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FOR LITTLE TO NO COST

EXPLORING BALBOA PARK FOR LITTLE TO NO COST

I WILL GUIDE YOU ON:

- WHERE TO FIND OUT INFO
- WHICH DAYS ARE BEST
- WHAT'S ALREADY FREE
- WHERE THE BATHROOMS ARE
- HOW TO TOUR FOR FREE
- DINING OPTIONS
- IDEAS FOR DATES
- HOW TO PLAN YOUR VISIT
- ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO BRING
- TIPS & TECHNIQUES

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WHERE TO FIND OUT INFO?

IF IT'S UNDERLINED, IT'S A LINK

ONLINE

- INSTAGRAM 
- WEBSITE

THERE

- VISITOR'S CENTER
- PEOPLE IN GREEN SHIRTS

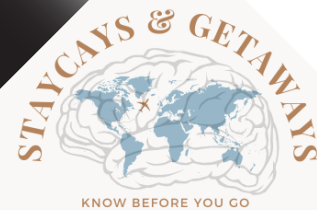
The best way to find information is using their Instagram. That is where they will tell you on what is going on weekly. If you follow me as well, I post weekly which museums are free that week. The second best way is their website, they'll let you know what's free or cost and link you tickets.

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BEST DAY?



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WHICH DAYS ARE BEST?

Tuesday's is free residence day and it's different every week

First Tuesday

Fleet Science Center
San Diego Natural History Museum
(Not valid for films)
San Diego Model Railroad Museum

Second

San Diego Air & Space Museum
(Not valid for special exhibitions)
The Veterans Museum at Balboa Park
Comic-Con Museum

Third

San Diego Museum of Art
Japanese Friendship Garden
(Excluding March, which will occur on the 4th Tuesday)
Mingei International Museum
The Old Globe

Fourth

San Diego Automotive Museum –
Except in December
Japanese Friendship Garden (March only)

Fifth

Regular admission prices are in effect

Tours are free at 11am on Tuesday and Fridays (except the Third Friday of the month).

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WHAT'S ALREADY FREE



IF IT'S FREE, IT'S FOR ME

- Trails
- Gardens (except for the Japanese Friendship garden)
- tram shuttles to various parking lots & stops around the park
- information at the Visitor's Center
- Tour's on Tuesday and Fridays (except the third Friday of the month) at 11am
- Residence Tuesday with valid ID (some check)

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BATHROOMS

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WHERE THE BATHROOMS ARE

LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE PARK NEAR THE FOLLOWING
LANDMARKS:



- Casa del Prado**
- San Diego Automotive Museum**
- San Diego History Center**
- Spreckels Organ Pavilion**
- Spanish Village Art Center**

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TOURING FOR FREE

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HOW TO TOUR FOR FREE

IF IT'S UNDERLINED, IT'S A LINK

- DAYS** • TUESDAY & FRIDAY (EXCEPT THE THIRD FRIDAY)
- TIME** • 11AM, 1.5 HOURS
- WHERE** • VISITOR'S CENTER
- GUIDES** • PEOPLE IN GREEN SHIRTS

When I toured with them, I found it informative and the Volunteer (bill) was amazing, there was tons I didn't know about the park and was excited to learn so much rich history, culture and botany information in a short span of time. I recommend since it is free.

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DINING OPTIONS



MUSEUM FOOD

- ALASKA AIRLINES FLIGHT PATH GRILL
- CAFÉ IN THE PARK
- CRAFT CAFÉ
- CRAVEOLOGY
- DANIEL'S COFFEE
- LADY CAROLYN'S PUB
- PANAMA 66 AT THE SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART
- PRADO PERK
- THE PRADO
- THE TEA PAVILION

PICNIC FOOD IDEAS

- SALAD
- SANWHICHES
- PASTA SALAD
- COOKIES
- SNACKS
- DIPS & VEGGIES
- DRINKS (WATER, JUICE, ETC.)
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EAT, DRINK, AND
BE THANKFUL



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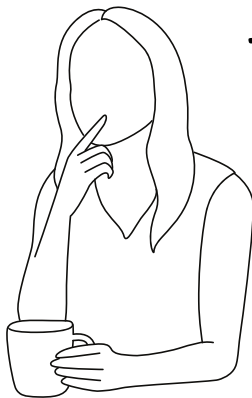
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ideas FOR DATES



-  **Museum Hopping on Tuesday**
-  **Use Discover & Go on other days**
-  **have a picnic in one of the lovely gardens**
-  **walk one of the many trails**
-  **Bring you dog on a stroll and picnic together. If your dog fetches, bring a ball**
-  **Bring you laptop and work together (snacks will elevate)**
-  **lay in the grass on a picnic blanket**
-  **mini photo shoot**
-  **SUMMER- Organ at night, listen and snack under the night sky**
-  **Winter- December Nights**



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1. Research

Look at their IG and see what is going on in your week. They often post free things. Summers is the Organ Pavilion has night concerts, and winter is December Nights.

2. Plan a day

Best days are Tuesday if you are resident, if you have a library card, you can book on Discover & Go.

3. Communicate

Let whomever you want to come with (or not) know the information of time & date.

Talk about, which are open. What you want to eat & where, and talk about where to meet for parking if you are taking separate vehicles.

4. Prep (if needed)

If you are using Discover & Go, screenshot the ticket to save on data.

Prepare picnic food

Water refill and napkins in backpack.

Sanitary items because you are outside and may not have access to clean up

4. Go have fun with the funds you saved

If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.

-unknown



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ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO BRING



- Water bottle
- Hat
- Picnic blanket
- Snack
- light sweater

Bring them and if you don't need them, keep it in the car.

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TIPS & TECHNIQUES



following on IG to be current in events



Keep picnic blanket in car you won't know if or when you may want it.



Try for Tuesdays (10AM-4PM) for free museums We are able to go after work. Try if your schedule allows.



Ride the tram to see the outline of the park



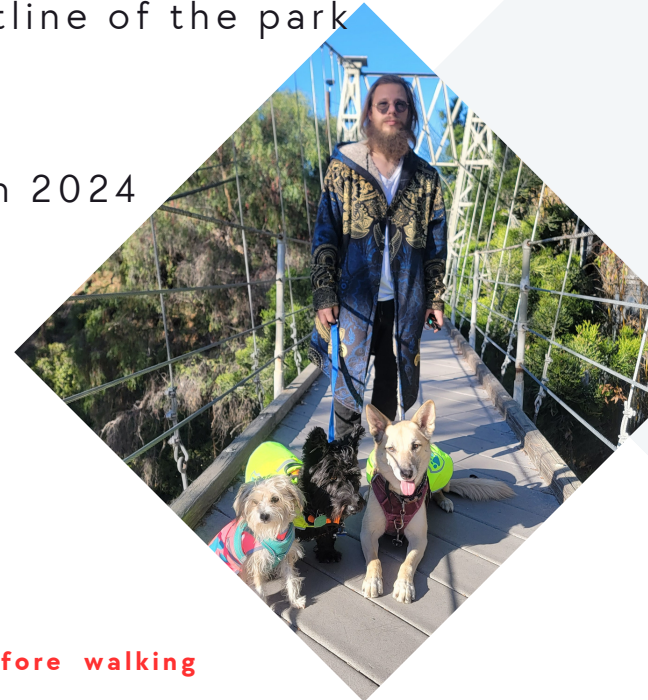
Botanical garden re-opens in 2024



Bring water, hat, and a way to hold your things.



Have fun!



DISCLAIMER: SUMMER - floor may be hot; check before walking your dog

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