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“Long-Term Care insurance is not as confusing as many may think, but I hope you make the time to attend a seminar,” says Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager. As long as you are an active City Employee and have never been denied by the Club's provider, evidence of insurability is not required.

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See page 15 for much more information, including seminar dates and times.

Dodger Mania! Club Event Tix On Sale for \$20

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- It's the last game of the season.
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“When we sponsored our first Club Day at Dodger Stadium last year, you bought every ticket we had,” says the Sports Dude (Club Director of Operations Robert Larios). “We heard you. We're back with another great Club Special Event at Dodger Stadium, at an unbeatable price.

“Don't wait! It's gonna be great!”

Tickets are available only at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. 90012. See all the details on page 7.



Rec and Parks

Take a Hike

Rec and Parks leads interpretive nature hikes for your fun and education. JOIN ONE TODAY!

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Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian leads an interpretive hike in Griffith Park.

LTC Testimonial

Read Tom Lira's Story

Tom Lira purchased Long-Term Care insurance, and it's a very good thing he did.

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Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian interprets a hike through Griffith Park with Angel Gomez, Club Director of Member Services.



Take a Hike!

Rec and Parks offers an impressive array of interpretive hikes, both by themselves and in coordination with its camping and Junior Ranger Programs. Join a hike today!

Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Director of Member Services; Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer; and courtesy Rec and Parks

Park Rangers provide an opportunity for children as well as adults to discover the marvelous world of nature through the department's interpretive and Junior Ranger Programming.

■ **Griffith Park, White Point and Cabrillo**

The Park Ranger interpretive programs are selected and crafted to introduce guests to topics including history, ecosystems, habitats, and flora and fauna. The public can take advantage of several programs the Rangers offer. On the first and third Saturday of the month, a Park Ranger leads a nature hike through the many trails of Griffith Park. Also, every Saturday, Park Rangers and the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy have partnered to offer historical talks and hikes at the White Point Nature Preserve overlooking the Pacific Ocean in San Pedro, with beautiful Catalina Island in sight. Additionally, on Saturdays you can find a Park Ranger at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, assisting staff with tours of the aquarium and the nearby tide pools on the beach.

■ **Augustus Hawkins Natural Park**

Recently, the Park Rangers have begun programming interpretive hikes at Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park in South Los Angeles. This property contains a nature center, a wetlands habitat and native chaparral commonly found in the Santa Monica Mountain Range. The Park Rangers are in process of restoring public programs and revitalizing the garden adjacent to the nature center.

■ **Junior Rangers**

The Park Rangers also offer extensive programming for youths. Park Rangers often encounter children who have had little exposure to the natural world. The Junior Ranger Program invites boys and girls to use the City's parks and open spaces to develop an awareness of nature and their own personal outdoor environments. Park Rangers engage their senses and encourage curiosity, making discovery of the environment exciting. Every fall and throughout the school year, Park Rangers provide nature hikes to the Los Angeles Unified School District to supplement the district's outdoor science programs. Various programs are offered that teach about wildlife, including mammals, insects, and reptiles, along with conservation and care for our natural resources.

■ **Camping and Fishing**

Rec and Parks manages several camps through its Camping Section. The Rangers supplement camp programming by providing nature talks, historical hikes and evening stargazing walks along with assisting staff with a traditional campfire. The public can access information regarding these camping programs through www.laparks.org

**THE ALIVE!
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Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian speaks to *Alive!*

'Seeing Their Expression ... Is the Best Part'

Kevin Regan and Sharie Abajian talk about Rec and Parks' interpretive program.

On July 7, Alive! interviewed Kevin Regan, Asst. General Manager, and Sharie Abajian, Sr. Park Ranger, at the Park Ranger station in Griffith Park, about Rec and Parks' interpretive services, including hikes, camping, education and other programs. —Ed.

Alive!: First of all, can you tell our readers a little bit about the history of Rec and Parks and its trail programs? How long has the City offered trails to the general public?

Kevin Regan: Rec and Parks has been in existence since the early 1900s. The department initially was called the Department of Playgrounds. Rec and Parks has always had the jurisdiction over City trails.

Wow, since the early 1900s.

Kevin: Right. The Recreation and Parks department of the City of L.A. is the first municipal parks department in the nation. We've led the way in development of parks and open spaces as well as trails.

