



MEDIA ADVISORY

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A HEARTY 13-MILE HIKE IN GRIFFITH PARK

Los Angeles City Park Ranger will lead half-marathon trip

WHEN: Saturday, February 28, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Griffith Park Visitor Center

4730 Crystal Springs Dr.

WHAT: A half-marathon hike through Griffith Park, led by a Los Angeles City Park Ranger, part of a group of excursions in 2009 for hikers of varying skill levels; the 13-mile trek is the longest and most challenging. The extended trip will take hikers to some of the park's most popular and picturesque places, with a lunch stop at the Griffith Observatory. Hikes will be held almost every month this year on a Saturday morning, and there is no charge to participate in any of them.

WHO: Skilled hikers from different parts of Southern California
Los Angeles City Park Ranger Ernie Ybarra

VISUALS: Participants putting their best foot forward for 13 miles
Ranger Ybarra (in uniform) leading the way

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*).

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