

Fourth of July is BARTable



Looking for a way to spend your 4th of July holiday? In the Bay Area, there are endless possibilities and activities, many of which are BARTable. Whether you are coming from the East Bay or the heart of the City, simply hop on BART and let the train carry you to any of these events.

Read on for some ideas on how to celebrate Independence Day.

4TH OF JULY AT THE BERKELEY MARINA

July 4th, noon to 10 pm

Berkeley Marina

anotherbullwinkeshow.com/4th-of-july

>BART: Downtown Berkeley, take AC Transit bus 51B from Shattuck Avenue

Activities include food trucks, dragon boat rowing, massages, pony rides, live music and much more.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT THE PIER

July 4th, noon to 10 pm

Pier 39

pier39.com

>BART: Embarcadero + Muni F-line or cable car

Come over to Pier 39 to enjoy a 4th of July full of activities and live music. There will be performances by WJM and Tainted Love, as well as a fireworks show put

on by the City of San Francisco beginning at 9:30 pm.

CELEBRATE CONCORD 4TH OF JULY

July 4th, 8 am to 10 pm

Todos Santos Plaza, Concord

concordjuly4th.com

>BART: Concord Station, walk 3 blocks

There will be a 5k/kids run, parade, festival, and fireworks throughout the day. All activities are free except the 5k run.

ORINDA FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

July 4th, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm

Orinda Way, Orinda

orindaassociation.squarespace.com

>BART: Orinda

Features a pancake breakfast, flag raising ceremony, fun run, live music, a parade and more. Free.

JULY 4TH FESTIVAL OF FAMILY FUN

July 4th, 11 am to 4 pm

Jack London Square, Oakland

jacklondonsquare.com

>BART: 12th Street/Oakland City Center + Free B Shuttle or 15-minute walk

Enjoy a day filled with live entertainment for both parents and children. Free to attend. No fireworks.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Summer fun ...

As summer gets into full swing, there are many great community events, festivals, concerts, art and theater events and countless other outdoor activities around the Bay Area.

If you're planning to travel the first weekend of August (August 1 and 2) or Labor Day weekend (September 5 to 7), keep in mind BART will not run trains between West Oakland and Embarcadero stations while we repair a critical section of track near the Transbay Tube. While this is an inconvenience to riders, once the work is complete, you will experience a faster, smoother ride between the two stations.

For more information about the closure, visit bart.gov or read the story below.

If you're looking for activities to do during the first weekend in August, check out the events calendar on bart.gov/bartable for ideas.

If you're an East Bay resident, there are a couple of great events that don't require a Transbay trip. Check out the Fremont Festival of the Arts August 1 and 2. The smiling BART-mobile will be there to tout the Warm Springs station opening coming up later this year. If music is more your thing, head to Oakland's popular Art & Soul Festival August 1 and 2. There will be live music, food and more, just steps away from 12th Street/Oakland City Center BART.

If you're in San Francisco, there's always family-friendly fun at the Yerba Buena Gardens. On August 1, check out the AfroSolo Arts Festival and Circus Bella. On Sunday, see the San Francisco Mime Troupe, or head to Civic Center where there is free admission to the Asian Art Museum. Have a great summer.

Thanks for riding BART.



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General Manager

No Transbay service for 2 weekends for vital repairs

West Oakland station closed Aug. 1 and 2, plus Labor Day weekend

BART is encouraging travelers to plan ahead and to find alternate means of transportation across the Bay during two upcoming closures of Transbay train service.

BART will close the West Oakland

Station and will not run trains between West Oakland and Embarcadero stations on the first weekend in August (Aug. 1 and 2) and during Labor Day weekend (Sept. 5 to 7) while we repair a critical section of track near the Transbay Tube.

BART will offer lifeline bus service between 19th Street in Oakland and

the Temporary Transbay Terminal in San Francisco, but the buses are intended only for those who have no other options.

The buses will carry customers from 19th Street Station in Oakland to the Temporary Transbay Terminal in San Francisco and from the Transbay Terminal back to the East Bay. There

will be no additional charge for the bus. The bus bridge will cause 1 to 2 hour delays for some customers. During the shutdowns, train service within the East Bay and within the West Bay and the Peninsula will be more frequent than during a typical weekend.

Visit bart.gov for more information.

New budget focused on improved service

With record ridership stretching BART resources as never before, the Board of Directors voted in June to direct money to initiatives designed to increase passenger capacity and to improve on-time performance.

The budget funds changes that are designed to put 30 more train cars in service during peak periods and adds 16 train trips each weekday.

