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*It's Tuesday. Explore street murals in Escondido, Japanese prints in Bodega Bay and a famed Los Angeles museum. Plus, San Francisco residents say they're frustrated by how their beloved city is viewed.*



Getty Center in Los Angeles. Jenna Schoenefeld for The New York Times

Summer is officially over, and the days are quickly getting shorter as we ease into the fall.

It's a perfect time to head indoors and enjoy some art, whether as a family activity on the weekends or after a busy workday to add some joy to your day.

For several months, readers have been emailing me their favorite places to experience art in California. Today, I'm sharing another selection of those suggestions, sorted by region and edited for length and clarity. These recommendations are part of a continuing series; you can read earlier installments [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

Send your own suggestions to [CAtoday@nytimes.com](mailto:CAtoday@nytimes.com). Please include your name and the city where you live.

Enjoy!

## **Northern California**

### **[Minnesota Street Project](#) in San Francisco**

“For anyone in the Bay Area, this is one of the greatest underappreciated places to see modern art. Many of San Francisco’s best private galleries decamped there a few years ago, when downtown commercial space got priced out of their reach by all the tech start-ups flush with venture capital money. The Rappaports are saviors of the local art scene, and the complex is an anchor of the budding Dogpatch neighborhood. Always free and open to the public.” — *Ted Weinstein, San Francisco*

### **[Friday Nights at the Oakland Museum of California](#)**

“Lots of locals celebrate the end of the workweek alongside out-of-towners with gallery access, live music, food trucks and love of art in all its forms. You can meander through eclectic exhibitions, relax in the gardens, or spin on the dance floor. It's the art of togetherness.” — *Karina Moreno, Oakland*

### **[The Ren Brown Collection](#) in Bodega Bay**

“I love the intimacy of the space and its thoughtful layout. The drive up there from the East Bay, where I live, is beautiful and makes an easy day trip.

The two-floor gallery specializes in Japanese prints, including the work of the artists Tanaka Ryohei and Mayumi Oda. The gallery also sells some ceramics and decorative objects by Japanese, Japanese American, and American artists.” — *Mari L'Esperance, Richmond*

## **Central California**

### **Winfield Gallery in Carmel-by-the-Sea**

“In a town where so many galleries feature the usual seascape and cypress tree paintings, this eclectic gallery stands out. Mr. Winfield has an eye for contemporary realism and often shows outstanding works by David Ligare and other notable Californian realists. It’s also a great place to see sculpture, and the wine bar that lines the gallery entrance adds to the experience. Highly recommended!” — *John Seed, Cambria*

## **Southern California**

### **Esco Alley Art in Escondido**

“A multistreet mural project in historic downtown Escondido, Esco Alley Art has upward of 70 murals of different sizes displayed over three city blocks. The colorful community project is the result of artists and property owners coming together to transform the forgotten spaces of Escondido’s working alleys into a delightful art walk and outdoor art gallery. Organized by the Esco Alley Art Committee and sponsored by city grants, the project initially favored local artists but has grown to include national and international artists. This is the third year and alley of the project, and in 2024 it is expected to hop across Grand Avenue and start a loop back to Maple Street through the north-side alleyways.” — *Heather Moe, Escondido*

### **J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles**

“I have memories of my grandmother bringing me there as a child. They have stunning collections of impressionism works by Monet, Renoir and Van Gogh. Some paintings are part of the Getty’s permanent collections, such as Van Gogh’s ‘Irises,’ and it also has rotating displays and exhibitions. Besides impressionism, the Getty is also known for photography, renaissance art, still life, and beautiful rose gardens and sculptures.” — *Justine Morgan, Los Angeles*

### **Chicano Park in San Diego**

“In the Barrio Logan area of San Diego, the underpass of the Coronado Bridge serves as a canvas for Mexican American artists with over 100 murals and sculpture in the span of 25 square blocks, some 50 feet high. This predominantly Hispanic neighborhood offers great food; eclectic, arty bookstores; and galleries such as Sew Loka and Libélula surrounding a park

with play structures and areas for weekend music and cultural events.” — *Emily Dolton, San Diego*

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Charley Gauxdown, left, and Sirius Bethel eat lunch in Dolores Park in San Francisco. Jim Wilson/The New York Times

If you read one story, make it this

“Are you OK?” San Francisco residents [say they most certainly are.](#)

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