

4 OAK KNOLL

- 1.3 miles ■ 35-minute walk ■ 7-minute bike ride
- Park on Hillcrest, just west of Wentworth

Once the site of a sheep ranch owned by Henry Huntington, Oak Knoll was developed into large estates around 1906. This rolling, oak-covered landscape dropped into Kewen Canyon on the east and looked over plains leading to the Old Mill and the San Gabriel Mission on the south. At the southerly ridge in 1906, the Wentworth Hotel (now the Langham, Huntington) was begun. Impressive houses were built nearby, many in the 1920s and later. The well-known R. R. Blacker House (1177 Hillcrest) by Greene & Greene, once a seven-acre estate, dominates the neighborhood even today. Many parcels were later subdivided where extensive gardens once flourished. The perforated concrete wall along Oak Knoll by the Greens once enclosed the gardens of their Culbertson House (1188 Hillcrest), which included an aqueduct leading from a courtyard fountain down a series of terraces to a lily pond in the canyon. Most houses on this tour are visible from the sidewalk despite hedges. An amusing variety of offbeat styles are represented: 1395 Ridge Way, an interloper from Hollywood, complete with lotus finials; 1361 Ridge Way, sporting rustic logs of Craftsman persuasion; and 1233 Wentworth, pure “storybook.”

R. R. Blacker House, 1907

1177 Hillcrest Avenue
Architects: Charles & Henry Greene

Cordelia Culbertson House, 1911

1188 Hillcrest Avenue
Architects: Charles & Henry Greene

Prindle House, 1926

1311 Hillcrest Avenue
Architect: George Washington Smith

James A. Freeman House, 1912

1330 Hillcrest Avenue
Architects: Arthur & Alfred Heineman

Langham, Huntington Hotel & Spa

1906-1913; rebuilt 1991
1401 South Oak Knoll Avenue
Original Architects:
Charles F. Whittlesey (1906)
and Myron Hunt (1913)

Stern House, circa 1930

1395 Ridge Way
Architects: Garrett Van Pelt
and Robert E. Alexander

Nearby:

The Old Mill (El Molino Viejo), 1816

1120 Old Mill Road

