The First - Ever LA River Campout: INFORMATION

**Start:** Saturday May 31st @ 3pm  
**End:** Sunday June 1st @ 10am

The Bowtie Parcel  
2800 Casitas Ave. (Approx.)  
Los Angeles, CA 90039

**Rio de Los Angeles Bowtie Parcel: About the Site**

The Bowtie Parcel of Rio de Los Angeles State Park is a hidden gem in the emerald necklace of the Los Angeles River greenway. The site is owned by California State Parks and offers new perspectives on the Los Angeles River. The currently undeveloped, post-industrial 18-acre asphalt lot is optimally positioned to become the 4th new urban State Park in the Los Angeles Sector.

In January 2014, California State Parks partnered with the non-profit organization Clockshop to produce “The Unfinished” a large scale sculpture by Michael Parker. “The Unfinished”, which opened to the public in March 2014, is a 137 ft. to-scale replica of an Egyptian archaeological site known as the Unfinished Obelisk which cracked before it could be completed and lifted from its quarry. “The Unfinished” is the first project in an ongoing partnership between California State Parks and Clockshop which will bring public art, creative cultural events and educational programming to the Bowtie site.

**RECOMMENDED GEAR and SUPPLIES**

- Tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad (unless you have reserved gear through us).  
- Flashlight or headlamp  
- Hat and sunscreen  
- Sneakers or hiking boots  
- Folding Chair(s)  
- Cooler with beverages and water. There is no running water on site, you must pack in water. Please try to avoid bringing small plastic water bottles.  
- Bring picnic food items. Grilled meat and veggie burgers are available for purchase, see below.

* There is no electric power on site. Phones can’t be charged!
SCHEDULE

*Please note, in order to gain access to the site at 3 pm, you must have RSVP’d and received confirmation for your reservation. Parking is available on-site, you will be directed to park upon arrival.

**Activities are optional but highly encouraged. Those who will not be camping and wish to participate in activities and the campfire ONLY, please arrive at 4:30pm.

SATURDAY MAY 31st

3:00 pm  Campers Arrive / Load In / Setup Campsites
  • Participants will check-in at gate with Ranger and at welcome table to be guided to campsites.

4:30 pm  Gathering Circle & Welcome
  • Sean Woods, Superintendent for the Los Angeles sector of CA State Parks
  • Julia Meltzer, Director of Clockshop
  • Michael Parker, Artist of The Unfinished

5:00pm  Nature Walks
  • MRCA Ranger Perez Soto & CSP Ranger Keleigh Apperson will lead campers in an exploratory walk of the Bowtie Site and the river’s edge, discussing the native environs and plant life.

5:30pm  Memory Mapping Workshop
  • Lila Higgins of the LA Natural History Museum & Kat Superfisky of Mia Lehrer + Associates will lead participants through memory mapping exercises using aerial imagery from do-it-yourself balloon mapping efforts and through a visioning activity that explores the transition from space to place along the entire 51 miles of the river.

6:00pm  Dinner / Cookout
  • Picnic items recommended
  • Grillmaster Matt Beville will be cooking up hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers available for purchase, $4
  • BEVERAGES/WATER WILL NOT BE PROVIDED

8:00pm  Campfire with California State Parks
  • Ranger Keleigh will lead campers in a traditional campfire gathering complete with s’mores, ghost stories and songs.
9:30pm   **Night-Light Bug Workshop**  
• Join entomologists Lisa Gonzalez and Emily Hartop as they search for nocturnal insects along the LA River. Using a technique known as "black lighting" to attract and observe bugs as they wander by, we hope the campers will be delighted by the miniature marvels that call the river their home.

10:00pm   **Lights Out**

**SUNDAY JUNE 1st**

7-8:00am   **Wake up and breakfast**

8:30am   **Gathering circle for closing remarks and comments**

9 - 10 am   **Pack up, Clean up, Depart**

**SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION**

We are excited to share your experiences at this campout with others. Please follow us on Facebook, twitter, instagram and Tumblr. We are using the following hashtags during this event:

#LARiverCampOut
#mydayinLA
#LAriver
#publicspaces
#urbanparks
RULES & REGULATIONS

California State Parks has rules and regulations to protect park areas for the enjoyment of future generations as well as for the convenience and safety of the park visitors. To ensure your visit is a pleasant one, please observe the following:

**CAMPSITE USE** is based on prior reservation. Checkout time is 10 am.

**PARKING/VEHICLES** must be confined to the designated area. Vehicles will not be allowed on the camping area or to load in. Volunteers and handcarts will be available to assist people the short distance from the parking lot to their sites.

**FIRES** will not be permitted outside of the provided fire pits. Portable stoves are not allowed. It is the responsibility of every visitor to use extreme caution with any burning materials, including tobacco. All fireworks are prohibited.

**ANIMALS**, including dogs, are not allowed at this event, other than those that assist the permanently disabled.

**LOUD NOISE** is prohibited at all times, and is disturbing to those asleep between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

**REFUSE**, including garbage, cigarettes, paper boxes, bottles, ashes and other rubbish, shall be placed only in designated receptacles.

**PLEASE** clean up after yourself so that others may enjoy the site.

**LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS - TAKE ONLY MEMORIES**