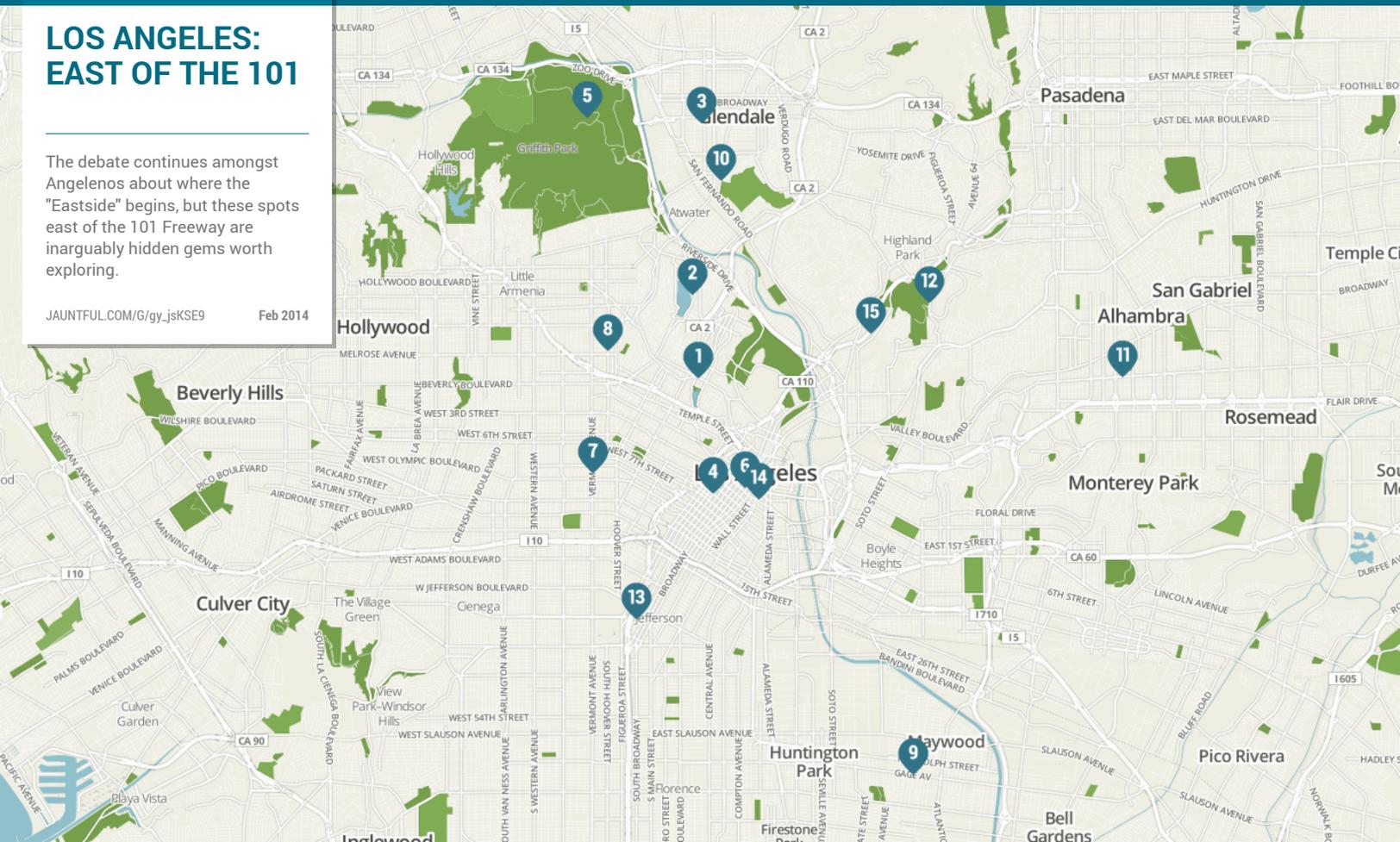


LOS ANGELES: EAST OF THE 101

The debate continues amongst Angelenos about where the "Eastside" begins, but these spots east of the 101 Freeway are inarguably hidden gems worth exploring.

