



The Observatory is located at the north end of Vermont Ave. on the south slope of Mt. Hollywood in Griffith Park. From the Hollywood Freeway (101), take the Vermont exit north to the end of the street. From the Golden State Freeway (5), take the Los Feliz exit west to Vermont, and then north.



Griffith Observatory, 2800 East Observatory Road, Los Angeles, California 90027

### Griffith Observatory



### Main Attractions of The Observatory Today

**Planetarium**  
The Planetarium is the huge domed theater where, with the aid of the large Zeiss projector and over a hundred optical effect projects, you are realistically transported to stars and planets far beyond the realm of everyday experience. The planetarium takes you to all parts of the solar system, to Mars, Venus, or ancient Egypt, or beyond the Milky Way, almost reaching you and the earth. Shows change several times a year. Call 213 684-1181 for info.

**SLAMMER** Beginning June 22 to end Holiday  
M to F 1:00-3:00 7:00-9:00  
Sa & Su 1:00-3:00 4:30-7:00  
Closed


**WINTER** Through June 21 '92  
Tu to F 8:00-9:30  
Sa & Su 1:00-3:00 4:30-7:00  
Closed


**ADMISSION**  
Child (5-12) \$3.00  
General (13-64) \$3.50  
Seniors (65+) \$3.00

**Laserium**  
Laserium light concerts, symphonies of sound and light, are presented after each evening planetarium show by Laserium, Inc. Admission is free. The planetarium shows and Laserium gives you easy parking and preferred seating without waiting in line. Call 618 987-3224

**Hall of Science**  
Active early to allow time to tour the Hall of Science. The exhibits include the Foucault Pendulum, the Solar Telescope, the 8-foot Earth and Moon Globes, Moonspheres, the Coast Field Coil, a Cosmic Ray Cloud Chamber, and many more. Tours are given at regular intervals.


**SLAMMER** Every day 12:30pm to 10:00pm  
Tu to F 2:00pm to 10:00pm  
Sa & Su 12:30pm to 10:00pm  
Closed





### The Largest Public Park in the United States

In 1888 Los Angeles got a public park for Christmas. It came from Griffith, James Griffith, who made his fortune in mining as a prospector and a journalist returning on property from Nevada to Mexico. Griffith had settled in Los Angeles in 1882, buying up 4,000 acres of the old Los Feliz Rancho for \$50,000 and opening a real estate office in town. By 1888 he was ready to make his big offer: more than 2,000 acres of Los Feliz land for public use, as a Christmas gift to the city. Griffith's plan was to build an observatory atop Mt. Hollywood, within the park as a center for Christmas gifts. The Griffith Observatory was finally approved on May 14, 1892.



### Other Interesting Information

**Griffith Observer**  
Enjoy the Observatory's monthly astronomy magazine in your own home by subscribing to the Griffith Observer. It brings the universe to your doorstep every month. Single issues are available at the Book Shop.

**Special Activities**  
The Observatory offers a variety of short courses, hosts popular lectures, provides a meeting place for the Los Angeles Astronomical Society (the oldest amateur astronomy organization in Southern California), and presents other special programs through the year.

**School Programs**  
Special evening planetarium shows are offered to school groups during the academic year. Admission is \$1.00 per person. Phone 213 684-1181 only between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., Tuesday through Friday, for additional information. Reservations are required.

**Friends of the Observatory**  
FOTO is a non-profit support group that offers numerous benefits to members and secures the growth of the Observatory. Become a member and ensure that the stars continue to shine on the Griffith Observatory. Call 213 558-0787.