Each line will see service improvements. Longer train lengths will run for the Dublin/Pleasanton to Daly City, Pittsburg/Bay Point to SFO, and Fremont to Daly City lines. The Millbrae to Richmond line will be extended by one hour on weeknights with the last train departing Millbrae at 9 pm.

The budget also includes money

to boost on-time performance by adding train control technicians to quickly fix train control failures, extending the hours for stand-by paramedics to respond more quickly to medical emergencies near the Transbay Tube and adding more rail vehicle engineers to improve car reliability.

The budget also increases cleanliness and police presence by hiring additional station and train cleaning staff and BART police officers.

Other noteworthy projects include \$20 million for rail replacement and funding to continue late night bus service that provides additional Transbay bus service during the hours BART is closed.

Visit bart.gov for more details.



New parking fees at 6 stations

There will be a \$0.50 daily parking fee increase at six stations starting July 27. The new fees will be:

- Richmond (\$2.00)
- Bay Fair (\$3.00)
- Hayward (\$1.50)
- South Hayward (\$2.00)
- West Oakland (\$7.50)
- South San Francisco (\$3.00)

Parking lot usage is evaluated every six months. If the lot at a station is full, then the daily parking fee may increase by \$0.50.

If the lot is less than 95 percent full, then the fee may decrease by \$0.50.

BART's parking fee policy has a \$3 daily parking fee maximum, except at West Oakland.

As of this increase, 26 of 33 stations with parking are at the \$3 maximum.

Single Day, Monthly and Airport/Long-Term reserved parking permit prices are also covered by this policy and change by the same amount as the daily fee.

Any change in parking fees will remain in effect for at least six months.

All revenue raised from these new fees will go to programs for improved station access, rehabilitation and modernization.

If you use your Clipper® card to pay for your parking, your auto-load amount may be adjusted.

Visit www.bart.gov/parking for details.

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Aurora Theatre presents "Detroit," a satirical comedy playing off the poor, uncertain economic times we are in today. Through July 19.

SF OPERA AT THE BALLPARK

July 3

AT&T Park

sfopera.com

> **BART: Embarcadero + Muni Metro or 15 minute walk**

Enjoy one of Mozart's most famous comedies, "The Marriage of Figaro," on the big screen. Presented by San Francisco Opera and SF Giants. Free.

CAL SHAKES PRESENTS "LIFE IS A DREAM"

July 8 to August 2

Bruns Amphitheater, Orinda

calshakes.org

> **BART: Orinda + Free Shuttle**

Often called the "Spanish Hamlet," this play tells the story of a prince who is imprisoned by his father at birth due to a prophecy. \$15-\$81

BILL PICKETT INVITATIONAL RODEO

July 11 and 12, 2:30 PM

Rowell Ranch Rodeo Grounds, Hayward

billpickettrodeo.com

> **BART: West Dublin/Pleasanton + Free Shuttle**

This year marks the 31st anniversary of the "Greatest Show on Dirt"! The free shuttle will run from noon to 3:45 pm and 5 to 7:30 pm. Show your BART ticket and receive a discount at the gate! \$18-\$28 per day.

SFJAZZ SUMMER SERIES

July 16 to August 23

SFJAZZ Center

sfjazz.org/events/sessions/2015

> **BART: Civic Center, walk 6 blocks**

Enjoy one or more of the 66 shows that SFJAZZ will present in 38 days! Highlights of the sessions include Grammy winner Buddy Guy and Cuban music legend Los Van Van.

AURORA THEATRE PRESENTS "DETROIT"

Through July 19

Aurora Theatre, Berkeley

auroratheatre.org

> **BART: Downtown Berkeley, walk 1 block**

A barely middle class couple welcomes in another couple next door, only to find their neighborly relationship turning dangerous as time goes on.

ART + SOUL

August 1 and 2, noon to 6 pm

Downtown Oakland, near 12th Street

artandsouloakland.com

> **BART: 12th St./Oakland City Center**

Two sensational days of music, food, fun and art in downtown Oakland. \$7-\$12.

FREMONT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

August 1 and 2, 10 am to 6 pm

Paseo Padre Parkway, at Walnut Avenue

fremontfestival.net

> **BART: Fremont, walk 2 blocks**

This family-friendly festival features more than 700 booths, three stages of entertainment, a "Kid City" and a Gourmet Marketplace. Free.

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Summer Small Talk:

Climate change and the drought are so upsetting, yet I'm in denial about the impacts of my own habits.



I'm no better, still wedded to my SUV, long showers and lush green lawn.



But we do use BART on weekends and contribute to environmental causes.



So we've earned the right to let our swag walk our talk ... Right?

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