And the trail management goes back pretty much to the beginning?

Kevin: Yes. A number of our parks are historic. Elysian Park, for example, plus Griffith Park, one of the first parks to have a big trail system. And we've really expanded it from there. We now have hiking and bridle trails in every part of the City.

Tell me about this interpretive program.

Kevin: Rec and Parks has a very exciting program. It's an expansion of our ranger nature or interpretive unit. We've taken the entire group of our non-peace-officer rangers and put them into one unit. That unit includes the nature program, the junior ranger program and our mounted unit, the rangers who ride on horseback on the trails.

The ranger interpretive unit provides nature education, including some basics about "leave no trace"-type of camping skills; and a little bit about appreciation and care for the natural environment, in a program with a series of classes with some fun activities for the kids at day camp. The day culminates with a hike in the park.

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For More Information on Interpretive Hikes:

Rec and Parks is developing a Website for easy access to ongoing and upcoming ranger programs.

Go to: www.laparks.org



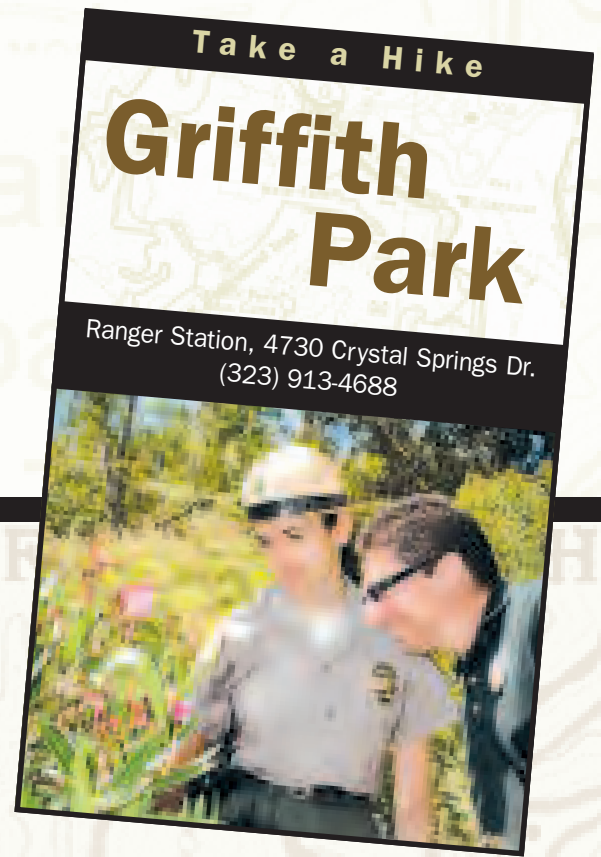
Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian and Angel Gomez, Club Director of Member Services, on Mt. Hollywood during an interpretive hike in Griffith Park.

HIKING GUIDE

Where to Go to Take a Hike

Interested in an interpretive hike or program? Here's a guide. (Please remember to dress accordingly and bring drinking water and snacks!)

For more information, go to the Rec and Parks hiking Website – www.laparks.org – or call the Park Rangers hotline: (323) 644-6661.

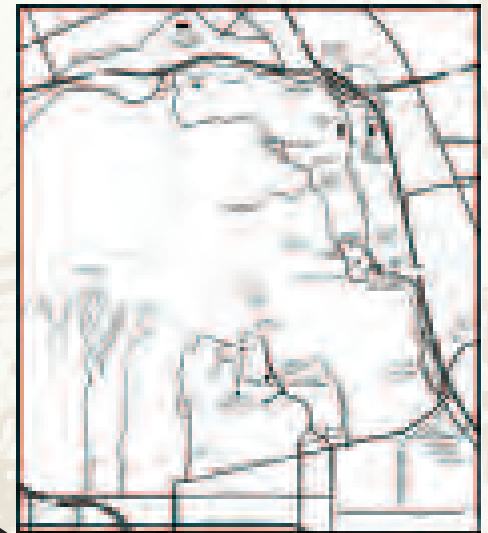


Griffith Park

There are more than 50 miles of hiking trails in Griffith Park. Interpretive hikes are led by Park Rangers on the first and third Saturday of each month, starting about 8 a.m. Interpretive hikes usually begin at the Ranger Station, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr., (323) 913-4688; hike paths vary.

