

DISCOVER MINI-PARKS ALONG THE LA RIVER



THE GLENDALE NARROWS

is one of three soft-bottomed reaches along the 52-miles of the Los Angeles River. Today, this ten miles shown on the map, from the Verdugo Wash to the Arroyo Seco, is home to hundreds of species of birds, amphibians and reptiles. It is also a place of leisure for the communities that border this corridor.

SINCE 1990, COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL

groups have worked together to make the river more open. Hundreds of native trees have been planted, creating shade and habitat for wildlife and people. Before, holes cut in barbed wire fence provided unauthorized entry to the river. Now, new access points to the river and mini-parks like this one provide seating, educational signs and artwork.

THESE SMALL IMPROVEMENTS,

along with public support, have ushered in larger-scale improvements such as the LA River Bikeway and the two LA River State Parks in the Glendale Narrows.

SEVEN RIVER ACCESS POCKET PARKS

are described here. Experience them and make this river part of your life.

MAP LEGEND

LOS ANGELES RIVER
BIKEWAY

For more information on the river:

FRIENDS OF THE LA RIVER
www.folar.org

THE RIVER PROJECT
www.riverproject.org

NORTH EAST TREES, based in the LA River Center in Cypress Park, is a grassroots environmental organization that creates green space in LA, and designed this river park and signage.

www.northeasttrees.org

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1 LOS ANGELES RIVERWALK AT THE GUARDIANS OF THE RIVER GATE

ATWATER VILLAGE, LOS ANGELES
NORTH EAST TREES, 1999

The beautiful gate, designed and fabricated by local artist Michael Amescua, marks the entry to 1-1/2 miles of native greenway improvements on the north and south sides of Los Feliz Blvd. along the east bank of the river. Improvements include native gardens, a picnic table, a yoga garden with Tai Chi circle, a dry streambed and Juan Bautista de Anza signage and trail markers.



2 SUNNYNOOK MINI-PARK

ATWATER VILLAGE, LOS ANGELES
NORTH EAST TREES, 1999

This small entry point off Sunnook Drive connects the community of Atwater Village with the east bank of the river. It provides shade and seating and a great view for people out enjoying the river.



3 RATTLESNAKE PARK

ELYSIAN VALLEY, LOS ANGELES
NORTH EAST TREES, 1996

The beautiful Great Heron Gates designed by local artist Brett Goldstone are a welcoming landmark along Fletcher Drive to an urban greenway filled with sycamore, cottonwood and elderberry trees. Park features include benches, a bike rack, a drinking fountain and a serpentine river rock seating wall inspired by the nest of rattlesnakes found during park construction.



4 DUCK PARK

ELYSIAN VALLEY, LOS ANGELES
NORTH EAST TREES, 2004

This river park located off Meadowvale Street provides the community with access to the west bank of the river. Previously, this street-end site was cut off from the community by a broken chain-link fence and used for illegal dumping. Now, it is a safe entry point to the river. The park features native plants, benches, a bike rack and a river rock seating wall to observe the birds and ducks that use the river for food and shelter.



6 OSO PARK

ELYSIAN VALLEY, LOS ANGELES
NORTH EAST TREES, 2000

Life-sized metal mountain lion, deer and bear are playfully posed in this native garden park along Riverside Drive near Oros Street. Large boulders and river rock provide naturalistic seating in the shade of full-canopied sycamore trees.

7 EGRET PARK

ELYSIAN VALLEY, LOS ANGELES
NORTH EAST TREES, 1996

This linear park is the southernmost gateway to Elysian Valley and the Glendale Narrows reach of the river. Located between the river and Riverside Drive, this park features benches, a drinking fountain and native planting. The three educational signs that overlook the river describe a natural and community vision for the Los Angeles River.