

## THE NATURE CENTER

At the intersection of the San Gabriel River and Los Coyotes Creek, El Dorado Park is one of the region's largest parks. The Nature Center is a picturesque experience of native California habitat.



WALK LONG BEACH

**DISTANCE** 3.3 MILES

**DIFFICULTY** ●●●●●

Upon entering the gates of El Dorado Nature Center from Spring Street, cross the footbridges of the North Lake to arrive at the **1 NATURE CENTER MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER**. The gallery hosts exhibits from local artisans while a small bookstore provides visitors with an opportunity to purchase nature books and gifts. There are several hiking loops including a paved 1/4 mile and a one-mile and two-mile dirt trail. Trails traverse the over one-hundred acre natural oasis complete with two lakes, a stream, grasslands, native plants and groves of oaks and sycamores, filled with birds, turtles, insects and other wildlife. If you choose the 2-mile trail loop, you'll arrive at the **2 SOUTH LAKE** the largest lake at the Nature Center home to migratory waterfowl in winter and egrets and herons year-round. Look in the high trees nearby to view Great-horned owls, osprey and other raptors. After exiting the gated grounds of the Nature Center, turn west and follow the service road along Spring Street to the **3 SAN GABRIEL RIVER TRAIL**. Heading south on the paved river trail there is a collection of regional infrastructure to the east including Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Southern California Edison and the Southern California Water Replenishment District's **LEO VANDER LANS WATER TREATMENT FACILITY**. The facility supplies water to protect the Central Groundwater Basin from seawater contamination; ultimately protecting the region's drinking water. In the meadows here, look for Western meadowlarks and red-winged blackbirds. You'll also overlook the San Gabriel River channel to the west & a variety of bird life including double-crested cormorants, mallards and black-necked stilts. **EL DORADO NATURE CENTER TRAILS** are open 8am-5pm Tu-Su.

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