



The Wild Side of Los Angeles

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The hustle and bustle of Los Angeles is often the only side of the city that families on vacation get to see. However, we are moms of kids ages three to nine and we prefer adventures on the wild side of LA – away from most tourists and smack in the middle of California’s best parks and nature centers. Here are a few of our favorite places to explore.

The Beverly Garland Holiday Inn in North Hollywood is a great choice of accommodations for on-the-go families visiting all the wild attractions nearby and in Hollywood (Universal Studios, Universal City Walk, Griffith Park Observatory, and the Los Angeles Zoo). Family-friendly “Dive-In” movies run all through the summer months at the outdoor pool on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. This hotel has comfortable rooms and it’s in the heart of everything, but it’s not a resort. However, you can try to book one of 3 KidSuites or 2 Deluxe KidSuites to get room with bunk beds in a sectioned off area.