Hiking into the rugged hills and sparsely developed areas is perhaps one of the most popular forms of recreation in Griffith Park. Hikers are allowed to use the entire 53-mile network of trails, fire roads and bridle paths. Maps of trails and current information on trail closures and special restrictions are available at the Ranger Station.

All trails in the park are closed at dusk. Open fires and smoking are not allowed. One of the most rewarding hikes in the park is the trail leading from the Observatory parking lot to the summit of Mount Hollywood, the highest peak of the park, which affords spectacular views of the entire Los Angeles Basin. Hikers should approach the park with caution; Griffith Park is a wilderness area with wild coyotes, bobcats, foxes, deer, rattlesnakes and rodents.



A map of the Griffith Park trails.

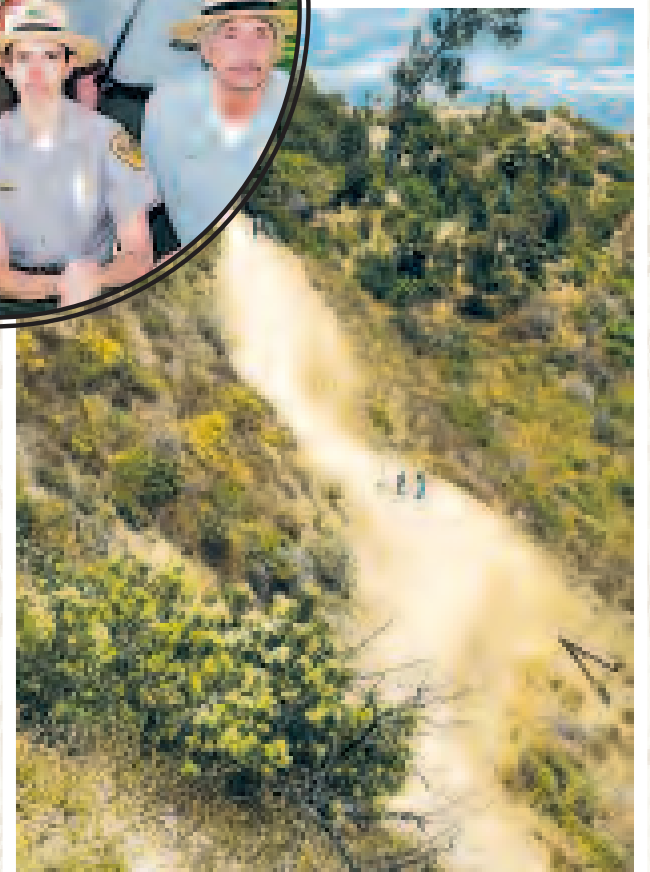


Downtown L.A. can be seen from Griffith Park.

At left: Interpretive Rangers, top row, from left: Russell Brown, Tom Mendibles, Aubrey Brown and Robin Scott. Bottom: Ernie Ybarra, Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian and Pat Aceves.



Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian points out a plant to Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director.



The path up to Mt. Hollywood in Griffith Park.

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White Point Nature Preserve

The White Point Nature Preserve features 102 acres of restored coastal sage scrub habitat, hiking and handicap access trails, and a new Nature Education Center overlooking the ocean and Catalina Island.

Every Saturday, Park Rangers and the Palos Verdes Land Conservancy have partnered to offer historical talks and hikes at the preserve.

The preserve is now home to the Nature Education Center, adapted from a historic Cold War Assembly building on the site. The center will serve as a resource for students, families and community groups from all over Los Angeles. It is housed in a creatively re-purposed former military structure surrounded by a California native plant demonstration garden built as an educational and interpretive model of our local plant communities.

