

Spare the Air, ride BART for free

Free BART rides until noon on Thursday, June 19

Circle Thursday, June 19 on your calendars and get ready for a free BART ride.

June 19 is the one and only day this year the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission will provide free rides on BART and 29 other transit systems.



BART will be free until noon on Thursday, June 19.

Caltrain, Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) and Amtrak Capitol Corridor trains, and Golden Gate, Alameda-Oakland, Alameda-Harbor Bay and Vallejo ferries will also be free until noon. Bay Area bus and light-rail systems will be free all day.

Plan your BART trip at www.bart.gov. To plan trips on other transit systems, go to www.511.org, and click "Transit."

Daily fee parking in BART lots will be free and no validation will be required on June 19, but all reserved/permit parking regulations and other parking regulations will be enforced. All other BART rules will also be in effect, including no eating or drinking. Bike rules will be enforced, as well.

To protect public health, the Air District will continue to issue Spare the Air advisories when ozone levels are expected to exceed federal guidelines. There will not be free transit on those days, however.

So spare the air and walk, bike, or take the bus to BART on Thursday, June 19!

3 Ways to Spare the Air

1. Drive less.

Before jumping into your car, consider alternative means of transportation. Can you get to your destination on BART instead?

2. Take public transit.

Take the bus to BART and let someone else deal with traffic. You avoid record-high gas prices, too.

3. Carpool to the BART station.

Don't drive alone to the BART station, find a carpool partner. It'll make parking easier, and you can take turns driving.

For more helpful tips on sparing the air, visit sparetheair.org/tips.htm.

Don't fill it up – Dump the Pump

Ride BART on "Dump the Pump Day"



Join BART in celebrating the third annual national Dump the Pump Day, Thursday, June 19.

Dump the Pump Day is dedicated to raising

awareness that public transportation helps improve the environment and conserve fuel. It's a great way to beat the high price of gasoline and support public transportation, helping reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Each year, public transportation use in the U.S. saves 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline. This represents almost 4 million gallons of gasoline per day.

Tell your friends to park their cars on June 19 and give BART a try instead!

Stop guzzling gas, ride BART!

- Public transportation use saves the equivalent of 300,000 automobile fill-ups every day – 108 million fewer cars filling up annually.
- Each year, public transportation use saves the equivalent of 34 supertankers of oil, or a supertanker leaving the Middle East every 11 days.
- The average household spends 18 cents per dollar on transportation, and 94% of this goes to buying, maintaining and operating cars.

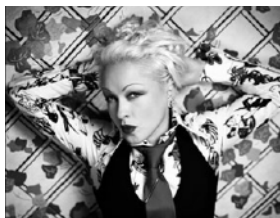
For additional facts and figures visit publictransportation.org

Take BART to the 2008 SF Pride Celebration and Parade

The 38th annual San Francisco LGBT Pride Parade and Celebration hits the streets Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29. Join the party all weekend long at San Francisco's Civic Center.

SF Pride is two days of music, food and fun. The Celebration begins at noon on June 28 and runs until 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, the Celebration begins at noon and runs until

7:00 p.m. The Parade will be held on Sunday starting at 10:30 a.m., traveling west along Market Street from Davis to Hyde. For a map, see the Parade section of sfpride.org. Don't miss



celebrity Grand Marshals Cyndi Lauper and Charo!

Beat the traffic, take BART to the celebration and parade. Exit at Civic Center station and you'll be right in the middle of the action.

For more info, visit sfpride.org. Plan your BART trip at bart.gov.

GOOD TIMES

City of Oakland Housing Fair

Frank Ogawa Plaza
14th and Broadway, downtown Oakland
www.oaklandnet.com or 510/238-3909
BART: 12th Street

Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Free information and workshops about rental housing (for tenants and landlords), eviction, buying a home, successful homeownership, green living and more.

