DRIVING IN LOS ANGELES

BASIC RULES

In the United States, traffic keeps to the right. Although each state sets its own traffic laws, most California traffic laws are the same or similar throughout the country. Drivers must possess a valid U.S. or international driver's license. Speed limits and traffic rules are strictly enforced. If there are no posted signs, the maximum speed is 25 miles per hour on city streets and 65 miles per hour on freeways. California state law requires the use of seat belts in all private vehicles. A right turn on a red light after stopping is permitted unless otherwise indicated.

CELL PHONES

In California, drivers are required by law to use a hands-free device to talk on a cell phone while driving. Sending or reading a text while driving is against the law. This includes text-based communications like e-mails and instant messages. Using your smartphone’s GPS or mapping service while driving is permitted, only with the use of a hands-free device.

CHILD SAFETY

Since Jan. 1, 2012, California law requires:
- Children under the age of 8 must be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat.
- Children under the age of 8 who are 4' 9” or taller may be secured by a safety belt in the back seat.
- Children who are 8 years and over shall be properly secured in an appropriate child passenger restraint system or safety belt.

It is illegal to leave a child who is 6 years old or younger unattended in a motor vehicle. Someone who is at least 12 years old must supervise the child/children who are age 6 or under. Significant concerns include health risks (e.g. a locked car on a very hot day) and safety issues (the engine is running or the keys are in the ignition).

PARKING

Vehicles parked in violation of posted regulations are ticketed and towed very quickly. Before you park, be sure to carefully read all signs that state the hours and days when parking restrictions are in effect.
- A red curb means no parking
- A green curb indicates parking for a limited time only
- A white or yellow curb indicates passenger loading and unloading, no parking

Parking is often available in garages or parking lots for a fee. Many restaurants and shopping centers offer valet parking for a fee as well.

TRAFFIC

Traffic is usually heavy on the freeways during morning and evening commutes. Weekday morning rush hour is roughly from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The evening rush hour is around 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and later. When freeways are jammed it’s advisable to use surface streets as alternate routes. In L.A. a “surface street” is any street that is not a freeway or limited-access highway (aka expressway).

TRANSPORTATION & CABS

Los Angeles Metro main site
https://www.metro.net/

Cabs
City Cab
(626) 584-1000

NOTE:
The Huntington’s Uber/Lyft/Cab pickup and dropoff area is west of the Admissions area facing the parking lot.

OTHER NEEDS

Groceries
Trader Joe’s:
345 S. Lake Avenue
Pasadena 91101
610 S Arroyo Pkwy
Pasadena 91105
3035 Huntington Drive
Pasadena 91107

Mail
FedEx
1735 E Colorado Blvd Suite 9
Pasadena 91106

UPS Store (includes mailboxes)
2275 Huntington Drive
San Marino 91108

USPS
2960 Huntington Drive
San Marino 91108

Banks
Bank of America
2180 Huntington Drive
San Marino 91108

An ATM is located near the Admissions Window at The Huntington.

Shopping
Old Pasadena
https://www.oldpasadena.org/

Westfield Santa Anita
400 S. Baldwin Ave.
Arcadia 91007
**RESTAURANTS**

**B-Man's**
3007 Huntington Drive, Pasadena
(626) 588-0386
Teriyaki and burgers for a great price.

**Mediterranean Café**
273 Shoppers Lane, Pasadena
(626) 793-8844
Great Middle Eastern food, family-owned, very popular.

**Zankou Chicken**
1296 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
Lebanese and Armenian classics, delicious chicken.

**All India Café**
39 S. Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena
(626) 440-0309
Some superb Kashmiri, Punjabi tastes, especially if you order the spiciness to your liking.

**The Arbour**
527 S. Lake Ave., Suite 120, Pasadena
(626) 396-4925
Rustic elegant dining paying homage to the extraordinary agricultural bounty of California. Menu showcases relationships with sustainable local farms.

**Celestino**
141 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena
(626) 795-4006
A Huntington favorite. Italian cuisine; consistently excellent pasta, fish, organic meats.

**Colonial Kitchen**
1110 Huntington Drive, San Marino
(626) 289-2449
Time-warp 1950s coffee shop & long-time San Marino favorite.

**Daisy Mint**
1218 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 792-2999
Thai, Asian fusion in a cute setting.

**El Cholo**
300 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena
(626) 795-5800
Mexican; Pasadena branch of an L.A. institution founded 1922.

**El Portal**
695 East Green St., Pasadena
(626) 795-8553
Authentic Yucatán and traditional Mexican menu.

**Green Street Restaurant**
146 Shoppers' Lane, Pasadena
(626) 577-7170
American cuisine, excellent salads and sandwiches.

