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Take a jog, you just might run into a celebrity . . .

IT'S the new way to combine two modern obsessions, keeping fit and meeting celebrities — star spotting jogging, *writes Ron McManus.*

Los Angeles-based Off 'N Running tours offers pavement pounding with a difference.

Their route takes parties through well-known LA celebrity haunts, such as Rodeo Drive and Beverly Hills, where the stars go shopping, eating and generally hang out.

The idea is the brainwave of Cheryl Anker, who realised how often she ran past a Hollywood or TV star as she jogged through LA's swankier areas.

Her four-mile guided jog through "LaLa Land" costs \$60 and there are no shortage of celebrity hunters taking up the opportunity.

Famous folk

The jogging party is usually a group of no more than 10 and the runners all wear special high-visibility bright-yellow T-shirts — perhaps to let the stars see them coming and give them a running start!

Those taking part can bring a camera and their autograph books, though they're warned not to chase famous folk into private property.

"At the last run we saw Sydney Poitier and he was happy to stop and pose for pictures," said Cheryl.

"People are always looking for something new to do in LA, and this guided tour helps keep them keep fit, as well as being interesting.

"We've even had some enquiries from British people coming to visit LA who want to try the star-spotting run as an alternative to the usual tours."



Getting ready for the off and hoping to see stars.