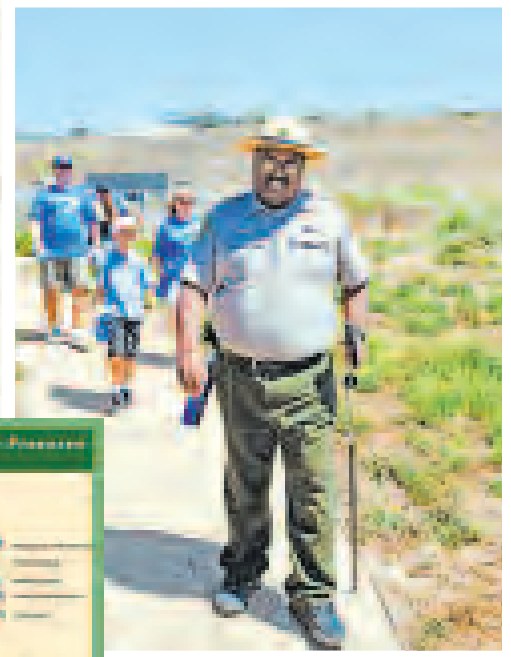
Inside the center, multimedia exhibits will move visitors through a timeline of sequentially arranged exhibits and displays that tell the story of White Point's cultural and natural history, spanning the Pleistocene age through the present.

The Nature Center is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The preserve is at 1600 W. Paseo del Mar, San Pedro, CA 90731.



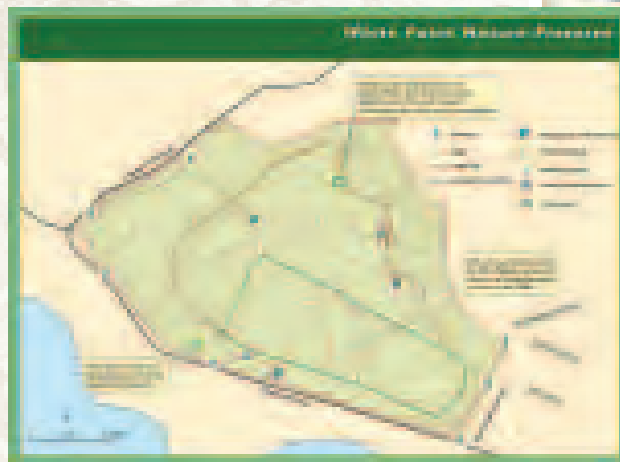
Ranger Russell Brown leads hikers at White Point Nature Preserve.



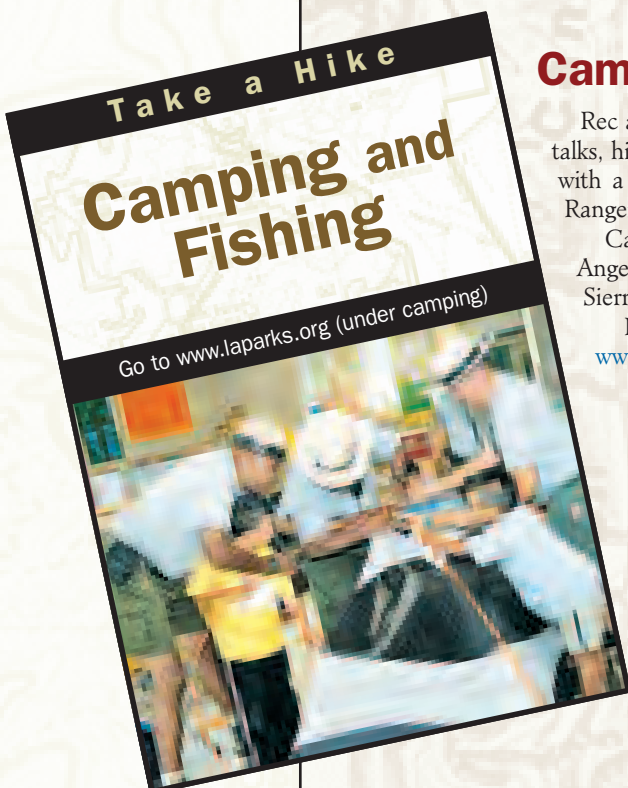
Ranger Russell Brown leads hikers at White Point Nature Preserve.



A display inside the White Point visitor center.



A map of the White Point Nature Preserve.



Camping and Fishing

Rec and Parks manages several camps, and Park Rangers provide nature talks, historical hikes and evening stargazing walks along with assisting staff with a traditional campfire. Also as part of the camping program, Park Rangers provide interpretive assistance by teaching youths to fish.

Camps with interpretive programs and hikes include locations in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, and near Mammoth in the Eastern Sierras.

If you're interested in taking part, you can find more information at www.laparks.org under camping.



Ranger Ernie Ybarra hosts a hike in Camp Seely in the San Bernardino Mountains.



