

WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL

Your magical night awaits!



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EVENT GUIDE

Los Angeles, CA
July 31 - August 2, 2026

Whittier Narrows Recreation Area
A Unit of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

750 S Santa Anita Ave
South El Monte, CA 91733

EVENT INFO

Welcome to the Water Lantern Festival, where family, friends, and community members gather to reflect and connect with one another.

SCHEDULE

- 5:30–8:00 PM**
Arrival time between 5:30–8:00, arrive before 8:00 PM
- 7:00–8:00 PM**
Performers
- 8:00–8:30 PM**
Lantern Stories, Meditation, Launch Instructions
- 8:30–9:30 PM**
Lantern Launch Window
- 9:30 PM**
Event Ends



Enjoy the vibrant and lively atmosphere of the festival, including local food trucks and lively entertainment. Create a unique lantern honoring your experience and set it afloat, lighting up the night with love and laughter.



What to bring?

Bring blankets, chairs, and food to make your festival experience even better.



What if it rains?

Events are rain or shine! All event updates will be sent by email to participants.



When is launch time?

Lantern launch typically begins at sunset & lasts for 1-2 hours. Check out the timeline listed above!



What do we do first?

When you arrive at the event, head over to the Check-In tents with your tickets to receive your lantern kit!



VENUE & PARKING

PARKING

Paid parking is required at this venue. To make your arrival as smooth as possible, we recommend reserving your parking online in advance. General parking is \$30 and VIP parking is \$50.

There are five designated general parking lots and one VIP parking lot, all highlighted on the map below. For VIP parking please enter from Durfee Ave. Please park only in designated areas, follow all posted signs and parking regulations, and allow extra time for arrival.

Carpooling and rideshare services are also encouraged whenever possible.

[Purchase Parking →](#)



LANTERN LAUNCH

Our lantern launch is subject to weather conditions which may impact the lanterns movement on the water.

DECORATE YOUR LANTERN

- Decorate your lantern with messages of empowerment, remembrance, and connection.
- Push the four rods into each corner of the lantern base and slide the paper sleeve over the rods.
- Place the LED candle in the center of the lantern.
- Listen for instructions and launch your lantern during the designated window.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Water Lantern Festival is committed to caring for our environment and protecting precious natural resources. Our lanterns are crafted from sustainable materials such as wood and biodegradable paper, ensuring they are biodegradable and eco-friendly.

After the event, our team carefully retrieves every lantern and removes any litter from the water and surrounding areas. We work hard to leave the Garden even better than we found it. We encourage all guests to join us in this effort by reducing waste, recycling where possible, and respecting the natural beauty of the Garden.

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VENDORS

Support your favorite local vendors at the event.

SPOTLIGHT VENDOR

Bachiyaki_la Bachi Yaki is a family-owned hibachi food truck serving fresh, made-to-order Japanese-inspired meals with fast, friendly service. We started our business to bring people together through great food and memorable experiences, making every event feel special!



Heritage Kitchen LA

Frostbite Ice Cream

VICTORY SHAWARMA

Kalamaki Greek LA

Drizzle

Salt N Pepper

Travelin' Tom's Coffee of Carson

Tortas Las Jorochitas

Tropic Truck

Italian Burger & Grill

Las Poblanitas (7/31 Only)

Rice Balls of Fire (7/31 Only)

Bazaar Juice (7/31 - 8/1 Only)

West Side Banh Mi/Street Kitchen (7/31 - 8/1 Only)

The Deli Doctor (7/31 - 8/1 Only)

Yummy Bird (7/31 & 8/2 Only)

Tacos Chewi (8/1 Only)

Bachi Yaki Japanese Grill (8/1 - 2 Only)

Cali Craving (8/1 - 2 Only)

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PERFORMERS

July 31st Event

JESSE MACHT



CASSIDY PAIGE



PERFORMERS

August 1st Event

JOE MARX



NOELLE HARLOW



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PERFORMERS

August 2nd Event

CHLOÉ CAROLINE



MORE INFORMATION

RELEASE WAIVER

By participating in the Water Lantern Festival, you agree to the release waiver which can be viewed at <http://www.waterlanternfestival.com/release-waiver>. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Children should not be left unattended at any time during the event.

EVENT UPDATES

Be sure to follow the Water Lantern Festival event page on Facebook to receive last-minute event updates.

