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Claremont Hills Wilderness Park
Located at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains and Angeles National Forest, the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park provides nature enthusiasts a scenic five-mile walking loop and various smaller trails to explore. This loop stands out as one of the favorites in the Inland Empire, providing a moderate elevation and spectacular vistas extending to Downtown L.A., Catalina Island, and the Inland Empire basin. Another well-received option is the 2.8-mile Thompson Creek Trail, running alongside the park's southern boundary, attracting walkers, runners, cyclists, and leashed dogs alike.

Claremont Lewis Museum of Art
Situated within the renowned Claremont Depot, the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art pays tribute to the community's vibrant artistic heritage and fosters the area's cultural vibrancy by exhibiting various artworks, including paintings, sculptures, and various creations by local artists. From the 1930s onwards, Claremont has magnetically attracted artists, with figures such as Millard Sheets, Jean Ames, Phil Dike, and their peers forming a closely-knit artistic community. This community, primarily centered around the Claremont Colleges, became a hub that encouraged collaboration, innovation, and artistic experimentation.

Claremont Packing House
Built in 1922, the Claremont Packing House is the last standing of the four original packing houses that were constructed alongside the Santa Fe rail corridor during the citrus boom era. The architecture of a century past springs to life with upscale dining, trendy boutiques, wine tastings, art workshops and strolls, and lively festivals. Highlights include renowned eateries Packing House Wines, Gus's BBQ, and The Whisper House; Studio Claremont and Claremont Chef's Academy. Be sure to visit The Claremont Forum Bookshop, a nationally recognized bookstore that provides donated books to incarcerated individuals.

Claremont Village
Claremont Village is the charming historic downtown hub at the core of Claremont. This European-inspired village encompasses over 150 establishments, including shops, restaurants, bakeries, art galleries, boutiques, day spas, entertainment venues, hotels, and lounges. Must-visit spots within this vibrant village include shopping at Rio de Ojas, Amelie, Nectar, and DeeLux. Indulge in delightful snacks at Cheese Cave, Some Crust Bakery, and Bert and Rocky's. Experience exquisite dining at Bardot, Espiau's, Tutti Mangia, and Viva Madrid. Strolling along these charming streets will transport you to a place that defies the typical Southern California ambiance.

Folk Music Center and Museum
The Folk Music Center and Museum, a cherished establishment owned by Grammy-winning artist Ben Harper's family since 1958, houses an extensive collection of musical instruments from around the globe that visitors are welcome to touch and play. Serving as a magnet for music enthusiasts, it attracts visitors from as far away as Australia, Japan, and Europe. Guests can meet Ellen Harper herself, who is often found working behind the counter, adding a personal touch to the experience.

Historic Route 66
Traveling along Foothill Blvd., encounter historic structures from the golden era of "the mother road," Route 66. Notable landmarks include Wolfe's Market (now housing The Meat Cellar), the Old School House (now accommodating various shops and Elvira's Finest Foods of Mexico), the repurposed Griswold's Stone Cellar and Inn (presently Buca di Beppo and DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Claremont), and the transformed boat-shaped restaurant formerly known as Tugboat Annie's.

California Botanic Garden
Established in 1927 as Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, CalBG is the largest botanic garden dedicated entirely to California native plants. Spanning 86 acres, it showcases approximately 2,000 taxa, encompassing plant species from the broader California Floristic Province, which stretches from southern Oregon to Baja California. The garden's extensive network of walkable pathways is now equipped with updated wayfinding signage, providing clear guidance for visitors as they traverse diverse habitats ranging from chaparral to the Mojave Desert, oak woodland, and yellow pine forest. Visitors can explore captivating art installations and enjoy music and beverage experiences on select summer evening**s.**

Raymond Alf Museum of Paleontology
Enthusiasts of dinosaurs can explore relics from the ancient giants at the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology, the sole nationally accredited museum on a high school campus in the United States. Comprising two circular exhibit areas, the museum covers a combined area of 4,000 square feet, featuring the Hall of Footprints and the Hall of Life. The museum's remarkable collection of fossil tracks and trackways ranks among the nation's most extensive.

The Claremont Colleges
The Claremont Colleges form a collective of seven prestigious higher education institutions, conveniently located near one another and easily accessible on foot. Renowned names such as Claremont McKenna, Harvey Mudd, Pomona, Pitzer, and Scripps Colleges rank among the nation's top-tier liberal arts schools. These campuses showcase splendid historical architecture, expansive lawns, and an abundance of captivating public art installations. For engaging and enriching experiences, refer to the colleges' calendars for various events, including thought-provoking presentations, musical performances, stunning art exhibitions, and more.

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" beckons visitors to seated areas beneath a canopy, framing a captivating window to the sky. During dusk and dawn, an ingenious lighting program adorns the canopy with a dynamic spectrum of colors, transitioning from goldenrod to turquoise, altering the observer's perception of the sky. Positioned at the center below the skyward opening, a shallow pool mirrors the daytime sky and reflects a muted representation of the night sky. To witness the complete light show, plan your visit 100 minutes before sunrise or 25 minutes before sunset.

Margaret Fowler Garden
Featured in *Westways*, this "secret garden" was initially designed as a European medieval-style cloister garden and is a favorite destination on the Scripps campus. You'll encounter flourishing olive and orange trees and charming interior arcades within the vicinity. Notably, one of these arcades is adorned by a sprawling wisteria vine, creating a captivating ambiance. Adorning a wall, a fresco crafted in 1946 by the distinguished Mexican muralist Alfredo Ramos Martinez adds a touch of artistic splendor.

The Benton Museum of Art at Pomona College

The Benton, opened in 2021, is a 33,000-square-foot facility to showcase some of Southern California's most compelling and experimental exhibitions. Pomona College has long been pivotal in nurturing groundbreaking artists, counting Helen Pashgian, James Turrell, Peter Shelton, the late Marcia Hafif, and the late Chris Burden among its notable alums. The Benton Museum's collection proudly features works from these accomplished graduates, with upcoming exhibitions focusing on avant-garde art within the Los Angeles area. The recently constructed facility boasts cast-in-place concrete walls accentuated by elements of wood, glass, and a unique sloping roofline, all designed in alignment with LEED Gold sustainability standards.

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