Above: Ranger Pat Aceves teaches children to fish.

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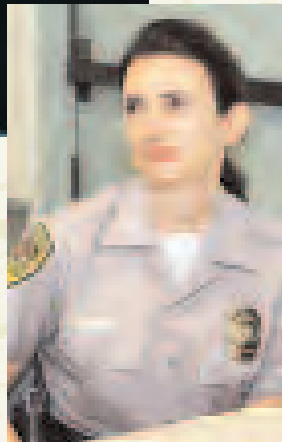
Right. But there's more to interpretive hikes than just children's activities, right? There are things for adults, too.

Kevin: That's right. We have hikes for folks of all ages in Griffith Park and other parks. We have a partnership with the Audubon Society out of Debs Park that runs the Nature Center there. And the interpretive unit just recently took over all of the nature educational aspect of Augustus Hawkins Park, on the corner of Compton and Slauson [Avenues]. That's like a natural oasis in the middle of the City. It's a very industrial, urban environment. Augustus Hawkins Nature Park is just a beautiful site. The rangers have a partnership there with LAUSD where kids come in on field trips and the rangers will teach classes and give some practical application,



Sharie Abajian: I'm also looking at putting a gardening program there, too, for residents in the area.

Kevin: There are also fishing programs such as fishing derbies and some out-of-town camping programs. We have



At the *Alive!* interview were Asst. General Manager Kevin Regan (top) and Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian.

camp in the San Bernardino National Forest and one in Mammoth Lakes. These are City-owned camps operated by the Rec and Parks, and the rangers are involved in some programming there as well. So there's a myriad of activities, a lot of educational activity going on, a lot of hiking in the park. Rangers also walk around in the park engaging people who might be in the park and talking to them about safety or about preserving the park, not littering, things like that.

Getting Out There

If Club Members are interested in taking their family on an interpretive hike, how many locations would there be?

Sharie: Currently, the rangers are offering nature hikes at 8 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of the month in Griffith Park. And at White Point Nature Preserve [in San Pedro], the rangers are leading hikes at 9 and 11 a.m. every Saturday.

And those are regularly scheduled.

Sharie: Yes. And after the Junior Ranger day camp program is over, we're going to start offering night hikes again in Griffith Park.

When do you expect that to resume?

Sharie: In September.

Perfect timing! Are there other interpretive hikes, for example, at Hansen Dam [in Lake View Terrace]?

Sharie: If we get a request in we'll do a hike at Hansen Dam.

But not on a regular basis?

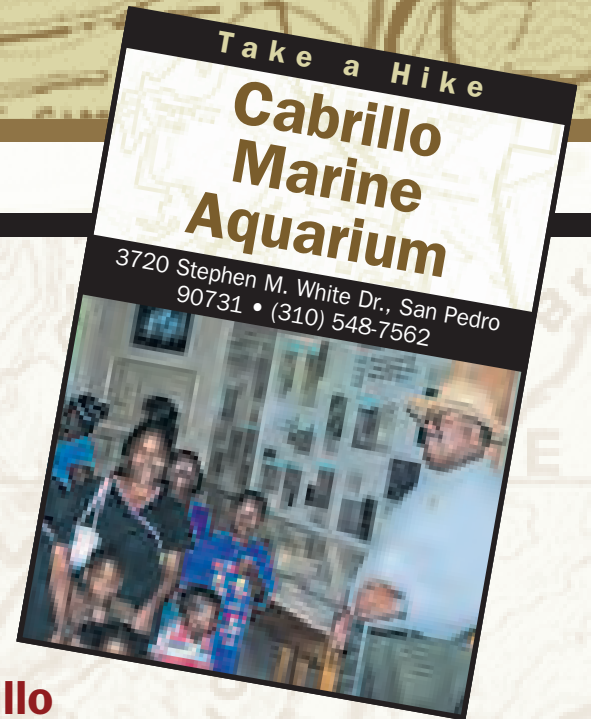
Sharie: No.

How many trails are there at each of those two locations?

Sharie: In Griffith Park there are 53 miles of trails.

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Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

With its spectacular natural setting adjacent to Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park and the Port of Los Angeles, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is uniquely suited to its leadership role in marine science education, aquaculture research and community recreation. The historic Frank Gehry-designed aquarium displays the largest collection of Southern California marine life in the world.

