A WALKING GUIDE TO THE
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Walking directions from the UCLA Luskin Conference Center

**Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden**
*(Approximately 20 minutes on foot; moderate, uphill walk)*
- Exit the front lobby door of the Conference Center.
- Head left towards Ackerman Union and the UCLA Store.
- Continue past the UCLA Store and Arthur Ashe Center.
- Turn right and Steps.
- Continue past Shapiro Fountain to the end of Dickson Plaza and turn left at the road (Portola Plaza).
- Head straight down Portola Plaza and onto campus, **DO NOT TURN RIGHT**.
- Walk under Bunche Hall and continue straight. The Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden will be on your right.

**Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Gardens**
*(Approximately 20 minutes on foot; easy, flat walk)*
- Exit the front lobby door of the Conference Center.
- Turn right onto Westwood Plaza.
- Head down Westwood Plaza until you reach Charles E. Young Drive South.
- Turn left on Charles E. Young Drive South and continue until you see Tiverton Drive. You will have passed the David Geffen School of Medicine, Brain Mapping Center, and Neuroscience Research Building.
- Cross Tiverton Drive and the entrance to the Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Gardens will be on your right.

**Medicinal Herb Garden at the Ronald Reagan Medical Center**
*(Approximately 10 minutes on foot; easy, flat walk)*
- Exit the front lobby door of the Conference Center.
- Turn right onto Westwood Plaza, crossing Strathmore Place.
- Head down Westwood Plaza until you see the Ronald Reagan Medical Center on your right.
- Go just past the main entrance to the Ronald Reagan Medical Center.
- The Medical Herb Garden is located in the courtyard between the Ronald Reagan Medical Center and the 100 UCLA Medical Plaza building.

**Living Amphitheater at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center**
*(Approximately 30 minutes on foot; moderate, uphill walk)*
- Exit the front lobby door of the Conference Center.
- Head left towards Ackerman Union and the UCLA Store.
- Turn left once you reach the Bruin Bear and head uphill onto Bruin Walk.
- Turn right onto Charles E. Young Drive West and continue walking uphill until you reach De Neve Drive. You will pass Carnesale Commons and the stairs leading up to Covel Commons.
- Once you reach De Neve Drive, turn left and continue uphill until you reach Easton Drive.
- Continue onto Easton Drive until you reach Sunset Canyon Recreation Center.
- Once inside Sunset Canyon Recreation Center, head uphill towards the Family Pool, the Living Amphitheater is located at the top of the amphitheater stairs.

“Live Well” is the nickname of UCLA’s Healthy Campus Initiative — a campus-wide wellness movement with the goal of making UCLA the healthiest university campus in America. The Live Well movement is being integrated into the UCLA community by utilizing groups, programs, activities and places that already exist on the campus. This Gardens of UCLA Walking Guide encourages campus visitors to enjoy a healthy walk to one or all of UCLA’s five beautiful garden areas.
Franklin D. Murphy Sculpture Garden

The Sculpture Garden, managed by the UCLA Hammer Museum, serves as an outdoor art-installation for the more than 70 sculptures. A visit to this hybrid park-garden is a great way to experience art as a part of everyday life. Aesthetically, it works with the landscape to bring together the healing aspects of art and nature.

Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Gardens

The Botanical Garden is located on the southeast corner of the UCLA campus and serves several purposes including, a living museum, an educational tool for undergraduate learning and a means to support campus research. Visitors to the Botanical Garden include the campus community, Los Angeles residents and international guests, who wish to learn about the plants’ relevance to society and everyday life. Tours of the garden are held on the first Saturday of the month. Tours will also be held for the newly opened conference and teaching center.

Medicinal Herb Garden at the Center for Health Sciences

The Medicinal Herb Garden located in the Center for Health Sciences courtyard was created as a healthy eating environment and as a way to support nutrition education for the community. The garden was made possible from funding provided by the Healthy Campus Initiative, public health, medical, and undergraduate student groups. Visit the Medicinal Herb Garden at the Center for Health Sciences to learn about the health benefits of native California plants that grow around the Los Angeles area.

Medicinal Herb Garden at the Ronald Reagan Medical Center

The UCLA Healthy Campus Initiative Medicinal Herb Garden at Ronald Reagan serves not only as an educational tool for the community, but also sparks dialogue about the traditional medicinal and natural healing properties of plants.

Living Amphitheater at Sunset Canyon Recreation Center

The UCLA Healthy Campus Initiative and UCLA Recreation living amphitheater is the first large-scale edible garden on campus, which was planned and developed by UCLA students. This outdoor learning space is used for a variety of activities, including gardening and outdoor food preparation. The garden is located above the amphitheater seating space and incorporates the amphitheater design to create a cohesive space available for all to enjoy.

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