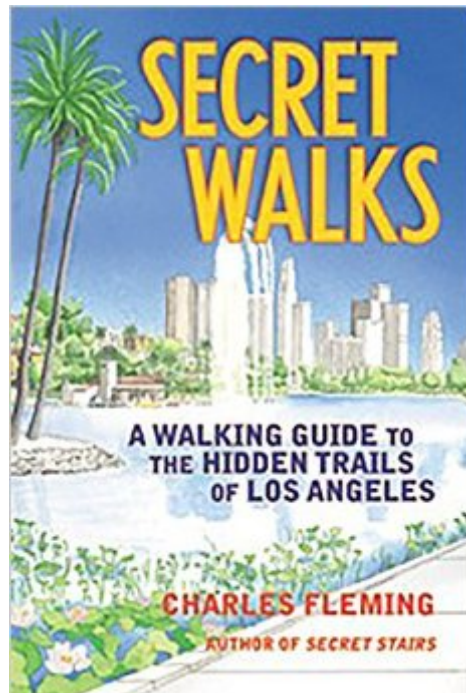


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Secret Walks: A Walking Guide To The Hidden Trails Of Los Angeles



Synopsis

Secret Walks: A Walking Guide to the Hidden Trails of Los Angeles is a sequel to the popular *Secret Stairs: A Walking Guide to the Historic Staircases of Los Angeles*, and features another collection of exciting urban walks through parks, canyons, and neighborhoods unknown and unseen by most Angelinos. Each walk is rated for duration, distance, and difficulty, and is accompanied by a map. The walks, like those in *Secret Stairs*, are filled with fascinating factoids about historical landmarks—the original Bat Cave from *Batman*, the lake where Opie learned to fish on *The Andy Griffith Show*, or the storage barn for one of L.A.'s oldest wineries. The book also highlights the people who made the landmarks famous: the infamous water engineer William Mulholland; the convicted murderer and philanthropist Colonel Griffith J. Griffith; Charles Lummis, who walked from Cincinnati to Los Angeles to take a job on the *L.A. Times*; and tobacco millionaire Abbot Kinney, who dug canals to drain the marshes south of Santa Monica and create his American "Venice." Written in the entertainingly informed style that has made *Secret Stairs* a *Los Angeles Times* best-seller, *Secret Walks* is the perfect book for the walker eager to explore but tired of the crowds at Runyon Canyon or Temescal Park.

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Customer Reviews

A great companion book to the *Secret Stairs* book. This is a collection of another 42 walks that one can take for something to do in and around Los Angeles that doesn't cost anything to do other than the cost of driving there and possibly parking in some locations. So far I've only completed two of the walks. One was Paradise Falls, in Thousand Oaks, and it was interesting to see this beautiful

waterfall in the middle of a drought with nothing really around it where one would think a waterfall would be in existence.

A fantastic guide that takes newcomers and native Angelenos to places they never knew or heard of. What a great way to get reacquainted with one's city and get exercise at the same time. Thank you again for another amazing book!

My favorite LA book. The first book "Stair Hikes" is just as good. I am born and raised in LA and both these books are perfect for the LA native who thinks they have seen/been/done all of LA. Since buying both these books I have had a lot more fun discovering new things here in my own back yard. I was so tired of doing the same hike every week at Runyon Canyon. Because of these two books I am always excited to try an new stair hike or walk!

I'm a LA resident of over 20 years, and this book made me fall in love with the city all over again. It's the sequel to one of my favorite hiking guides, Secret Stairs, and it uncovers more of the local Los Angeles paths that we don't know about. These walks are less rigorous than Secret Stairs, and designed for people of all ages. More than that, they're another great reason to explore. Highly recommend.

We started out years ago with The Secret Stairs walks. Love them both. We've gone on several of the walks ourselves and our Walkie-Talkie group uses them for group walks as well. Love the "back stories" and great directions. It's fun - Just Do It!

So much fun to get out and explore our great city! The only thing that would make this better is if each walk had turn by turn directions at the end of each walk. Sometimes the walk is hard to follow if you're trying to read and navigate at the same time. That being said, I've never gotten lost!

Absolutely love this book. All these amazing places I never knew about. And we hardly see other people - which is pretty amazing in the middle of LA. Note though that walk#7 is no longer possible because they have locked the gate to the stairs by the school in solano canyon.

Whatcha gonna do on an early weekend morning? Take a hike! Great narrated secret walks in LA, perfect for stretching your legs, getting some air and striding the unbeaten path. Mr. Fleming's style

is engaging and the walks are well curated with interesting history and local lore. Get your copy now!

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