On Saturdays you can find a Park Ranger at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, assisting staff with interpretive tours of the aquarium and the nearby tide pools on the beach. There are no hikes at the aquarium.

The aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro, CA 90731.



Ranger Russell Brown on Cabrillo Beach.



Mounted Rangers (from left) Ryan Bernaldo and Arcelia Rosas.

Mounted Unit

The Interpretive Unit employs a Mounted Unit to patrol the parks and to provide interpretive programming at a range of public events.



Junior Rangers

The Junior Ranger Program helps boys and girls develop an awareness of nature. Park Rangers engage their senses and encourage curiosity, making discovery of the environment exciting. Every fall and throughout the school year, Park Rangers provide nature hikes to the Los Angeles Unified School District to supplement the district's outdoor science programs.

The Junior Ranger program includes interpretive hikes but is for boys and girls only; talk to your school, or contact the Park Ranger hotline: (323) 644-6661.



Ranger Tom Mendibles talks about native wildlife to a group of students.

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Rangers Robin Scott and Ernie Ybarra interpret a hike through Augustus Hawkins Natural Park for *Alive!* visitors (from left) editor John Burnes; Club son Noah Hawkins; and Club CEO John Hawkins.

Augustus Hawkins Natural Park

Located at the corner of Compton and Slauson Avenues in South Los Angeles, 8.5-acre Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park provides a serene natural environment in the urban core of the City.

Park Rangers have just recently begun providing interpreted hikes at this urban oasis. Call the Park Rangers hotline for more information.

Native plant communities, oak trees, rolling hills, riparian areas, and a running stream mimic a native California setting. A strolling path, picnic and barbecue areas, an outdoor amphitheater, and grassy areas provide local residents and families comfortable gathering places to socialize and relax. The park, built by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, was transferred to the City of Los Angeles in 2005.

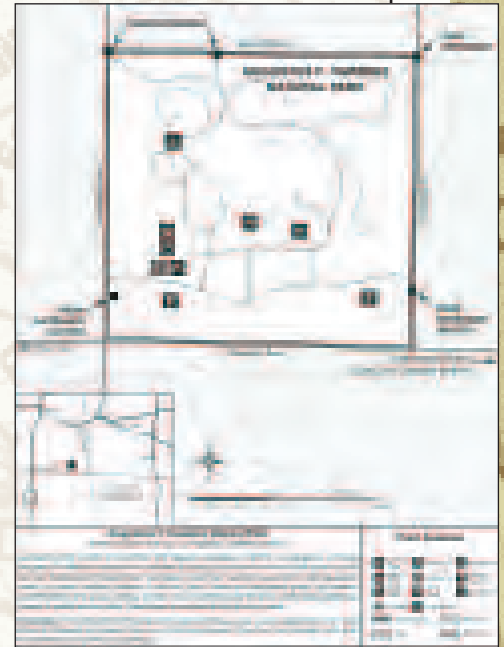
The elegant, Craftsman-style Evan Frankel Discovery Center houses interpretive displays about nature and natural resources issues, as well as a meeting and community room.



Rangers Robin Scott and Ernie Ybarra explain points about Augustus Hawkins Natural Park to Club CEO John Hawkins.



Rangers Robin Scott, Sr. Ranger Sharie Abajian, and Ernie Ybarra under a eucalyptus tree in Augustus Hawkins Natural Park.



A map of August Hawkins Natural Park.



Rangers Ernie Ybarra and Robin Scott explain the Augustus Hawkins lake to Club CEO John Hawkins.



Augustus Hawkins Gardener/Caretakers, from left: Helen Hatcher, 21 years of City service; and Yvette Duffey, Club Member, 25 years of City service.

Take a Hike

Augustus Hawkins Natural Park

Corner of Compton and Slauson Avenues in South Los Angeles



Thank You!

Alive! thanks Asst. General Manager Kevin Regan; Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian; Andrea Epstein and media contacts; and the rest of the Rec and Parks staff for their assistance!

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How do you choose which ones to interpret or to take people on?

Sharie: The ranger will map out a trail hike. It varies from five miles to sometimes 13 miles.

Okay. And what about at White Point?

Sharie: The White Point hike is in the nature preserve area there.

