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LOS ANGELES

If you get CalWORKS or Food Stamps,
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Los Angeles County is a famous part of the world. There are many new things to see here and interesting places to visit. If you get CalWORKS or Food Stamps, you and your kids can go to some of the nicest places in LA County, for free.



Photo courtesy of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Kids love to run and play in huge gardens. They also like museums with fun things to do and interesting things to learn. The places in this brochure have lots of things that you can see and do with your family. You can go to all of these places in Los Angeles County, for free.

Getting in is easy.

1. Bring your family to any of the places in this brochure.
2. Show your Golden State Advantage Card (EBT Card) and your Photo ID to get in FREE!
3. Only general admission is provided free of charge. Special exhibits or attractions are not included in this program.
4. Most places are closed on legal holidays. Please call the phone number listed for holiday hours.



African American Fire Fighters Museum



1401 South Central Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90021

Hours: Tues. 10am-2pm, Thurs. 10am-2pm, Sun. 1pm-4pm

Web: www.aaffmuseum.org

Phone: (213) 744-1730

Parking: FREE Public Transportation: Metro Bus line 761

The museum has vintage fire engines, uniforms, photographs and authentic firefighting equipment. In addition, visitors see and learn how being a firefighter was different during segregation and desegregation.

2 Arboretum of Los Angeles County



301 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91007

Hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Web: www.arboretum.org

Phone: (626) 821-3222

Parking: FREE Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines 79 & 268

In the 127-acre garden of the Arboretum, children can run, watch ducks and turtles and discover plants. Experience a tropical jungle, a historic home or even a magical waterfall on foot or by tram.

3 Cabrillo Marine Aquarium



Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

3720 Stephen M. White Drive
San Pedro, CA 90731

Hours: Tues.-Fri. Noon-5pm, Sat.-Sun. 10am-5pm, closed Mon.

Web: www.cabrilloaq.org

Phone: (310) 548-7562

Parking: \$7.00 per car, trailer/ RV/ bus \$9.00, motorcycle \$5.50.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus line 446 & MAX Bus

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is located just steps from the ocean at Cabrillo beach in San Pedro. Marvel at the many types of Southern California marine life and learn all about the lifestyles of these fascinating creatures through our close-up experiences.



Photo by Elin Schoenholz. Courtesy of Hammer Museum

4 California African American Museum



600 State Drive. Exposition Park
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Hours: Wed.–Sat. 10am–4pm

Web: www.caamuseum.org

Phone: (213) 744-7432

Parking: \$6.00. Entrance at 39th and Figueroa Streets.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines 38, 81, 444, 445, 446 & 447 Figueroa/State Dr.

The California African American Museum, dedicated to collecting and preserving African American history, art and culture, houses a permanent collection of art and artifacts. They have live entertainment and an African marketplace the first Sunday of each month.

5 California Heritage Museum

2612 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90405

Hours: Wed.–Sun. 11am–3:30pm

Web: www.californiaheritagemuseum.org

Phone: (310) 392-8537

Parking: FREE Wed.–Sat. only. No free parking on Sunday; \$1.00 per hour to park nearby on Sunday.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines 33 & 333;

Santa Monica Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2 & 8; Santa Monica Tide Shuttle

The California Heritage Museum is in a historic landmark building in the heart of Santa Monica's Main Street. This museum offers exciting exhibits showing different types of decorative and fine art in California.

6 California Science Center



700 State Drive – Exposition Park
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Hours: Daily 10am–5pm

Web: www.californiasciencecenter.org

Phone: (323) 724-3623

Parking: Parking \$6.00. Entrance at Figueroa and 39th St. Metered parking on Exposition Blvd.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines 81 & 381;

DASH lines F and Southeast

The California Science Center has over 100 hands-on exhibits that make science learning fun, memorable and easy to understand for the whole family. Special exhibits, films and events means there's always something new to see and experience!



