



SCHEDULE:

**be sure to read any special instructions online for tour when you sign up (i.e. clothes, water, how much walking, if climbing, etc.)*

Sign up <http://www.lacommons.org/programs/found-la/>

10a-11a

Northridge Village

[Joyce's Café, 8826 Reseda Blvd., Northridge, CA 91324](#)

Tour guide Don Larson is a fourth generation great grandson of a founding family of Northridge. Join him as he shares local history, art and architecture. The walk will take place along Reseda Blvd, and showcase murals, the Parthenia railroad tracks, including the over and underpass, and the original well for the train station, the 1917 Gresham Street Church, originally the Faith Bible Church (built by Don's Great-Grandfather and the first church built in Northridge), the Das Bauhaus Art Colony, and maybe the CSUN campus. This is a vigorous walk over some uneven terrain. Please wear comfortable shoes.

10a-12p

Historic North Figueroa St.

[Future Studio, 5558 N. Figueroa St., LA, CA 90042](#)

Join Amy Inouye, Misty Iwatsu and Louisa Van Leer for a walking tour of North Figueroa Street. This *Great Street* is part of Historic Route 66, and holds the dubious distinction of being the first commercial street west of the Mississippi to be bypassed by a freeway. It sports a business improvement district (BID) and empowerment zone, and is the only commercial district within a designated City Historic Zone (Highland Park is also the City's largest HPOZ). Learn about preservation in Highland Park, including a historic signage restoration program, what's happening currently with the corridor (impending high-grooviness), and the thriving art scene. North Figueroa Street is home to Chicken Boy, fine cuisine and the original outpost of Forever 21. The walk is on flat sidewalks, and will encompass six to eight blocks.

11a-1:30p

Our Renaissance, Our River, Our Reseda!

[Magnolia Science Academy, 18238 Sherman Way, Reseda, CA 91335](#)

Did you know that the name Reseda refers to the fragrant plant Reseda Odorata or mignonette, abundant in 1912 when the town was founded under the name Marian, that it was originally part of the San Fernando Mission property or that opening its first Post Office in 1921 triggered the name change to Reseda? Tour guide Kevin Taylor invites you to experience Reseda and its renaissance with him. The tour will highlight local murals, including 2 instantly iconic murals painted by prolific Valley muralist Levi Ponce. Enjoy stops at the confluence of the Aliso Creek and LA River, site of a new and unique River Park scheduled to open up mid-2015, and meet Chef Kevin, owner of one of the 100 best restaurants in the country according to Yelp (and the best Vegan restaurant on the entire West Coast).

Great stories and a sense of a community in full comeback mode will aim to inspire and demonstrate the incoming arts-driven revitalization on this 3.2 mile walk through the Valley's once and "next" great street destination. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring sunscreen or something to shield from the sun.

11a-2p

Mar Vista's "Great Street" Venice Blvd.

[Vintage on Venice, 12218 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066](#)

Join John Lopez of Scout Idea Ranch, for a tour of the Mar Vista section of Venice Blvd. Learn about the future of this segment of California Highway 187, enjoy interesting historical

facts and perspectives provided by the Mar Vista Historical Society, including some of the area's landmarks both standing (the original post office, now a storefront) and long-gone (the location of the original "Ocean Park Heights" Spanish-style Depot). There is a diverse and thriving array of businesses along this corridor, some new and some that have been serving the community for years. Meet the local shop owners and get their perspective on what "Great Streets" means to them. Please wear comfortable shoes. This tour route is generally flat with sidewalks in good condition.

11a-2p

Pacoima Mural Tour

[Myke's Café, 13171 Van Nuys Blvd. \(cross street is Pala\)](#)

The Pacoima Mural tour will consist of 6 murals. Information behind the production of each mural will be shared. Tour will include history of Pacoima and the environmental changes as well as demographics. Bring hats, sunscreen, etc. Not much shade on tour. Mural 1, Mi Vida: Mi Cultura; Mural 2, Ghandi; Mural 3, Graffiti yard; Mural 4, Assata Shakur; Mural 5, Lady Liberty; Mural 6, Decolonize.

12p-1:30p

A Sunday Stroll Through Hyde Park

[Zion Hill Baptist Church, 7860 10th Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043](#)

Join Suzanne Isabelle Simmons and her neighbors for a walk through one of L.A.'s oldest neighborhoods. Located at a historic stop of the Atchison, Santa Fe and Topeka railroad's harbor line, Hyde Park is a diamond in the rough with many engaging secrets to share. Experience food, music and community spirit as you visit local churches, shops and a hidden alley park.

4p-5p

Westwood Village

[Hammer Museum, 10899 Wilshire Blvd., LA, CA 90024](#)

If you haven't been to Westwood Village in a while, it's time to go back.

It is a very exciting time to be in Westwood. Major construction projects are underway, properties have transitioned, new businesses have opened their doors and Mayor Garcetti has named Westwood Boulevard a "Great Street".

There are other places that are outdoor, walkable, have great dining, shopping and entertainment. But Westwood Village was the first, and no other offers the same energy, optimism and, quite frankly, level of conversation. Bright college and grad students, a booming startup and tech corridor, a major medical center, several of the world's largest financial institutions, law firms and energy companies make for a unique confluence: young money in an old money town.

Tour Special Needs: Tour begins and ends at the Hammer Museum. Parking is available at the Hammer for \$3 for 3 hours. Hammer Museum admission is free. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.