



# VETERAN PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES

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Welcome.

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation offers discounts exclusive to United States Veterans in thanks for their service to our country.

Part 1 of this resource provides an overview of the available discounts for Veterans at our regional parks, gardens, arboreta, and golf courses.

Part 2 of this resource provides an overview of senior programming and additional department programming.



## PART 1. EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS FOR VETERANS

### FREE ENTRY FOR VETERANS AT REGIONAL PARKS

The Department manages eight regional parks. Regional parks amenities range from boating, biking, hiking, picnic areas, and much more.

William S. Hart Regional Park and Marshall Canyon Regional Park do not have entry fees.

<b>Regional Park</b>	<b>Address</b>
William S. Hart Regional Park	24151 N. Newhall Ave. Newhall, CA 91321
Marshall Canyon Regional Park	6550 Stephens Ranch Rd. La Verne, CA 91750

Under the California State Parks Distinguished Veteran Pass, vehicles with Veterans Special Plates issued by the State of California are exempt from vehicle entry fees on weekdays, Monday thru Friday, and on Veterans Day at the following Los Angeles County Regional Parks:

<b>Regional Park</b>	<b>Address</b>
Castaic Lake State Recreation Area	32132 Castaic Lake Dr. Castaic, CA 91384
Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park	120 Via Verde Park Rd. San Dimas, CA 91773
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area	4100 S. La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90008
Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area	15501 E. Arrow Highway Baldwin Park, CA 91706
Peter F. Schabarum Regional County Park (Areas A, D, and E only)	17250 E. Colima Rd. Hacienda Heights, CA 91748
Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (Areas A, D, and E only)	750 S. Santa Anita Ave. South El Monte, CA 91733

Under the California State Parks Distinguished Veteran Pass, vehicles with the California State Parks Distinguished Veteran Pass will also be accepted for free vehicle entrance, camping, and boating at:

<b>Regional Park</b>	<b>Address</b>
Castaic Lake	32132 Castaic Lake Dr. Castaic, CA 91384
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area	4100 S. La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90008

To learn more about the California State Parks Distinguished Veteran Pass visit [www.parks.ca.gov/pages/737/files/DVP%20Park%20Acceptance%20List%20ADA.pdf](http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/737/files/DVP%20Park%20Acceptance%20List%20ADA.pdf)

## FREE ENTRY AT BOTANIC GARDENS AND ARBORETA

The Department manages three botanic gardens and arboreta. The Botanic Garden Access Programs were established to maintain the Department's commitment to keeping gardens accessible for Los Angeles County residents.

Military veterans with a valid ID, students ages 13-18 and teachers receive free summer admission Memorial Day through Labor Day at:

<b>Arboreta and Gardens</b>	<b>Address</b>
Los Angeles County Arboretum	301 N Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA 91007
Descanso Gardens	1418 Descanso Dr. La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011
South Coast Botanic Garden	26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

All Los Angeles County residents receive free admission on the third Tuesday of every month at:

<b>Arboreta and Gardens</b>	<b>Address</b>
Los Angeles County Arboretum	301 N Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA 91007
Descanso Gardens	1418 Descanso Dr. La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011
South Coast Botanic Garden	26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Free admission is also available for school groups, children under five (5), and underserved community members, including EBT cardholders.

## GOLF DISCOUNT FOR VETERANS

The County of Los Angeles owns the largest and busiest public golf course system in the nation, with 20 golf courses at 18 different sites. These golf courses feature a variety of beautiful and interesting settings from the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains to the coastline overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Of the 20 golf courses, 13 are 18-hole regulation length courses, three are convenient 9-hole regulation length courses, one is a challenging 18-hole executive length course, one is an 18-hole par-3 course, and two are a 9-hole par-3 courses.

Veterans receive a discount on greens fees on Veterans Day at all 20 Los Angeles County golf courses. The discount offered provides half the posted Holiday rate.

Veterans aged 65 and older are also eligible for the Senior Discount Rate Monday through Friday.

Find a golf course at [parks.lacounty.gov/golf](https://parks.lacounty.gov/golf)

<b>Golf Courses</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Course Descriptions</b>
Alondra Golf Course	16400 South Prairie Avenue Lawndale, CA 90260	18-Hole Regulation 18-Hole Par 3
Diamond Bar Golf Course	22751 East Golden Springs Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765	18-Hole Regulation
Knollwood Golf Course	12040 Balboa Boulevard Granada Hills, CA 91344	18-Hole Regulation
La Mirada Golf Course	15501 East Alicante Road La Mirada, CA 90638	18-Hole Regulation
Lakewood Golf Course	3101 Carson Street Lakewood, CA 90712	18-Hole Regulation
Los Amigos Golf Course	7295 East Quill Drive Downey, CA 90242	18-Hole Regulation
Los Verdes Golf Course	7000 West Los Verdes Drive Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275	18-Hole Regulation
Marshall Canyon Golf Course	6100 North Stephens Ranch Road La Verne, CA 91750	18-Hole Regulation
Mountain Meadows Golf Course	1875 Fairplex Drive Pomona, CA 91768	18-Hole Regulation
Santa Anita Golf Course	405 South Santa Anita Avenue Arcadia, CA 91006	18-Hole Regulation
Victoria Golf Course	340 East 192nd Street Carson, CA 90746	18-Hole Regulation
Chester Washington Golf Course	1818 Charlie Sifford Drive Los Angeles, CA 90047	18-Hole Regulation