Photo courtesy of Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

7 Craft and Folk Art Museum

5814 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Hours: Tues., Wed., Fri. 11am–5pm, Thurs. 11am–7pm, Sat.–Sun. Noon–6pm

Web: www.cafam.org

Phone: (323) 937-4230

Parking: Metered parking on streets. Please read posted signs carefully as rules are strictly enforced. Numerous parking lots are also available within two blocks from the Museum.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus line Dash F bus

The Museum works to preserve and strengthen the folk culture of our community based on its belief that the quality of urban life is directly related to the vitality and diversity of viewpoints and traditions.

8 Descanso Gardens



1418 Descanso Drive
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91101

Hours: Daily 9am–5pm

Web: www.descansogardens.org

Phone: (818) 949-4200

Parking: FREE

Public Transportation: Glendale Beeline 3

The Descanso Gardens contain more than 100,000 plants, including the largest display of camellias in North America. Walking and tram tours, performing arts programs, flower and craft shows are also available. Café Descanso is operated by Patina.

9 Hammer Museum

10899 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Hours: Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat. 11am-7pm, Sun. 11am-5pm,
Thurs. 11am-9pm.

Web: www.hammer.ucla.edu

Phone: (310) 443-7000

Parking: \$3 for three hours with museum validation,
\$1.50 for each additional 20 minutes. \$3 on Thursdays after 6:30pm.

Public Transportation: Santa Monica Big Blue Bus lines: 1, 2, 3, 8,
12 & Metro Bus Rapid 3; Metro Bus lines: 2, 20, 21, 302 & 576;
Culver City 6 & line 761, Wilshire & Westwood

The Hammer Museum is a unique, cutting-edge arts institution that connects the classics and the contemporary through its varied collections, wide-ranging exhibitions, and provocative programs.

HAMMER

11 Long Beach Museum of Art

2300 East Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90803

Hours: Tues.–Sun. 11am-5pm, closed Mon.

Web: www.lbma.org

Phone: (562) 439-2119

Parking: FREE 1 block north of the museum.

Public Transportation: Long Beach Passport D

The Long Beach Museum of Art offers art making workshops and programs for children and families, including the FREE Creativity Labs the second Sunday of every month.

Long Beach Museum of Art

10 Japanese American National Museum

JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM

369 East First Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Hours: Tues.–Sun. 11am-5pm, closed Mon.

Web: www.janm.org

Phone: (213) 625-0414

Parking: Public parking lots at 1st and Central.

Public Transportation: Metro & Dash Bus routes

The Japanese American National Museum is located in downtown LA's Little Tokyo Historic District. It explores America's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the story of Japanese Americans through its on-going exhibitions and public programs.



Photo courtesy of Los Angeles County Museum of Art

12 Los Angeles County Museum of Art

LACMA

5905 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. Noon-8pm,
Fri. Noon-9pm, Sat., Sun. 11am-8pm, closed Wed.

Web: www.lacma.org

Phone: (323) 857-6000

Parking: FREE North side of 6th Street; metered parking on Spaulding, Wilshire, and 6th (please be aware of posted signs with restricted hours). LACMA Parkinglot at the corner of Wilshire/Spaulding, \$5 with validation.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines 20, 21 & 217; Metro Rapid 720 & 717

LACMA is one of the best museums in the western United States. It features the finest art from ancient times to the present. It offers year-round programs for everyone in the family plus artist-led workshop every Sunday at NexGen Sundays.

13 Museum of Contemporary Art

MOCA

250 South Grand Avenue
Downtown Los Angeles, CA 90012

Hours: Thurs. 11am-8pm, Sat. & Sun. 11am-6pm,
Mon & Fri 11am-5pm, closed Tues. & Wed.