Interpretive Purpose

Sharie, talk about your involvement in this. How did you get involved?

Sharie: As a Park Ranger, one of our duties is to do interpretive programs mainly for children. With the establishment of the Interpretive Unit, we expanded by offering more programs for both children and adults. I was placed over the unit since I was a non-Peace Officer Ranger.

I became a Park Ranger because I was exposed to a nature program led by a Ranger when I was in elementary school. My class attended a weeklong nature program at Whittier Narrows Nature Center. I was intrigued by this Ranger who was teaching about the flowers and the animals in the natural environment.

How did you determine what to talk about? How do you determine what to tell people?

Sharie: Each park where we provide interpretive programming has unique characteristics. We identify these unique features and expand on these details in our talks. For instance, Griffith Park has a rich history and diverse wildlife and plant populations. Cabrillo Shoreline contains a tide pool and a salt marsh area unique to the area. The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve contains

How are the interpretive rangers trained?

Kevin: We've invested a lot of time and energy into training our interpretive ranger so that they know how to do this. It's a real skill to be able to talk about the different plants and the species, and also be able to capture people's interest.

Sharie: They're trained through the National Association of Interpreters.

Kevin: [That training] builds on all of the years of experience they have hiking and knowing the plants and leading these hikes. We're working to develop these skills, and we're working to continue to hone their skills on emergency medical response, fire fighting, customer service and outreach. It's important to know that these interpretive rangers are capable. They're excited. They're out there. They're doing a great job in the park representing Rec and Parks.

Many Programs

Tell us about the different interpretive programs you offer. First, as we've talked about, are the nature hikes.

Kevin: Right.

And then we have camping, that's a big part of it.

Kevin: Right.

And that's by preregistration?

Kevin: If it's a ranger-led weekend, it will be pre-planned and involve preregistration.

I see, okay. And then you mentioned fishing.

Sharie: Right. We partner with a nonprofit and with the California Dept. of Fish and Game for that, and we have fishing derbies, too.

emergency in the area where they're working or even on one of the hikes, the rangers are trained to deal with that.

Smokey the Bear makes regular appearances and teaches about fire safety.

Kevin: Right. We are authorized by the U.S. Forest Service to use Smokey the Bear.

We also do a lot of presentations at schools where we'll go into the classroom and do an interpretive presentation, both in the LAUSD and other schools that request it.

Sharie: We do career days there, too.

There's a mounted interpretive unit?

Kevin: Right. We have a mounted unit. We have three rangers assigned to the mounted unit. And we own our own horses. Recreation and Parks owns three. These rangers primarily patrol on horseback in Griffith Park. They have all of the same skills as an interpretive ranger, but these mounted rangers also have law enforcement authority so they can enforce different laws. They can even make arrests if they see some type of violation of law. They're trained in medical first aid. And they're also trained extensively in horseback riding -- they've been through the LAPD mounted academy. They'll talk to equestrians. They'll do education. We also send them on a lot of City special events. Recreation and Parks puts on a lot of events, festivals and fairs. The [mounted rangers] will go out with the horse and do public relations. Everyone loves a horse. Everyone loves to see the ranger in the hat.

Sharie: We have a big leash law problem in the park on the hiking/bridle trails. The Rangers on horseback are really effective in getting out there and advising the public to keep their dogs on leash.

Kevin: The benefit of rangers on horseback is they can get into areas where you can't get with a vehicle. And people tend to respect someone on a horse a little bit more than they do if you're on foot.

Sharie: It's great to get them out of the patrol car and out into the trails like that.

How many rangers are assigned to the interpretive unit?

Sharie: Seven. Including the mounted unit, it's 10.

Augustus Hawkins Park

Talk about Augustus Hawkins Park. What's special about it?

Sharie: The park contains a plant and wildlife habitat commonly found in the Santa Monica Mountains. Additionally, the park contains a citrus orchard. The park was named after a congressman. The Rangers have recently taken this park over and are currently developing nature-based programs for the community, along with re-establishing a gardening program in the park. We are looking at planting various edible and native plants there.

Wow, right in the middle of the city.

Sharie: Right. I'd love to make that a little oasis for the people there.

The Park Rangers division took it over recently?

Sharie: July 1.

Who had it?

Sharie: It was run by a recreation director. This property is a great facility for Rangers to oversee.

