoise, altering the viewer’s perception of the sky. A shallow pool centered beneath the opening to the sky mirrors the daytime sky and reflects a dark echo of the night sky. Visit at 10 minutes before sunset and one hour before sunrise for the complete light show.

Margaret Fowler Garden

Featured in *Westways*, this “secret garden” was originally designed as a European medieval-style cloister garden and is a favorite destination on the Scripps campus. There are olive and orange trees and interior arcades, one of which is covered by an enormous wisteria vine. On one wall, you’ll find a fresco painted in 1946 by Mexican muralist Alfredo Ramos Martinez.

The Benton Museum of Art at Pomona College

The new Benton Museum of Art at Pomona College (“The Benton”) will provide a space for some of Southern California’s most compelling and experimental exhibitions. For decades, Pomona College has played a key part in shaping innovative artists, including Helen Pashgian, James Turrell, Peter Shelton, the late Marcia Hafif and the late Chris Burden. The Benton’s collection will include pieces from these alumni, and future exhibitions will place emphasis on cutting-edge art in the Los Angeles region.

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