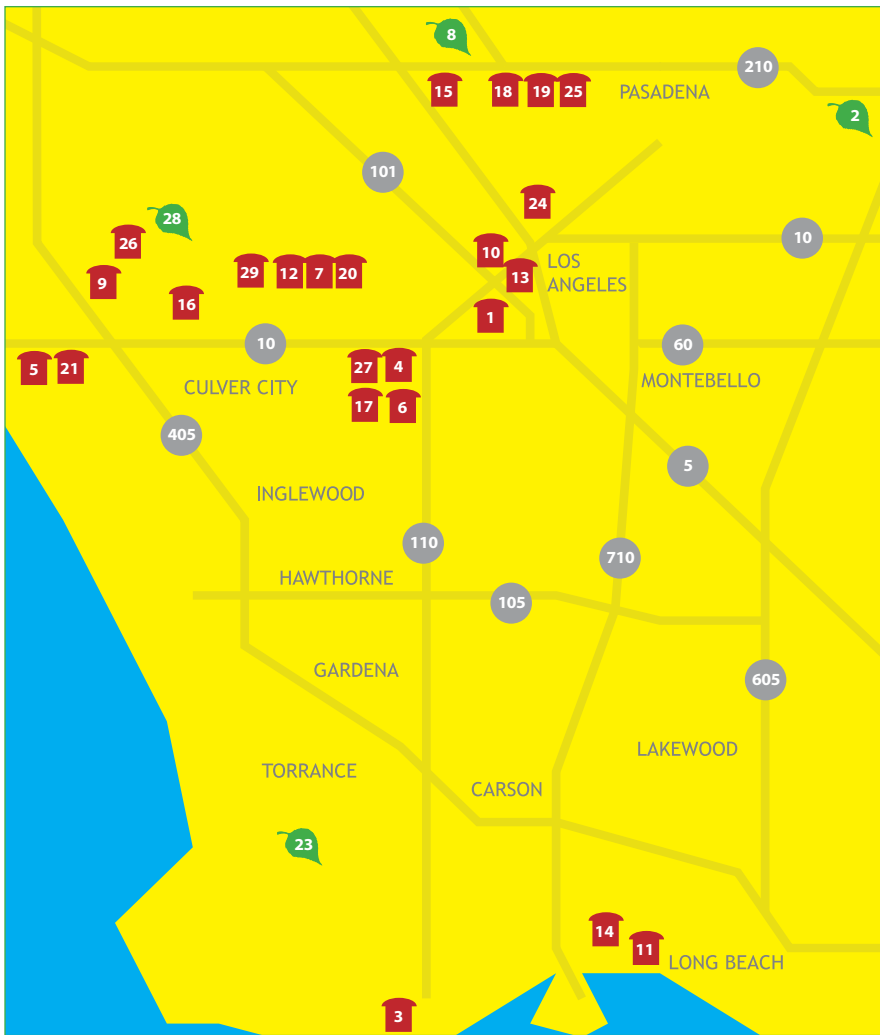
Web: www.moca.org

Phone: (213) 626-6266

Parking: Recommended parking located at the Walt Disney Concert Hall garage. \$8 flat rate for 3 hours with MOCA validation.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines 444, 445, 446, 447;
Foothill Transit line 480

Visit the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) the 1st Sunday of each month for free family artmaking. Teens who love art can explore together at MOCA – a free program offering tours & workshops.



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14 Museum of Latin American Art

628 Alamitos Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90802

Hours: Tues.–Fri. 11:30am-7pm., Sat. 11am-7pm,
Sun. 11am-6pm, closed Mon.

Web: www.molaa.org

Phone: (526) 437-1689

Parking: FREE

Public Transportation: Long Beach Bus lines 91, 92 & 93;
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MoLAA's mission is to educate the public about contemporary Latin American art. The whole family will enjoy Sundays at MoLAA with art workshops, theater, dance and storytelling.

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15 Museum of the American West

4700 Western Heritage Way
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Hours: Tues.–Sun. 10am-5pm, Thurs. 10am-8pm., closed Mon.

Web: www.autorynationalcenter.org

Phone: (323) 667-2000

Parking: FREE

Public Transportation: Metro Bus line 96

Learn about the American West in this Museum through special exhibitions and programs. Kids can enjoy the Family Discovery Gallery where they can try on costumes, trace their own family tree, and more.