**Il Fornaio**
24 West Union St., Pasadena
(626) 683-9797
Upscale mini-chain Italian cuisine & bakery, pizza, pasta, rotisserie meats.

**La Grande Orange**
S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena
(626) 356-4444
Kid-friendly spot serving generous portions of seasonal American chow in a restored train station.

**Nick's**
336 South Lake Ave., Pasadena
(626) 787-1444
Classic American food in a unique setting.

**The Raymond Restaurant**
1250 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena
(626) 441-4770
Formal affair with American and European cuisine.

**Tops Burgers**
1792 E. Walnut St., Pasadena
(323) 866-0011
Burgers and fast food in a family-owned setting.

**Dog Haus**
105 N. Hill Ave., Pasadena
(626) 577-4287
Gourmet hot dogs and burgers with 80s music soundtrack.

**El Metate**
12 N Mentor Ave., Pasadena
(626) 229-0706
Authentic Mexican food in a casual setting. Fantastic tostadas.

**Lemonade**
146 S. Lake Ave., Pasadena
(626) 304-7700
Modern American fresh fare served cafeteria-style.

**Lucky Baldwin's (Old Town) Pub/Café**
17 South Raymond, Pasadena
(626) 795-0652
and its off-shoot:

**Lucky Baldwin's Trappiste Pub/Café**
1770 East Colorado, Pasadena
(626) 844-0447
British-style pub with wine, wide variety of beers.

**The Luggage Room**
260 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena
(626) 356-4440
Colorful parlor in a former train-station luggage room, known for unique wood-fired pizzas & gelato.

**Maestro**
110 Union St., Pasadena
(626) 787-1512
Modern Mexican cooking & mezcal cocktails in a rustic yet refined setting lined with banquettes.

**Malbec**
1001 E. Green Street, Pasadena
(626) 683-0550
Argentinian cuisine. Homemade salads, pastas and fish.

**Mijares Mexican Restaurant**
145 Palmetto Drive, Pasadena
(626) 792-2763
The Mijares family has owned/run this restaurant here since 1921.

**Mi Piace**
25 E. Colorado Blvd. Pasadena
(626) 795-7131
Fresh authentic Italian cuisine.

**Saladang**
363 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena
(626) 793-8123
Contemporary & traditional Thai food served in high-style, modern concrete setting.

**Smitty's Grill**
110 South Lake Avenue, Pasadena
(626) 792-9999
Upscale, higher-end American comfort food.

**Suriya Thai Restaurant**
123 W. California Ave., Pasadena
(626) 584-0066
Reasonable and delicious fare in a small store front.

**Parkway Grill**
510 South Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena
(626) 795-1001
HIKES

Arroyo Seco
http://www.arroyoseco.org/HikingAS.htm
Different trails, see maps on the website.

Eaton Canyon Natural Area
http://www.ecnca.org
Various hikes of different lengths.

Griffith Park
https://modernhiker.com/park/griffith-park/
Several trails that leave from the Observatory.

Echo Mountain
https://www.hikespeak.com/trails/sam-merrill-trail-echo-mountain/
Hike up the mountain to the ruins of the former Echo Mountain House, great views.

Gabrielino Trail
https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/gabrielino-trail
Long, but rewarding hike.

ATTRACTIONS

The Arboretum
http://www.arboretum.org
Peaceful, expansive gardens with lots of peacocks.

Descanso Gardens
https://www.descansogardens.org
Lovely botanical garden.

Norton Simon Museum
http://www.nortonsimon.org/
Pasadena art museum with wide variety of art, can easily be seen in one day.

Japanese American Cultural and Community Center
https://www.jaccc.org/

The Getty Museum
http://www.getty.edu/museum/
One part of the Getty art collections, Middle Ages to the present.

The Getty Villa
http://www.getty.edu/visit/villa/
The other part of the Getty art collections, Greek and Roman in a recreation of an ancient Roman home.

Chinese American Museum
https://camla.org/
Shares the history, cultural legacy, and contributions of Chinese Americans.

NASA-JPL
http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/events/tours/views/
Reserve a free tour of this internationally-known facility.

Gamble House
http://gamblehouse.org/
Great example of American Arts and Crafts architecture.

Rose Bowl
https://www.rosebowllstadium.com/
3.3 mile paved recreation loop. Massive flea market 2nd Sunday of every month.

La Plaza de Cultura y Artes
https://lapca.org/
Recognizes the enduring cultural influence of Mexicans, Mexican Americans and all Latinas/Latinos in Los Angeles.

Griffith Observatory
http://griffithobservatory.org/
Beautiful monument to astronomy with a fantastic view of the city.

Olvera Street
http://www.calearivera.com/
Oldest part of downtown L.A. Fun shopping.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art
http://www.lacma.org/
The largest art museum in the western United States.

