

# THE BIG PARADE LOS ANGELES

GUIDE/PROGRAM - DAY ONE -  
SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

FINAL VERSION - For a zoomable version of the map, go here: <http://g.co/maps/xxf4d>

The loops are the simplest way to join. The main loop of each day is five miles, and has the most variety.

Remember, there are tons of unlisted stops along the way - neighbors, music, art, , history, surprises!

You can join us for any length at any of the join points - or use Twitter ([www.twitter.com/bigparadela](http://www.twitter.com/bigparadela)) to see our route updated at five minute intervals.

Bring food, water, sunscreen. We don't stop to buy lunch, because it takes too long. So you have to bring your own. There are restroom breaks all along the route.

Times are VERY approximate. We will never leave a departure point early, so sit tight, wait for us, and make friends...or...follow us in real time at [www.twitter.com/bigparadela](http://www.twitter.com/bigparadela). Click on the posts marked with the #motionX hash-tag. Each links to our position, auto-updated every five minutes. Please note that the later in the day it gets, the more likely it will be that we're running a bit late.

8:00 AM - Big Parade Start: Bottom of Angel's Flight Stairway/Railroad, 351 S. Hill Street, downtown Los Angeles. All-of-Downtown loop starts here; 5.5 miles. Mini-Loop One starts here, 2 miles. Our first loop is urban-planning based, touring the ramps and stairways of a nearly forgotten utopian design for Los Angeles. Meet point: bottom of Angel's flight.

9:00AM - Mini-Loop ends.

10:30AM - All-of-Downtown Loop ends. Return via Chinatown Metro Gold Line/Red Line (or walk; instructions provided.)

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10:30 AM - Kid's Loop Begins at Chinatown Metro Gold Line Station. Approx. 2 miles, stroller-friendly. Includes Los Angeles Historic Park (aka "The Cornfields"), bridges, Elysian Park, Chinatown. Ends at 11:15AM. Station address: 901 N Spring St, Los Angeles 90012.

10:30 AM - North Traverse Start, 3.5 miles. Chinatown Metro Gold Line. This section explores a gritty and little-known pathway that threads between the two halves of the Pasadena Freeway. Stunning and unexpected. Ends 12:30, return via Lincoln Heights Metro Gold Line.

12:30 PM - LA River Segment, 2 miles. Meet point: corner of San Fernando Road and Figueroa St., at the fountain in front of the Home Depot. Join guest leader/speaker Joe Linton - author of "Down by the Los Angeles River," (blog: [lacreekfreak.wordpress.com/](http://lacreekfreak.wordpress.com/)) for a lunchtime talk and walk along the Los Angeles River. Joe is the reigning expert on the strange history and fate of our city's most prominent waterway. Includes 20 minute lunch break at 12:45 PM, Steelhead Park (off Riverside Drive, just w/s of Figueroa.)

1:45 PM - River Segment Ends at Riverside Dr./Stadium Way. Take Metro Bus 96 (or walk directly along Riverside, distance about 1m) back to San Fernando/Fig.

2:30 PM - MAIN LOOP OF THE DAY and ECHO PARK ART WALK Loop, Echo Park. Lots of options. This year, our primary segment coincides with the Echo Park Art Walk, so Paraders can mingle with art walkers, and vice-versa. If you want to see art and climb stairs, join us for a five mile loop that includes 20 public stairways - including the longest in LA - along with visits to the neighborhood's historic art landmarks, including the former cabin residences of pioneering Echo Park artists Paul Landacre and Edward Middleton Manigault, who literally died to preserve the purity of his work. As with all segments of the Big Parade, you'll be able to come and go as you please, so there are options with fewer stairways and as short as one mile. To join: meet the Big Parade group across the street from Elysian Heights Elementary School (NW corner of Baxter/Echo Park Avenue.).

4:30 PM - Art/Music/Food Break (time approximate.) The group takes a half-hour break along Echo Park Avenue to mingle with the art walkers. The break point is Echo Park/Avalon; we reassemble a few blocks south - in front of Echo Park Fuels (aka Magic Gas) at 5PM to continue the Big Parade.

For information on the over 70 exhibitors slated for the Art Walk, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/EchoParkPDA>.