I see.

Sharie: It was constructed several years ago in a partnership with the Santa Monica Conservancy.

Kevin: It was managed primarily by the maintenance and recreation branch within Rec and Parks. But now, the park rangers manage it, which is a new development.

Interpretation Is Education

Is interpretive services a growing trend? Is it where things are going?

Kevin: Right. It's a real education program. We focus a lot on kids, although that's not where all of our services are directed.

Today in the urban environment, many children just do not get an outdoor experience. There's a lot happening indoors for these kids. There are computers. There are video games. There's Facebook. Our mission in Rec and Parks is to provide all different types of recreation. We believe in getting kids moving and getting them excited about nature. This is a trend nationwide to try to provide some formalized structure and services for residents in the urban environment so that people have the opportunity to get outside. People have the opportunity to go into a natural environment even right here in the city. You don't have to drive all the way to the national park or to the forest to be in a forest. We have a number of forest ecosystems right here in the City of L.A. We want our folks to take advantage of that, to come out to the park and meet with a ranger, learn something about nature and take that away. Children never forget their first encounter with that ranger -- being in nature, taking a hike, learning something about a plant, learning something about an animal or the ecosystem -- kids never forget that. And then they'll be able to teach that same skill when they become adults. We think that's very important for the development of children to learn about nature.

Sharie: Even for adults [who have] had a stressful day -- what better place is there to go unwind than to take like a walk in nature?

Would you like to see the interpretive services in Rec and Parks grow?

Sharie: Of course, I would love to see it grow, yes.

Kevin: I think it's very important. We'd like to head in that direction.

Can you tell me an "a-ha" moment, when you really connected with either adults or children?

Sharie: I was leading a children's nature hike when we discovered two red tail hawks playing in the air and soaring overhead. The children were speechless while we observed the activity above us. That day, they discovered that nature was exciting!

What's your favorite part of the interpretive program?

Sharie: "I enjoy teaching children the importance of understanding nature, being good stewards and caring for the land. I can show a child a bay leaf or eucalyptus tree and have them smell the leaves. I then explain how the oils from the plant or the leaves are used in products in their home environments. A child makes a connection -- 'Wow, this is used for food or medicinal purposes.' So often now, kids are not exposed to nature.

"I grew up in Covina. A few blocks away from my home, there were strawberry and poppy fields along with an area that contained tons of trees. My brothers and I used to run around and hide in these trees and explore the area. And now, children are on computers or other electrical equipment indoors. The programs that the Ranger Interpretive Unit offer give children an opportunity to explore the exciting outdoor world.

The most important part of the Ranger Interpretive Program is the interaction we have with the children and the impact we make on their lives. If it were not for a Ranger making an impact on me when I was in elementary school, I would not have become a Park Ranger."

That's great. Thanks to both of you for your time.



From left: *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewing Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian and Asst. General Manager Kevin Regan.

trees and plants that would be found in a river environment, along with being a home for migratory birds. In general, our talks include the history and unique features of the area, including the plant and animals specifically found in these diverse environments.

Kevin: Here in Griffith Park there's a large coyote population. Those are wild animals, and people should not try to interface with them or feed them. Try to do that, and it causes a lot of problems. We've even had incidents where the coyotes begin to expect food, so they'll start to nip at people and bite at people.

Talk about the program with the Audubon Society up at Debs Park. How did that come about?

Sharie: Rec and Parks had a partnership with Audubon. They built a nature center over at Debs Park. We've done programming with them and partnered with them, and the Audubon runs that nature center there.

Okay. What are the others?

Kevin: There's the Junior Ranger program.

Sharie: And we have a ranger at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium who gives talks there.

Do they go out on to the beach or just stay inside the museum?

Sharie: They go out to the beach because there's a tide pool area. The ranger is trained in the grunions, too. So he's done talks on grunion runs.

Kevin: And we have a ranger permanently assigned to Augustus Hawkins Nature Park.

We also do a lot of safety talks. Rangers will go to park advisory boards, neighborhood councils, wherever they're requested and talk about safety in the natural environment.

Rangers are out there while they're doing the nature programming. And they're also interpreting and talking to park users about treating the park with respect and taking care of the natural resources. The rangers are also trained in first aid. If there happens to be a medical incident or any type of an