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Whittier Narrows Golf Course	8640 Rush Street, Rosemead, CA 91770	18-Hole Regulation 9-Hole Regulation
El Cariso Golf Course	13100 Eldridge Avenue Sylmar, CA 91342	18-Hole Executive
Altadena Golf Course	1456 East Mendocino Street Altadena, CA 91001	9-Hole Regulation
Eaton Canyon Golf Course	1150 N. Sierra Madre Villa Avenue Pasadena, CA 91107	9-Hole Regulation
Maggie Hathaway Golf Course	9637 South Western Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90047	9-Hole Par 3
Don Knabe Golf Course & Junior Academy	13717 Shoemaker Avenue Norwalk, CA 90650	9-Hole Par 3

## PART 2. DEPARTMENT PROGRAMMING AND AMENITIES

### Senior Centers, Programs and Activities

LA County Senior Centers, programs, and activities are a great place for adults ages 60 and over to stay fit, be active, and meet new people. Activities promote physical and mental well-being, socialization, nutrition, life-long learning, and volunteer opportunities. Examples of activities include cultural classes and events, group walks, special interest classes, clubs, field trips and inter-generational experiences.

Nutrition services are offered at our Senior Centers and at parks with Senior nutrition Monday through Friday. Additionally, resource and referral, case management, and social services are offered by community-based organizations and other County Departments. Co-located providers offer services such as health screenings, grief counseling, Alzheimer's education and caregiver support.

Find a local Senior Center at

[parks.lacounty.gov/park-search-2/?tagName=Senior%20Centers&tagType=1](https://parks.lacounty.gov/park-search-2/?tagName=Senior%20Centers&tagType=1)

### Aquatics

#### Adaptive Swimming Lessons

This is an introduction course to the aquatic environment and to basic water skills, with a focus on teaching skills to people with a range of disabilities and ability levels. Lessons operate Monday through Friday for 45 minutes for two weeks. Lessons are offered throughout the year and serves all age groups.

#### Aquatic Exercise and Aqua Aerobics

This is an instructor led aquatic exercise program that allows the participant to get a great workout without the impact on joints and other body parts that traditional aerobic classes create. This program is offered to adults ages 18 and older and is conducted in both deep and shallow water.

#### Free Morning Aquatic Exercise and Lap Swim

Aquatic exercise classes morning lap swim are available free of cost to seniors and persons with disabilities.

Interested individuals may register at [reservations.lacounty.gov](https://reservations.lacounty.gov)

<b>Year-Round Pools</b>	<b>Address</b>
Belvedere (Aquatic Center)	4914 E. Cesar Chavez Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90022
Castaic Sports (Aquatic Center)	31320 N. Castaic Road Castaic, CA 91384
San Fernando (Aquatic Center)	208 Park Avenue San Fernando, CA 91340
Jesse Owens (Indoor Pool)	9651 S. Western Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90047
Roosevelt (Indoor Pool)	7600 Graham Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90001
Greater Whittier Regional (Aquatic Center)	8028 Pioneer Boulevard Whittier, CA 90606

### Trails and Natural Areas

The Department operates an extensive network of regional multi-use trails located throughout the County spanning more than 233 miles.

The County Regional Multiuse Trail System allows for a variety of mountain biking for all skill levels as well as hiking and nature walks.

Find a trail at [trails.lacounty.gov](https://trails.lacounty.gov)

Additionally, you can enjoy our Natural Areas for nature and plant walks and visit our Nature Centers to enjoy programming and learn about guided tours by our docents.

### Volunteer Opportunities

The Department has many volunteer opportunities at our various facilities. Community parks offer volunteer opportunities in programming such as athletics, after school, tiny tot and general park operations. Regional Park Facilities have specialized volunteer programs that range from docents at the nature centers and botanic gardens, mounted assistance units for equestrian trails, and guides for school tours.

Learn more about becoming a volunteer at [parks.lacounty.gov/volunteers](https://parks.lacounty.gov/volunteers)

### Docent Training

Volunteer Docent training combines classroom and field experience in science, problem-solving, communication training and community service. Our docent-naturalists lead both school children and adults on hikes throughout our park. This class covers an overview of natural world topics: Ecological Concepts, Geology, Botany, Invertebrates, Amphibians and Reptiles, Mammals, Birds, Canyon History, and training on how to be a docent-naturalist. Activities promote positive connections with nature and



the world around us, conservation and climate education, physical and mental well-being, socialization, and leadership.

Training dates vary at each Nature Center. Please contact the Nature Center directly for more information and to find out about all our volunteer programs.

<b>Nature Center</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Email</b>
Placerita Canyon	661-259-7721	Russ Kimura	<a href="mailto:rkimura@parks.lacounty.gov">rkimura@parks.lacounty.gov</a>
Eaton Canyon	626-398-5420	Lorraine Lazarus	<a href="mailto:lmartinez@parks.lacounty.gov">lmartinez@parks.lacounty.gov</a>
San Dimas Canyon	909-599-7512	Noemi Navar	<a href="mailto:nnavar@parks.lacounty.gov">nnavar@parks.lacounty.gov</a>
Whitter Narrow	626-575-5523	Colleen Mac Kay	<a href="mailto:cmackay@parks.lacounty.gov">cmackay@parks.lacounty.gov</a>
Vasquez Rocks	661-268-0840	Sarah Brewe	<a href="mailto:sbrewer@parks.lacounty.gov">sbrewer@parks.lacounty.gov</a>
Stoneview	310-202-3002	Richard Smart	<a href="mailto:rsmart@parks.lacounty.gov">rsmart@parks.lacounty.gov</a>

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Department has several seasonal positions throughout the year.

The **Park Aide** position starts at \$16.84 per hour, requires no previous experience and provides a high level of training to support summer programming, including Summer Parks After Dark, ESTEAM and Every Body Plays.

The Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to hiring Veterans and uses the LA County Veteran intern list for recruitment efforts. To learn about job opportunities at the County visit [www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lacounty](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lacounty)