

Ride BART to San Francisco Pride Celebration

Whether it's for the festival or parade, take BART... and you're there



The SF Pride Celebration and Parade takes place June 28 and 29 in downtown San Francisco.

The San Francisco Pride Celebration and Parade hits the streets Saturday, June 28, and Sunday, June 29.

With more than 200 parade contingents, 300 exhibitors and more than 20 community-run stages and venues, the San Francisco Pride Celebration and Parade

is the largest gathering of the LGBT community and allies in the nation. The two-day celebration takes place in Civic Center Plaza in downtown San Francisco.

Take BART to Civic Center Station and you're there. Plan your trip at bart.gov.

For Pride Celebration and

Parade info, visit sfpride.org.

The celebration runs from noon to 6pm on Saturday and 11am to 6pm on Sunday.

Sunday's parade kicks off at 10:30am from Beale Street along Market and ends at Market and 8th Street in the heart of Downtown San Francisco.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

BART's your ticket to summer events

This month brings summer, and with it comes a variety of concerts, festivals, art and theater events, and countless other outdoor activities – many of which are accessible by BART.

The Yerba Buena Gardens Festival offers 13 events this month alone, with an assortment of activities, from live music to acrobatics, to poetry readings and art exhibits.

If music is your thing, the San Francisco Jazz Festival runs from June 11 to 22. If you enjoy theater in a beautiful, outdoor setting, Cal Shakes presents "A Raisin in the Sun" through June 15.

The ever-popular San Francisco Pride Celebration & Parade takes place at the end of the month, June 28 and 29. The Celebration is steps away from the Civic Center/UN Plaza BART station, and you can exit BART at any of the downtown San Francisco stations for a view of the parade on Sunday.

Riding BART during the summer helps you avoid parking hassles and unpredictable traffic, and keeps car emissions out of the air – which is especially important for our local air quality during the hot summer months.

Have a great summer, and don't forget to continue reading BARTable This Month. Our BARTable calendar will keep you up-to-date on other great BART-accessible events happening around the Bay Area.

Thanks for riding BART,

Grace Crunican, General Manager

Free fun at Yerba Buena Gardens

The 2014 Yerba Buena Gardens Festival at Yerba Buena Gardens runs through Oct. 26 and will present over 90 admission-free events including music, theater, circus, dance, poetry, and children's programs with artists from around the Bay Area and the world. Take BART to the Montgomery or Powell Street stations.

Named one of the Best Urban Green Spaces in North America by USA Today, Yerba Buena Gardens is a world-renowned cultural destination for Bay Area residents, families, workers, and tourists alike. Yerba Buena Gardens is located between Mission Street and Howard Street and Third and Fourth streets in Downtown San Francisco. For more info, visit ybgfestival.org or call (415) 543-1718.



The Bay Area's circus troupe Circus Bella will premiere their Yerba Buena Gardens Festival commissioned piece "HERE WE GO!" on Friday, June 27 at noon and Saturday, June 28, at noon and 2:15pm.

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SAN FRANCISCO JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL AND PARADE

Saturday, June 14, 11am to 6pm
Fillmore Street, between Post and Turk streets
sfjuneteenth.org

> BART: Montgomery Street + Muni 38

Join the day-long celebration honoring African American heritage. This year's celebration includes a car show, two stages of live entertainment, health and wellness information, a fashion show, food booths, arts and crafts, plus a Kiddy Korner complete with pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting and carnival rides. The parade begins at 11am.

BERKELEY JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 15, 10am to 6pm
Berkeley's five-block Alcatraz-Adeline corridor
berkeleyjuneteenth.org

> BART: Ashby

This free, family-friendly festival features live music, dance, spoken word, health screenings, a basketball tournament, historical exhibits and art for children. Watch a performance on the main stage, where you will find African drumming, jazz, blues, neo-soul, gospel, rhythm and blues and reggae.

SF JAZZ FESTIVAL

June 11-22
Various locations
sfjazz.org

> BART: Civic Center/UN Plaza

The 32nd annual San Francisco Jazz Festival returns with 44 shows packed



The Afro-Cuban All Stars perform at the San Francisco Jazz Festival from June 11 to 14.

into 12 days on multiple stages. Highlights include the Afro-Cuban All Stars June 11 to 14, Dr. Lonnie Smith Octet on June 16 and Jose James on June 18. The Festival takes place at the SFJAZZ Center and Church of the Advent. Visit sfjazz.org for specific dates, times and locations.

CAL SHAKES PRESENTS "A RAISIN IN THE SUN"

May 21-June 15
California Shakespeare Theatre
www.calshakes.org

>BART: Orinda + free shuttle

Patricia McGregor ("A Winter's Tale," "Spunk") opens the 2014 season with the Younger family of 1950s Chicago, and the inheritance check that puts everything they know into question.

BARTmobile sambas in the city



Thousands of people attended the 36th annual Carnival in San Francisco's Mission District during Memorial Day weekend. BART volunteers were among those who helped celebrate Latin American culture during the May 25 parade.

Air District begins implementation of the Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program

The Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program provides a great opportunity for BART riders to save on taxes when they take transit.

This program requires all employers that have 50 or more full-time employees within the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area to provide commuter benefits to their employees. The goal of the program is to encourage greater use of public transit and vanpools by providing tax benefits to both employees and employers.

By excluding their transit costs from taxable income (up to \$130 per month), employees who commute by public

transit can realize significant tax savings. And employers do not have to pay payroll taxes on the amount that their employees set aside for transit.

Employers can register their companies and get more information at: 511.org (see the link on the home page for the Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program).

Employers are required to register and offer commuter benefits to their employees by September 30, 2014 in order to comply with the Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program.

Visit bart.gov/taxbenefits for more information.

Be the A's BART Rider of the Game!

Enter this month's contest and you have the chance to win two MVP tickets to the July 23 A's game against the Houston Astros, a \$50 BART ticket and a pre-game ride around the field in the BARTmobile.

All you need to do is write a funny caption for this month's BARToon (see below). Send your captions (250 characters or fewer) via email to bartable@bart.gov with the subject line "A's Fan, BART Rider." Or you can mail your entry to: A's Fan, BART Rider, Attention: BART Marketing, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612. Entries must be received by Friday, July 11, to be eligible.

The winning caption will appear in the August edition of BARTable This Month. Visit bart.gov/fan for more details and contest rules.

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