

GAY MAPS  
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MULLHOLLAND DEVERIE

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High above the city of Los Angeles is the Mullholland Drive where you can wind along the Hollywood Hills and see down onto the city's many lights. Up here are the trees, breezes, and movie stars that have captured the imagination of the world. What's remained in the underground and in whispers are the lives of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people who were also part of this city full of glitter and spotlights.

These maps are meant to direct you to locations, mostly gone and replaced, of this mythic time in Los Angeles. They are not a definitive map and their accuracy will at times be questionable since some of the history of the LGBT people were not documented plus we rely on oral histories which can be questionable under particular sets of critical eyes. This map will presume a few things.

- 1) That you are familiar with some of the major events and names of historical figures in United States LGBT history, such as the Stonewall Riots or Harry Hay.
- 2) That you have an understanding of the rich and diverse lives of LGBT people.
- 3) That going on a self-guided tour of Los Angeles with these Gay Maps will be the gayest thing you'll ever do in life.

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Please respect that most locations are gone or are currently occupied by tenants and businesses. Also since the private lives of people listed can be speculations and rumor, we reserve the right to inform and leave you to make a decision on persons on the map. However, the places of cultural significance should be seen as sacred spaces of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people in their struggle for civil equality in the United States.

As with all research, this is a work in progress and suggestions or corrections are welcome. For further reading, consult the following books:

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