Venice Beach
http://www.venicebeach.com/the-venice-beach-boardwalk/
Visit the boardwalk for anything from mimes to musicians, from odd shops to fun eateries.

Santa Monica Pier
http://santamonicapier.org/
Eateries, a carnival atmosphere, and the ocean breeze.

The Broad Museum
http://www.thebroad.org/
Contemporary art, the newest major museum in Los Angeles.

California African American Museum
https://caamuseum.org/
Contemporary art museum with a rich heritage.

Dodger Stadium
http://losangeles.dodgers.mlb.com/la/ballpark/
Buy a Dodger dog and take in a baseball game.

Hollywood Bowl
http://www.hollywoodbowl.com/
Great concerts and picnicking under the stars.

California Science Center
http://californiasciencecenter.org/
See the space shuttle Endeavor.

Pacific Asia Museum
https://pacificasiamuseum.usc.edu/
Dedicated to the arts of Asia and the Pacific Islands.

The Last Bookstore
http://lastbookstorela.com/
Massive collection of new and used books.

Monrovia Historical Museum
https://www.monroviahistoricalmuseum.org/
Exhibits on a historic local town.
### Health

**Burke Williams Day Spa $$$**
39 Mills Place, Pasadena  
(626) 796-9913  
Luxury, relaxing, great massages.

**Huntington Plaza Pediatric Group**
800 Fairmount Ave #110, Pasadena  
(626) 795-7051  
Optum Fair Oaks Urgent Care Center  
401 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena  
(626) 795-2244  
24 hours

**Dr. Kent Wilson (Dentist)**
1941 Huntington Dr. #B, South Pasadena  
(626) 441-1167  
Caltech Gym  
1200 E. California Blvd., Pasadena  
(626) 395-6146  
Offers special rate to Huntington long-term fellows, standard gym equipment, track, pools, racquetball, classes.

**Yoga House**  
http://www.yogahouse.com/  
Classes of all levels in a peaceful setting.

### Pets

**VCA Mission Animal Hospital**
25 W. Mission Road, Alhambra  
Nice staff, clean environment.

**Pet sitters and Dog Walkers**  
http://waggin-tails.net/

**Vet Villa**  
https://www.vetvilla.com/  
2140 Huntington Dr, South Pasadena, CA 91030, USA

### Salons and Spas

**Burke Williams Day Spa $$$**
39 Mills Place, Pasadena  
(626) 440-1222  
Luxury, relaxing, great massages.

**East 1212 $$**
2320 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena  
(626) 395-9900  
Trendy atmosphere, great cuts.

**Salon Vero $$**
940 Huntington Drive, Pasadena  
(626) 300-8804  
Cute and clean. Ask for April.

**Supercuts $**
1141 Fair Oaks Ave., South Pasadena  
(626) 799-9135  
Basic cuts, many Huntington staff members go here.

### Libraries

**Crowell Public Library**
1890 Huntington Dr., San Marino  
Very close to The Huntington.

**The Getty Research Institute**
1200 Getty Center Dr. #1100, Los Angeles  
Extensive collection of art-related materials.

### Bicycles

**Pasadena Cyclery**
1670 E. Walnut St., Pasadena  
Repair and sales.

**VELO Pasadena Inc.**
2562 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena  
Repair and sales.

**Incycle Bicycles**
175 S. Fair Oaks Ave., Pasadena  
Rentals, sales, repair.

**Target**
777 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena  
3121 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena  
Inexpensive bikes.
COMPUTERS

DI-NO Computers, Inc.
268 S. Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena
www.di-no.com

Micro Trends
2000 Las Lunas Street, Pasadena
www.micro-trends.com

Hi-Tech Computer Rental
172 W. Verdugo Rd., Burbank
www.htcr.net

CHILDCARE & PROGRAMS

Child Educational Center
www.ceconline.org
(818) 354-3418

Children's Center at Caltech
http://ccc.caltech.edu/
(626) 395-6860

Huntington Nannies
http://www.huntingtonnannies.com/
(626) 799-1300

Kids Klub Pasadena
www.kidsklubcdc.com
(626) 795-2501

Tom Sawyer Summer Day Camp
www.tomsawycamps.com
(626) 794-1156

Huntington Explorers

Children's Center at Caltech
http://ccc.caltech.edu/
(626) 395-6860

Huntington Nannies
http://www.huntingtonnannies.com/
(626) 799-1300

Meredith & Co.
https://www.meredithandcompany.com/
(310) 498-8965

CAR RENTALS

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
1890 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 405-0900

Hertz Local Edition
2070 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena
(626) 578-0443

Budget
570 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena
(626) 578-1287

NOTE: Other major national rental agencies usually have offices at both the Los Angeles and Burbank airports. Readers should call their toll-free numbers for more information.