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GRUB

Hollywood (MAP 2)

CATEGORY ✓ quiet tables ♦ ♦

f I worked in one of the film-production facilities that dominate this industrial swath of Hollywood, I would try to eat lunch at Grub every day. A magazine, a corner outside table, and the After School Special (grilled cheese on sourdough, served with a cup of tomato soup) are all you need to carry you through the rest of the day. Hidden by a high trellis bloom-full of seasonal morning glories, the restaurant's small patio is marked by homey touches such as potted plants, mismatched umbrellas, and



Grub's cozy patio

flea-market antiques. It sort of feels as if you're eating in a friend's back garden. The inside dining room, in a converted house on a block of pretty bungalows, is appealing, too, but it's the patio that keeps me coming back here. In the evening, strings of white lights (and a limited selection of wine and beer) help make it a popular date-night destination for neighborhood couples. But they are in their own world and won't disturb your reverie. You can always snuggle up with a homemade cereal bar or any other comfort food item prepared with a grown-up touch here. Peacefulness tip: The weekend brunch is popular, so stick to a weekday lunch or dinner to avoid waiting with a crowd.

✓ essentials

- 911 Seward Street, Los Angeles, CA 90038
- (323) 461-3663
- grub-la.com
- \$ Varies per menu selection; lunch, \$9-\$16
- Monday–Thursday, 11 a.m.–9 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.–10 p.m.;
 Saturday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. and 5 p.m.–10 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. and 5 p.m.–9 p.m.
- Metro Bus Local Line 10