Bike tours of Oakland

Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street
www.museumca.org or 510/238-2200
BART: Lake Merritt

Sunday, June 15, 10 a.m.: Free! Explore Oakland and its environs with the museums bike-tripping docents, leisurely wending your way through downtown, Fruitvale, the Port of Oakland, West Oakland, Brooklyn and the Lake Merritt area. Reservations recommended: 510/238-3514 or docentcenter@museumca.org.

SF Juneteenth 2008

Celebration of African-American heritage
Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco
www.sfuneteenth.org
BART: Civic Center

Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, June 22, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.: A Bay Area-wide celebration commemorates African-American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures. This community festival shares African-American history and culture through music, the performing arts, living history and other cultural activities. The Civic Center will be filled with food, arts and crafts, and community and corporate information booths, three stages of entertainment, educational speakers, health and job fair. All neighborhoods welcomed.

Summer Solstice Salmon Celebration

Berkeley Farmers Market
Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park
Center Street at Martin Luther King Jr. Way
www.ecologycenter.org or 510/548-3333
BART: Downtown Berkeley, two-block walk

Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Music by Captain Mike & the Sea Kings (blues by fishermen), Wild Buds, All Nations Singers (powwow-style drum band); speakers; nonprofit tables.

San Francisco Free Folk Festival

City College of San Francisco, 50 Phelan Ave.
www.sffolkfest.org
BART: Balboa Park, transfer to Muni 36

Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22, noon-10 p.m.: Four stages, 70+concerts, three evening dances, 40+ music workshops, 35+ dance performances and workshops, food and marketplace on site. All events free; all ages welcome.

The work of artist Ama Torrance

Oakland Museum of California Off-Site Exhibition
The Sculpture Court, 1111 Broadway, Oakland
www.museumca.org
BART: 12th Street

Through July 31: This exhibit features Torrance's recent sculptures – a gigantic guinea pig resting in a grove of plastic trees and a larger-than-life rabbit. On the surface, the glossy, candy-colored surfaces and cartoon sensibility lend the works an air of playful sweetness. But the whimsical qualities are shaded with something more complex.

Declare independence from your car! Ride BART to popular Fourth of July events

Fighting traffic can dampen the July 4th spirit quicker than summer fog in San Francisco. Celebrate your independence from congested streets, parking hassles and skyrocketing gas prices – ride BART to the festivities!

San Francisco celebrates Independence Day with live music from 1-4 and 6-9:30 p.m. at Pier 39. Immediately following the onstage entertainment, a spectacular fireworks display will brighten the sky over San Francisco Bay. Visit pier39.com for more event information.

Enjoy the show from anywhere along the waterfront: Pier 39, Fisherman's Wharf or Aquatic Park. Take BART to Embarcadero Station, then hop on Muni's historic F line street car along the Embarcadero.

Fireworks return to Jack London Square in



Oakland, along with a good old-fashioned BBQ competition. Taste great BBQ, enjoy live music and stick around for the East Bay's best fireworks.

To get to Jack London Square, take BART to Oakland City Center/12th Street and stroll down Broadway or transfer to an AC Transit bus. Visit actransit.org for bus schedules and information. Plan your BART trip at bart.gov.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Let BART be your summer solution...

Traditionally, summer signifies an escape from your regular routine, especially for Bay Area families with school-age children. Whether by air or on the road, if you are traveling this summer rising gas prices will certainly affect your vacation plans.

Let BART – the ultimate electric vehicle – be your summer solution. Why fly or drive when you can vacation right here? This year, tour the Bay Area on BART and connecting public transit systems. You can find dozens of BART-able destinations, from biking and hiking trails to museums

and zoos by visiting www.bart.gov.

By riding BART this summer, not only will you save money, you'll help protect our environment and be part of the climate change solution. When it comes to energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction, BART is the best travel option. A BART rider can get up to 250 mpg and with each trip you're preventing 23 pounds of CO2 emissions from entering our atmosphere!

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