



## Field Trip Opportunities -- Wednesday, July 22, 2009

### **Orange Tour - Local-Downtown: Griffith Park Fire Restoration, Audubon Center at Ernest Debs Park, and Arroyo Seco Channel** (Tour is limited to 50 people)

#### **Itinerary:**

11:30am	Depart Westin Bonaventure Hotel
11:30am- 11:45am	Travel to Griffith Park
11:45am- 12:30pm	Eat box lunch at Ranger Station
12:30pm- 1:45pm	Tour burn area/fire restoration in vans
1:45pm- 2:00pm	Travel to Audubon Center
2:15pm- 3:15pm	Tour Audubon Center – 40 to 50 people at one time
3:15pm- 3:45pm	Travel to Arroyo Seco Restoration Site
3:45pm- 5:00pm	Tour Arroyo Seco Restoration Site – several groups of 25 people
5:00pm- 5:15pm	Travel by bus to Old Town, Pasadena
5:15pm- 7:30pm	Dinner on your own
7:30pm- 8:00pm	Bus pick up to return to hotel



#### **Description:**

In Griffith Park, one of the largest parks within an urban area, restoration includes repair and replacement of site amenities damaged during the recent fire, protection from erosion, recovery monitoring, wildlife studies and monitoring, replanting with an emphasis on natural recovery.

Ernest Debs Park is 15 acres of trails and the 5,000 sq. ft. Audubon Center. The Audubon Center building was the first in the nation to receive a "Platinum" rating from the US Green Council for its use of all natural materials and being "off the grid" utilizing solar systems for all its energy needs. A number of small mammals, lizards, butterflies, and birds can be observed in this oasis within the city. Habitats include restored chaparral, grassland, and riparian communities.

The Arroyo Seco Restoration Site is part of the Arroyo Seco Channel, with its head in the San Gabriel Mountains and flows into the Los Angeles River. Restoration includes native plant communities and the first restoration in California of the native fish, the Arroyo Chub. Several tour groups of 25 can be accommodated at one time. Tour guides will be provided on site. The trails are moderately ADA accessible with some slopes on the steep side.



#### **What to Wear & Bring:**

Wear comfortable shoes for walking, light clothing, and a hat. LA weather link: [www.wunderground.com/US/CA/Los\\_Angeles.html](http://www.wunderground.com/US/CA/Los_Angeles.html)

#### **Food Offered:**

Water and lunch will be provided. Following the tour, participants will be bused to Old Town, Pasadena for dinner options: [www.oldpasadena.com](http://www.oldpasadena.com)

#### **Driving distance:**

Distance is approximately 5 miles from downtown Los Angeles. [www.2CSDmap.notlong.com](http://www.2CSDmap.notlong.com)

#### **Cost of Tour:**

**\$50.00 per person**

(Fee includes admission, lunch and transportation.)

#### **For Questions about the Tour Site, Contact:**

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