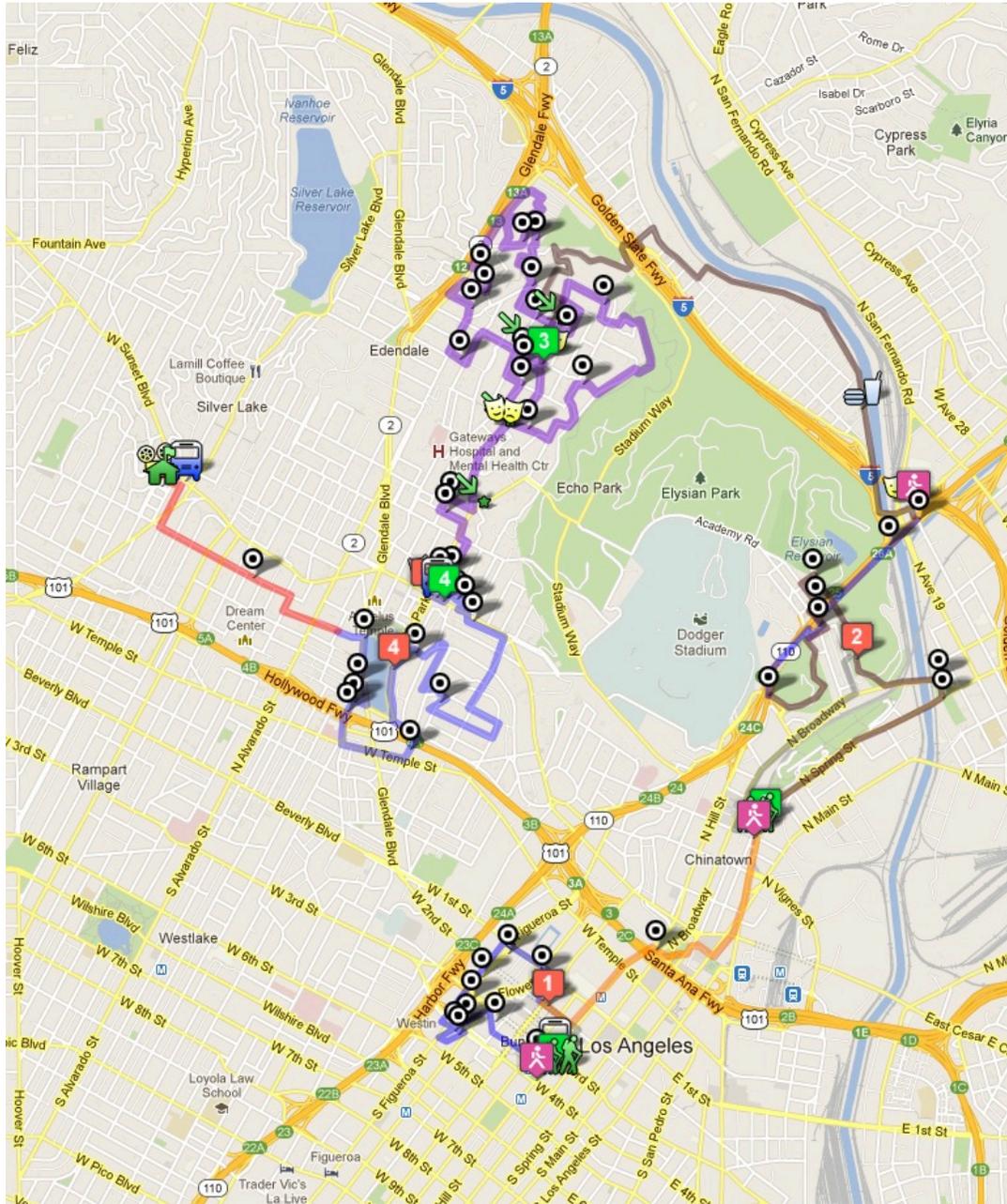
6:00PM - Main Loop and Arts Walk Loop end.

6:00 PM - Angelino Heights Loop. Two miles. LA's first "suburb," a masterpiece of urban planning; featuring a stroll down Carroll St., Southern California's epicenter of Victorian restoration. Meet at Lot 1 Café, Corner Sunset/Laveta Terrace, Echo Park, 1533 W Sunset Bl 90026.

7:30 PM - Final segment begins, 1.2m (meet point: bottom of stairway at Clinton/Glendale Blvd. on west side of Echo Park lake.) We walk to the Music Box Stairs.

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8:30 PM - Movie Night! Public showing of Laurel & Hardy's "The Music Box," filmed at this location. No food trucks, to keep things clean and quiet. Bring your own snacks and cart away the trash when you're done. No alcohol, please.



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