



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## A HIKE IN GRIFFITH PARK TO START THE NEW YEAR

*Nature walk for beginners, led by a Los Angeles City Park Ranger*

**WHEN: Saturday, January 17, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**WHERE: Griffith Park Visitor Center**

**4730 Crystal Springs Dr.**

**WHAT:** The first in a series of monthly nature walks/hikes in 2009 to various locations in Griffith Park, led by a Los Angeles City Park Ranger. The portions of Griffith Park covered will include information about some of the native trees and plants that are found there. The beginner level excursion will be three to four miles and is designed to be an introduction to hiking. Park Ranger Ernie Ybarra will lead the activity, which will start at the Griffith Park Visitor Center. The series of hikes will give enthusiasts of different skill levels an opportunity to trek to the Hollywood sign (intermediate) and Dante's View and Captain's Roost (beginner-intermediate). The February hike is scheduled for the 14th and will be a special Valentine's Day celebration for intermediate to advanced ability hikers.

**WHO:** Los Angeles City Park Ranger Ernie Ybarra

New and moderately experienced nature walkers from in and around Los Angeles

**VISUALS:** Southern Californians out enjoying a beautiful day

Ranger Ybarra (in uniform) pointing out native trees and plants

**TO GET TO THE GRIFFITH PARK VISITOR CENTER:** From the **5 (Golden State) Freeway** exit at Los Feliz Blvd. Take Los Feliz Blvd. west a short distance to Crystal Springs Drive. Take Crystal Springs Drive north into Griffith Park and go 1½ miles to the Visitor Center, which is on the right (east) side of the street. (*Thomas Guide page 564, grid B7*).