



## Walking Tour: Evergreen Cemetery

Date: Sunday, April 30, 2006  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Location: Evergreen Cemetery  
204 North Evergreen Ave  
Los Angeles, CA, 90033

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We will meet at the front gates off Evergreen Ave. Park around the cemetery.

Led by Resident Storyteller, James Rojas, this tour explores one of Los Angeles' oldest cemeteries. Built in 1877, Evergreen existing cemetery in the city of Los Angeles; it is one of the city's largest cemeteries, with 300,000 grave sites. City pioneers like the Workmans, Hollenecks, and Van Nuys families are buried here. The cemetery also has a special section called the Garden of the Pines, which memorializes Issei pioneers of Los Angeles. 19<sup>th</sup> century midwife Biddy Mason, a slave who earned her freedom through the California courts, is also buried here.

**James Rojas** is an expert in US Latino cultural influences on urban design. He holds a Master of City Planning and a Master of Science of Architecture Studies from MIT. His thesis has been cited in the LA Times, New York Times and in numerous magazines and books. His research led to the founding of the Latino Urban Forum, a volunteer grassroots organization of architects, urban planners, and activists interested in improving the built environment through organizing, advocacy and policy. LUF organized residents in East Los Angeles to help create the Evergreen Cemetery Jogging Path, help to save the LA Urban Garden in South Central, and is currently organizing residents in Northeast Los Angeles to protect hillsides and create more open space. James Rojas was in for Peace Corps for 3 years in Eastern Europe where he organized environmental groups for sustainable transportation. Currently, Mr. Rojas is a project manager for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Central Area Team.