16 Museum of Tolerance

9786 West Pico Boulevard (at Roxbury)
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Hours: Mon.–Thurs. 11am–4pm, Fri. 11am–3pm (Apr.–Oct.)
11am–1pm (Nov.–Mar.), Sun. 11am–5pm, closed Sat.

Web: www.museumoftolerance.com

Phone: (310) 553-8403

Parking: FREE under the museum. Photo ID and security check required prior to entry

Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines 14 & 28

The Museum of Tolerance promotes understanding and respect for all by examining prejudice, discrimination and global human rights issues through powerful multimedia exhibits. Recommended ages for the Tolerancenter/Holocaust exhibit is 12+. Finding Our Families, Finding Ourselves, ages 8+.



19 Pacific Asia Museum

46 North Los Robles Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

Hours: Wed.–Sun. 10am–5pm, open late Fri. until 8pm

Web: www.pacificasiamuseum.org

Phone: (626) 449-2742

Parking: Limited FREE parking available in lot adjacent to museum. Metered parking available on Los Robles, Union Street and Colorado Blvd.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus line stop is just past Colorado Blvd. on Los Robles Ave., Metro Bus lines 267, 549 & 687.

The interesting Chinese-style building, the beautiful relaxing courtyard and the amazing art on display in the galleries all work together to help visitors enjoy the arts and cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands.



17 Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

900 Exposition Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA, 90007

Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9:30am–5pm, Sat.–Sun. 10am–5pm.

Web: www.nhm.org

Phone: (213) 763-DINO

Parking: FREE street parking on Exposition Blvd.

Paid parking \$16 in Exposition Park Lot 3, west of Menlo Ave., south of Exposition Blvd., and east of Vermont Ave. is \$6.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus Dash F

Come to the Natural History Museum to check out dinosaurs, mammals, fossils, marine life, and historical artifacts. In the Discovery Center, kids can touch each and every specimen, and the Insect Zoo has hundreds of live creatures, demonstrations, and tarantula feedings.

18 Norton Simon Museum

411 West Colorado Boulevard
Pasadena, CA 91105

Hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs. Noon–6pm, Fri. Noon–9pm, Sat. & Sun. Noon–6pm, closed Tues.

Web: www.nortonsimon.org

Phone: (626) 449-6840

Parking: FREE

Public Transportation: Metro Bus line 180/181 stops in front of the museum

Come face to face with some of the most renowned artworks in the world, including paintings by Degas, Picasso, Rembrandt and Van Gogh. Also at the Museum is a collection of works from South and Southeast Asia and a sculpture garden known for its beauty and peacefulness.



20 Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits

5801 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA, 90036

Hours: Mon.–Fri. 9:30am–5pm, Sat.–Sun. 10am–5pm.

Web: www.tarpits.org

Phone: (323) 934-PAGE

Parking: FREE street parking. Parking lot off of Curson Ave. is \$6 with museum validation.

Public Transportation: Metro DASH Fairfax, Metro Bus Lines 20 & 21

See bubbling tar pools outside, then visit the Page Museum to look at the saber-toothed cats and mammoths that roamed Los Angeles during the last Ice Age, up to 40,000 years ago!



Photo courtesy of Zimmer Children's Museum

21 Santa Monica Museum of Art

SANTA MONICA: MUSEUM OF ART

Bergamot Station G1 2525 Michigan Avenue
Santa Monica, CA 90404

Hours: Tues.–Sat. 11am–6pm, closed Sun., & Mon.

Web: www.smmaoa.org

Phone: (310) 586-6488

Parking: FREE

Public Transportation: Santa Monica Big Blue Bus lines 7 & 11

Santa Monica Museum of Art presents vibrant contemporary art exhibitions and educational programming. Visit the museum to experience exhibitions of living artists as well as work by younger artists taking new paths.



Photo by John Elder. Courtesy of Skirball Cultural Center

22 Skirball Cultural Center



2701 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Hours: Tues.–Sat. Noon–5pm., Thurs. until 9pm, Sun. 11am–5pm.
closed Mon.

