

PICNIC SPOTS Griffith Park



Over 4200 acres of FUN, FUN, FUN!

Donated to the public in 1896, L.A.'s Griffith Park boasts more activities than seems humanly possible.

This picnic spot is armed with barbecue pits, trees, and large stretches of land; perfect for feasting and enjoying the great outdoors. After a leisurely barbecue, parents can rest while the kids take in a weekend Merry-Go-Round ride – a main attraction at Griffith Park since 1937. Younger kids are also especially fond of Shane's Inspiration, the mother of all playgrounds, whereas older kids like to venture over to the dark caves that used to make up the old city zoo.

And did I mention the biking, the hiking, the pony and horseback riding, and the miniature train ride? Your children will never be bored. There's even something for the parents: Dads, you can sneak off to play a couple of rounds of golf while Moms get in some tennis at the courts. Also, summertime brings the rare treat of a drum circle every Sunday.

If that's not enough, within minutes you can skip over to the Griffith Park Observatory, the Greek Theatre, the Autry Museum of the America West, Travel Town's train museum, and the current Los Angeles Zoo. A picnicker's paradise. Or as one kid said to his family, "Hey, Griffith Park is cool!"

Griffith Park is just west of the 5 Freeway, off of Los Feliz Blvd. Come and see for yourself why Griffith Park draws in millions of families each year.

Griffith Park, 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles 90027, 323-913-4688;
<http://www.lacity.org/rap/dos/parks/griffithPK/index.htm>. Daily, 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM