



2012 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA USATF GRAND PRIX
WILL ROGERS PARK OPEN
At Will Rogers State Historic Park (Pacific Palisades)

Sunday, November 4, 2012

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: *All races conducted on dirt trails and limited pavement within Will Rogers State Historic Park, featuring two loops of the trail up to Inspiration Point.*

8:00 a.m. Open/Masters Women's 4.5 mile Race

8:45 a.m. Open/Masters Men's 4.5 mile Race

ENTRY FEES & USATF MEMBERSHIP:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pre-Meet Entry Fee: \$20 per person.▪ Race Day Late Entry Fee: \$25 per person. <p>All competitors must be 2012 members of USA Track & Field and show their membership card or on-line membership receipt at check-in. Athletes can register on-line at www.scausatf.org, or purchase a USATF membership at the meet for the annual fee of \$30.00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ USATF membership is not required for collegians wearing their <u>school uniform</u>.
ENTRY PROCEDURE:	Pre-meet entry deadline is Monday, October 29, 2012 at 5:00pm . Email entries to Don Chadez at dchadez@aol.com . (Include <u>ages</u> for Masters race entries). Race day entries will close and all runners must check in 30 minutes before each race.
AWARDS:	Awards to Top 5 Open, Top 3 40-49 and Top 3 50+ competitors in Men's and Women's races.

DIRECTIONS TO WILL ROGERS STATE HISTORIC PARK, Pacific Palisades

Exit the **405 Freeway** at **Sunset Blvd.**...West on Sunset to Will Rogers State Park Road. There is a \$12.00 fee per car to enter the park. Parking at the park is limited; please carpool and arrive early.

INFORMATION REGARDING WILL ROGERS STATE HISTORIC PARK

For further information regarding Will Rogers State Historic Park, the Will Rogers Western Ranch House at the park, or about how you can become a part of the Will Rogers Ranch Foundation, please see attached or visit www.park.ca.gov/.

Race #4 in the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA USATF
2012 CROSS COUNTRY GRAND PRIX

\$3,300 in Grand Prix Prize Money*

* Prize Money will be paid three deep to Men's and Women's Open, Masters (40-49) and Masters (50+). Points will be awarded in Open, 40-49 and 50+ for places 1-25 in each of the five races, with the Championship being worth double (25 points for 1st through 1 point for 25th in races #1-#4 and 50 points for 1st through 2 points for 25th in the Championship). Athletes count their best two results from races #1-#4 along with the Championship result to determine their place in the grand prix. Ties are broken by the higher place in the Championship. Athletes must be current USATF members at the time of each race in order for that race to count toward the grand prix. Masters athletes will be counted in the Open scoring, but must compete in the Open Championship if they wish to qualify for Open prize money.

For details regarding the grand prix prize money payout, further grand prix rules and for entry information for other grand prix races, please visit www.scausatf.org or contact the SCA/USATF Open Cross-Country Committee Chair, Mike Mahurin, at (310) 384-6974 or at edvird@yahoo.com

Will Rogers State Historical Park



In the early 1930s, **Will Rogers** was the most popular and highest paid actor in Hollywood. From his start in vaudeville theater with a trick roping act, he rose to world-wide fame as a columnist, philosopher, radio personality, and movie star. During the 1920s, he bought land in Santa Monica, where he developed a ranch. Eventually, Will Rogers owned 186 acres overlooking the Pacific Ocean, in what is now known as Pacific Palisades.



The ranch became the place where Will Rogers could relax with his family and friends, pursuing his favorite pastimes of riding and roping. At his untimely death in a plane crash in 1935, Will Rogers' ranch consisted of a 31-room ranch house, a stable, corrals, riding ring, roping arena, polo field, golf course, and hiking trails. When his widow, Betty, died in 1944, the ranch became a state park.



Ranch House Tours

Park staff and docents offer tours of the Ranch House Thursdays and Fridays, at 11 am to 3pm, on the top of the hour. No tours Monday through Wednesday. Ranch House tours on Saturday and Sunday are from 10 am to 4pm, on the top of the hour. School group tours and special group tours: Thursday and Fridays at 10 am. For more information call the Park Interpretive Staff at (310) 454-8212, ext. 103.



Equestrian Activities

The [Will Rogers Polo Club](#) plays polo every weekend from April to October. Riding Lessons are available on Monday through Saturday; please see our [Horseback Riding Lessons Information Page](#). Equestrians are welcome to bring their horses to the park for day-use to enjoy the riding and roping arena, Sarah's Point, and the trail to Inspiration Point.

Park. You will experience the park in the way Will Rogers used to love to experience it, on horseback. Our wranglers are experienced and safety oriented, so you can relax and enjoy the trails of one of the most beloved parks in Los Angeles. Will Rogers guided trail rides are available every day except Mondays. Tuesday through Fridays you can book a private guided ride by calling 310-662-3707 or go online at <http://www.willrogerstrailrides.com> more information.

Hiking Trails

Hikers can enjoy a moderate 3-mile loop to Inspiration Point. Adventurous hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians can tackle the Backbone Trail into the Santa Monica Mountains, which can take you all the way to Point Mugu.

Ranch Tours

The Park Interpretive Staff offers tours of the ranch house and grounds. However, you and your family can enjoy many features of our Park on your own. Download our [Self-Guided Ranch Tour Card](#).

Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is open to the public after a major renovation and has new exhibits. The Gift Store in the Visitor Center contains Will Rogers books, Will Rogers DVD's and Will Rogers radio broadcasts. It also carries polo mallets and polo balls and a fine line of Indian Jewelry. Gift Store Hours: Thursday-Sunday 10:30 am to 5:30 pm