Web: www.skirball.org

Phone: (310) 440-4500

Parking: FREE

Public Transportation: Metro Bus line 761

Come to the Skirball Cultural Center to explore eye-opening exhibitions and take part in fun, programs for children and families, daylong festivals, storytelling, live music, art projects, theater and dance workshops.

23 South Coast Botanic Garden



26300 Crenshaw Boulevard
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

Hours: Daily 9am–5pm

Web: parks.co.la.ca.us/south_coast_botanic

Phone: (310) 544-6815

Parking: FREE

Public Transportation: Metro Bus line 444

The 87-acre garden has over 250,000 beautifully landscaped plants and trees, including flowering trees and redwoods. Families and students of all ages can take walking and shuttle tours and picnic on grounds.

24 Southwest Museum



234 Museum Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Hours: Tues.–Sun. 10am–5pm, closed Mon.

Web: www.autrynationalcenter.org

Phone: (323) 221-2164

Parking: FREE

Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines 28 & 81

At the Southwest Museum you can find out how American Indians live today and in the past through special exhibits and public events. Visit the Ethnobotanical Garden and learn about native plants and their uses.

25 The Pasadena Museum of California Art



490 East Union Street
Pasadena, CA. 91101

Hours: Wed.–Sun. Noon–5pm, closed Mon. & Tues.

Web: www.pmcaonline.org

Phone: (626) 568-3665

Parking: FREE parking on the first level of the museum

Public Transportation: Metro Bus line stop is just past Colorado Blvd. on Los Robles Ave., Metro Bus lines 267, 549 & 687.

The PMCA presents California art and design from 1850 to the present through exhibitions that explore the culture that is special to California. The goal of the museum is to be recognized as the leading voice devoted to appreciating and understanding California art and design.



Photo courtesy of Japanese-American Natural Museum

26 UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History

405 Hilgard Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Hours: Wed.–Sun. Noon-5pm, Thurs. until 8 pm, closed Mon. & Tues.

Web: www.fowler.ucla.edu

Phone: (310) 825-4361

Parking: Campus parking \$8. Use Lot 4

Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines 2, 20 & 720

The UCLA Fowler Museum has exciting exhibitions and events that show arts and cultures from around the world. You can learn about many peoples, cultures, and religions of the world.

27 USC Fisher Gallery

fishergallery

University of Southern California, 823 Exposition Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0292

Hours: Tues.–Sat. Noon-5pm., closed Sun., Mon. & summer months.

Web: www.usc.edu/fishergallery

Phone: (213) 740-4561

Parking: Enter campus at Exposition Blvd. and Watt Way at Gate 1. Rate \$4.00.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines, 11, 14, 38, 40, 42A, 45, 55, 81, 445, 740 & 745, Dash F

Discover art covering five centuries at USC Fisher Gallery, the museum of the University of Southern California. The gallery houses a permanent collection of some 1,800 objects and features exhibitions of local, international, and emerging artists. The gallery sponsors special educational programming throughout the year.

28 Virginia Robinson Gardens

1008 Elden Way
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Hours: Tours by appointment only 10am and 1pm. Please call for reservations.

Web: parks.co.la.ca.us/virginia_gardens

Phone: (310) 276-5367

Parking: FREE limited parking on grounds, reservations required, Carpooling recommended. Vehicles must fit through 8' x 8' archway.

Public Transportation: Metro Bus line 2

This beautiful representation of an early twentieth century estate blends architecture and landscape. A tour of the gardens takes visitors back to an time of gracious living and warm hospitality.

29 Zimmer Children's Museum

6505 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90048

Hours: Tues. 10am-5pm, Wed., Thurs. & Sun. 12:30pm-5pm, Fri. 10am-12:30pm, closed Mon. & Sat.

Web: www.zimmermuseum.org

Phone: (323) 761-8998 or (323) 761-8989

Parking: FREE in visitors' lot west of building

Public Transportation: Metro Bus lines 20 & 21; Stop at San Vicente opposite Sweetzer

The Zimmer Children's Museum is a place to have fun! You can fly an airplane, drive an ambulance, put on costumes and act in a theater or be a chef in the Café! All this and more!

