

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.



DISTANCE 3.3 MILES

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Upon entering the **EL DORADO NATURE CENTER** from Spring Street, cross the foot bridges of the North Lake to arrive at the **1 NATURE CENTER MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER**. The gallery hosts art exhibits from local artisans while a small bookstore provides visitors with an opportunity to purchase nature books and gifts. There are dozens of routes to traverse the over one-hundred acre natural oasis complete with multiple lakes, a stream, meadow and groves of oaks and sycamores, filled with birds, fishes, critters and insects. Pass by the **2 OBSERVATION TOWER** and South Lake to the edge of the Nature Center and turn west towards the **3 SAN GABRIEL RIVER TRAIL** to duck below Willow Street. Continue beyond a collection of regional infrastructure including Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Southern California Edison and the Southern California Water Replenishment District. Turning north from the confluence of the Los Coyotes Creek and San Gabriel River cross under electricity transmission facilities and by the **4 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. The worn path leads to a pedestrian tunnel back into the Nature Center where turning east enters into a dense tree canopy. Navigating the various trails around the **MEADOW** area will eventually lead to the eastern edge of the habitat next to the **5 LONG BEACH COMMUNITY GARDEN**, an eight acre collection of 300 private vegetable plots. Follow the trails northwest toward the North Lake and origin of this adventure through Nature.

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