

PLAY THE LA RIVER QUIK-GUIDE

WHAT IS PLAY THE LA RIVER?



A CALL ACROSS THE LAND—to play on the banks of the LA River, & to call others to do the same. Yes, the LA River! Any time, anywhere.

A CARD DECK—so you can find the LA River!—which historically, we know, has often been very hard to do. The playable card deck doubles as a guide to 56 sites—52 glorious sites on the River & 4 fantastic wild-card sites off the River.

Want to order, download, or pick up a [card deck](#)? Visit playthelariver.com.

WHERE CAN YOU PLAY THE LA RIVER?



ALL 51 MILES, from headwaters to mouth. The card deck will show you all of it, in 4 suits—Valley, Glendale Narrows, Downtown, & South.

Some sites have shiny new green parks. Some... Well, not so much—not yet—but you might find a mural, a cool view, a great nearby taqueria, an old suspension bridge, a horse crossing, or an unexpected flock of water birds. The cards take you to the River, over the River—& even into the River in the 2 summer rec zones.

EXPLORE, ENJOY, RECLAIM & REIMAGINE
THE RIVER AS A GRAND CIVIC SPACE.

IT'S 2015... DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR RIVER IS?

HOW DO YOU PLAY THE LA RIVER?



Choose one of the 56 sites in the card deck. Go there. Play there. Have some fun there. Got pix, videos, songs, a river sonnet, or dance moves? [#playthelariver](#)



“We’re playing the LA River!” Imagine jillions of these posts & pix flying around the web. At least.

GALLOP POKER FORAGE BIRD SOLITAIRE
JUGGLE HULA HOOP CHESS HIP HOP
SKIP SEY TAI (HI) KAYAK SCULPT SALSA SINGBIKE
POTLUCK (HARADES)
STORY (CIRCLE) HOW DO YOU WANT TO PLAY? PARADE
SOCCER SCAVENGER HUNT FISH FRISBEE BARBEQUE NARDI STROLL
JUMP SLACKLINE YOGA RUN CLIMB POETRY SLAM
BOCCE BALL SKATE PUZZLE PAINT PICNIC HAIKU

Play the LA River is led by Project 51—a collective of Riverly artists, designers, planners, writers & educators. Get more info at playthelariver.com.

Contact us at playthelariver@gmail.com.

WHO CAN PLAY THE LA RIVER?



YOU. Your friends, family, soul mates, blind dates. Your teammates & classmates. Your arts group, NGO, neighbors, coven, or flash mob.

Play solo. Go with people you know. Or play with strangers—the nice ones: [FIND OR POST AN EVENT](#) on the [calendar](#) at [playthelariver.com](#).

WHY PLAY THE LA RIVER?



WHY NOT??

And because the huge, gazillion-dollar public projects to turn the concrete River into a 51-mile greenbelt through the heart of the LA area are happening **RIGHT NOW**. Revitalizing the River will clean our waters & maximize our water supplies. It'll connect our communities, & it'll bring parks & public spaces to many of LA's most challenged & park-starved neighborhoods.

And because you should be able to find & enjoy what's been built so far.

And because you should have a say in the future—especially if you live near the river. What, Where, How Fast, & *For Whom*. They're all up for grabs.

And because this huge vision for new parks, wetlands, bikeways & public spaces will transform the LA area—and *everyone* (not just developers & the planners we love) should know what's going on & have the chance to speak up.

So go, find, explore, enjoy—and claim & reimagine the River & LA as our public treasure & our megalopolis.

IF WE PLAY HERE, THEY WILL BUILD IT...

WHEN CAN YOU PLAY THE LA RIVER?



ANY TIME. Wake up some friends this Saturday and go—or plan something a week or a month ahead. Play at a few sites. Try a new site every other weekend. Binge for a couple weeks & try 27. Binge on Netflix, but do it on the LA River.

Check the [calendar](#) at [playthelariver.com](#) for Riverly events, including occasional Project 51 happenings.

PLAY SAFELY, PLAY LEGALLY



USE CAUTION, & PLAY IN YOUR COMFORT ZONE. Check the 3-point “gritty-to-green” scale on each card to gauge how official & inviting (or not) a site is likely to be. As a general rule, you'll want to play during the day, as most of the 56 sites are not lit or patrolled.

Play next to the river & obey posted signs. You can only 100% legally enter the river in the 2 summer rec zones ([lariverrecreation.org](#) for more info).

DO YOU NEED A PERMIT? Possibly, but only if you plan to do big events. Contact [playthelariver@gmail.com](#) if you're not sure whether or where to get one, & we'll help you find the appropriate official people.

Stay out of the river during & for at least 24 hours after a rain—and whenever the rec zones are closed. **ALWAYS, ABSOLUTELY, NO EXCEPTIONS. FLASH FLOODS HAPPEN & ARE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.**