



BIXBY MARSHLAND

Map & Guide for Visitors



Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

WHAT IS A MARSHLAND?

A marsh is a tract of soft, wet land usually containing grass or rushes. The Bixby Marshland consists of various habitats that receive water from the neighboring Wilmington Drain. Wetlands are unique because of their role as an “ecotone,” or transition area, between terrestrial (land) and aquatic (water) environments.

WHY ARE WETLANDS IMPORTANT?

Wetlands are home to 43 percent of the federally listed endangered and threatened species. They provide habitat for birds, animals, amphibians, invertebrates, fish, and a diverse group of plants.

Besides providing habitat, wetlands are sometimes called “the kidneys of the landscape” because they receive water that rushes off the land during storms. In the wetland, water is cleansed of sediments and pollutants before it slowly enters the ocean or underground aquifers.

DOCENTS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to guide tours on the first Saturdays of the month and by appointment. We are looking to build an active service group who contribute their time and talents to making Bixby Marshland an educational and fun place to visit. If you are interested, please call Wendy Wert at (562) 908-4288, ext. 2308, to learn about volunteer opportunities at the Marshland.

FOR YOUR SAFETY & ENJOYMENT

No smoking; deposit litter in trash containers; no pets, bicycles, jogging, or recreational equipment; no picnicking; no plant collecting or introduction of any animals or plants into the Marshland; and no commercial photography except by prior arrangement. Please stay on Marshland pathways and take away only photographs and memories!

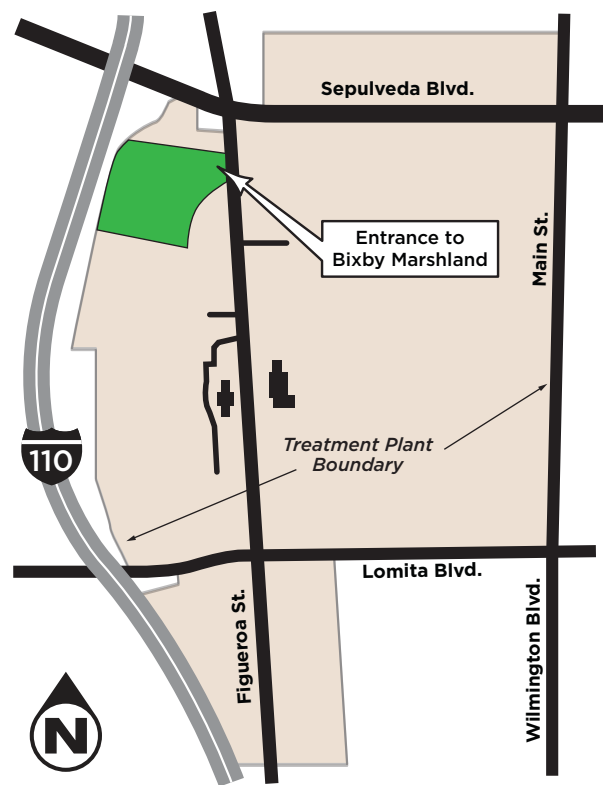
MARSHLAND SCHEDULE

Open to the public on the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. to 12 noon (weather permitting) and by appointment.



DIRECTIONS

From 110 Freeway: exit Sepulveda Boulevard East to Figueroa Street. Turn right on Figueroa Street. Turn right into Marshland.



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WELCOME TO THE BIXBY MARSHLAND!

The Sanitation Districts have restored and enhanced this marshland for the benefit of our neighbors. The history of the marshland goes back many, many years when much of the land in this area was a low-lying fresh water marsh. Over the years, much of the marsh was destroyed due to development. The Sanitation Districts and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works rescued this area from development in the mid-1970s. Over time, non-native plants proliferated at the site and native plant health declined. The marshland has now been rejuvenated, and a large variety of native plants have been planted to restore the marshland's health and increase its value to wildlife.