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1 ORIGAMI VINYL
Record Shop

The free performances hosted here draw in an eclectic crowd of recent transplants and longtime locals. Where I go to get my vinyl fix on.

1816 W Sunset Blvd (at Lemoyne St)
(213) 413-3030 www.origamiorigami.com

2 SILVER LAKE MEADOW
Park

It's quickly become the best place to run and then sunbathe in the city. Weekends become a vibrant cacophony of laughter, shadowed by kites flying overhead.

Silver Lake Blvd (at Armstrong Ave)

3 MINI KABOB
Middle Eastern

The name is both accurate and a misnomer: the restaurant is indeed tiny (just 3 tables), but the portions are belt-loosening and addictive.

313 Vine St (Central Ave)
(818) 244-1343

4 CARAVAN BOOKSTORE
Bookstore

The last of a dying breed, this dealer of printed matter looks like the set of a Wes Anderson film, but without the preciousness. So much history within awaits!

550 S Grand Ave (at 6th st)
(213) 626-9944

5 AMIR'S GARDEN
Garden

For three decades a man, first by himself, then with the aid of others, turned a small hillside of Griffith Park into a lush oasis to escape the hubbub.

Griffith Park

6 DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENT
Movie Theater

An indie movie theater hosting smaller films which fall under the radar of most other LA arthouse venues. There's also IPA on tap for those who like to booze.

251 S Main St (btwn 2nd & 3rd St)
(213) 617-1033 www.downtownindependent.com

7 YONGSUSAN
Korean

My fav Korean BBQ spot is across the street, but those ready to expand their idea of Korean cuisine can explore royal Kaesong tradition from private rooms.

950 S Vermont Ave
(213) 388-3042 www.yongsusan.co.kr/en/menu-1/menu.htm

8 SQIRL KITCHEN
Bakery

This used to be our secret breakfast spot. The secret is out, so I recommend getting here before 9:30am. Order the "R2" like a long time local.

720 N Virgil Ave, #4 (Marathon)
(213) 394-6526 squirrela.com

9 LA CASITA MEXICANA
Mexican

Just the thought of the peppers stuffed with meat, dried fruits, walnuts, candied cactus, pecan cream sauce, and pomegranate can make this grown man cry in want

4030 Gage Ave
(323) 773-1898 www.casitamex.com

10 HALL OF THE CRUCIFIXION AT
Arts & Entertainment

Atop one of the oldest cemeteries in Los Angeles is this "OMFG, why haven't I been here yet?!" museum housing one of the largest paintings in the world.

1712 Glendale Avenue
forestlawn.com/

11 CHENGDU TASTE
Chinese

People wait up to an hour for the hot-n-icy sensation of hallucination inducing Sichuan cuisine here. The Numb-Taste wontons are a thrill ride by the spoonful.

828 W Valley Blvd
(626) 588-2284

12 PEANUT LAKE
Outdoors & Recreation

Wait, you didn't know there's a "lake" (more like a pond) at the top of the open hills of Debs Park? Sunsets are the reward for the sweat-inducing hike up.

4235 Monterey Road

13 CHICHEN ITZA RESTAURANT
Mexican

Taco trucks and stands are undeniably great, but the longaniza asada yucatan and creamy papadzules here are a reminder homemade style dishes trumps fast food.

3655 S Grand Ave, #C6 (inside Mercado La Paloma)
(213) 741-1075 www.chichenitzarestaurant.com

14 JAMES IRVINE JAPANESE GARDEN
Garden

This tranquil and picturesque botanical garden is a hidden oasis amongst the concrete canopy of Downtown, a perfect spot to enjoy a box of green tea Pocky at.

244 S. Pedro St.
(213) 628-2725

15 HERITAGE SQUARE MUSEUM
History Museum

If you've ever dreamt of stepping into a time machine, here's your chance to see Los Angeles as it once was. Walk inside glorious Victorian architecture in awe!

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