

Hollywood's Wild West. A Great Place for Photography

Photo Outing to PioneerTown

“As a photographer this was heaven, so many ideas and angles to capture. We strolled around for 2 hours or so and then had dinner at the diner which served excellent food. It had a live band and it was fun to sit and watch people!” - Lama K (Dubai, United Arab Emirates) (from Tripadvisor)

“The town looks amazing in late afternoon sunlight. The oblique rays of the sun really break out the texture in the wood and make it almost glow a beautiful shade of gold. I got some amazing images while I was there.” - Luciano Leon (Placentia, California) (from Tripadvisor)

Pioneertown was built in 1946 by a collection of Hollywood actors including Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Bud Abbot. It was intended to be a movie set evoking an 1880's Western town.

Pioneertown was the setting for scores of Western movies and TV shows. The Cisco Kid, Gene Autry, Annie Oakley and Judge Roy Bean were all filmed here. Numerous music videos have been shot here including by Cindi Lauper.

Today, Mane Street in Pioneertown still retains its charm and old west image. Mane Street has been designated by the State Department of Parks & Recreation as Historical Resources.

Pioneertown is not a ghost town. You will find saloons, a pottery shop, clothing stores and what is called the most photographed post office in the US.

Probably the most famous site of them all is Pappy and Harriet's Pioneertown Palace. Opened in 1982, it's rustic wood and adobe construction fits in seamlessly with the old west theme. Good food, full bar and live music make it a destination all it's own. Hey, come stand where Paul McCartney stood!

There is plenty of free parking on the east side of Mane Street accessible via Curtis Road (in front of Pappy & Harriet's).

Your PSA Host, Bob Rufer, will greet you under the Pioneertown Motel sign from 4:30 to 6:00 PM with information, maps and stories to enhance your self-guided tour.

Go to: <https://visitpioneertown.com/visitors-guide-2> for more complete information.

“Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear!”