BIXBY MARSHLAND WALKING TOUR GUIDE

1 MARSHLAND INFORMATION PLACARD

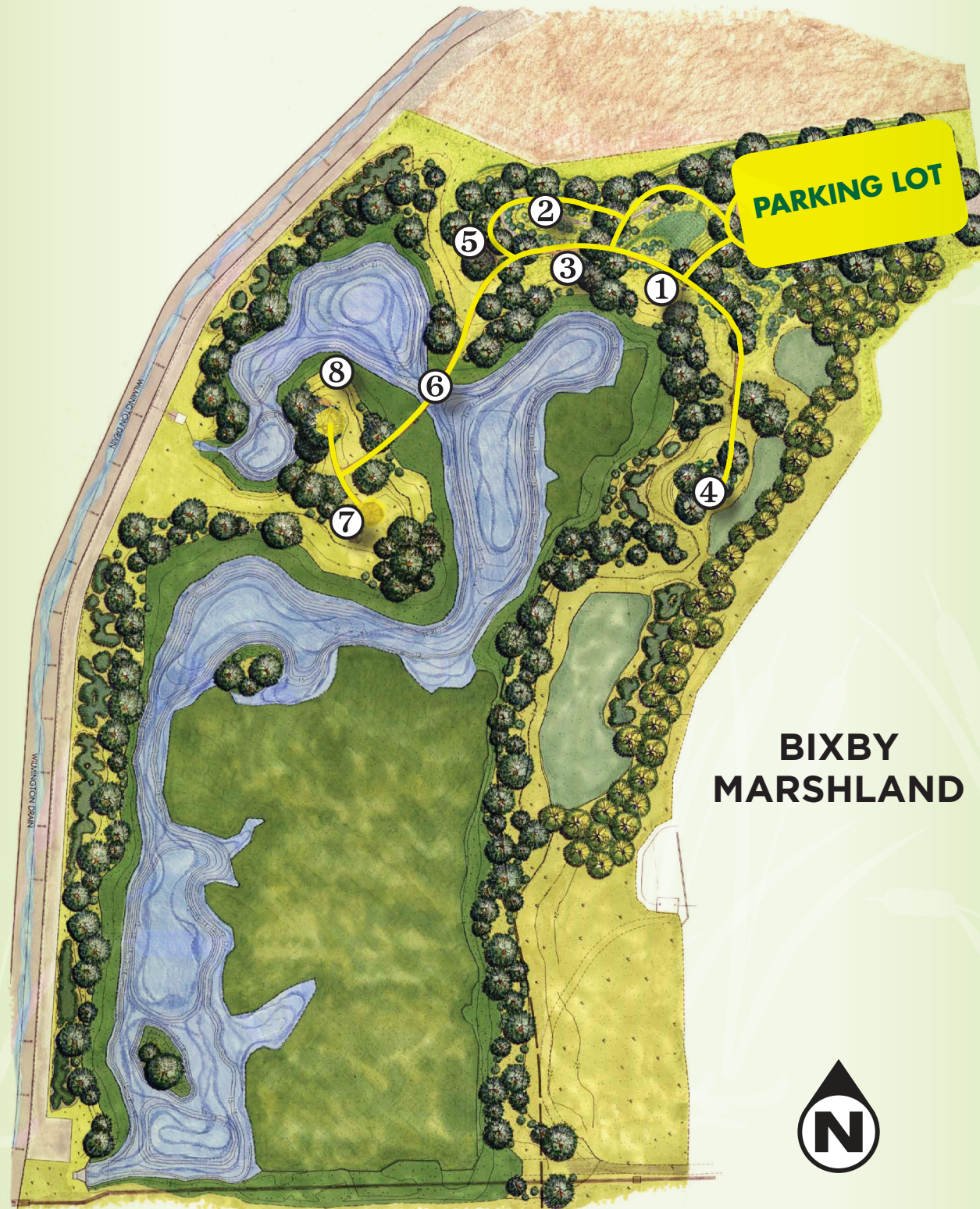
From the parking lot, follow the pathway to the left and look for the green and blue placard titled "Freshwater Marsh - It's a Wet World." This placard will introduce you to marshlands in general and acquaint you with the history of the Bixby Marshland.

2 NATIVE PLANT DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

The loop pathway will take you past typical native plants that grow near a marshland. There are plant identifier placards that will help you identify different types of plants—see if you can find these plants elsewhere in the marshland!

3 RECYCLING PLACARD

As you walk along the pathway, you will spot a placard discussing recycling at the marshland. Various types of recycled materials were used in constructing the marshland. Can you spot these recycled materials?



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4 MEADOW OVERLOOK

This overlook allows you to see the meadowland areas that run along the marshland. The meadowland is made up of grassy areas with some bushes and trees. In the distance you can see several dead eucalyptus trees. These trees were killed because they are not native to the marshland. They were left standing to provide places for birds to perch.

5 EDUCATIONAL AREA

As you follow the pathway, there is an area to the right that has a rectangular pavilion to provide shade. This area was designed for a group to gather and talk about the marshland.

6 BRIDGE OVERLOOK

The pathway will turn to the left where there is a bridge over the water. From the bridge, you may see various birds such as ducks, coots, red-winged blackbirds, and egrets. If you look down into the water, you may see tiny fish. These are mosquito fish. They are very important because they eat mosquito larvae.

7 ROUND PAVILION AND WILDLIFE PLACARD

After crossing the bridge, you will come to a "T" junction. Turning to the left will bring you to a round pavilion. To the right of the pavilion is a placard showing the variety of wildlife that can be found at the wetland. Have you seen any of these birds or other creatures?

8 POND OVERLOOK

This overlook is next to one of the marshland ponds. Relax and see if you can spot any of the birds that frequent the marshland.