

## L.A. County Fair—What a Deal!

Did you know you can take a train from anywhere in Southern California and reach Africa? Or that the same train can take you back in time to the Jurassic period—the era of the dinosaurs? Those destinations and more can be found at the L.A. County Fair!

The 87th edition of the fair begins Saturday, September 5, during Labor Day weekend, and continues through October 4. The fair opens at 10 a.m. Saturday through Monday over the Labor Day weekend, then is closed on subsequent Mondays and Tuesdays. On weekdays, the fair opens at noon.

To ensure your festive experience, Metrolink offers special train service delivering riders right to L.A. County Fair gates Wednesdays through Sundays. San Bernardino Line trains will stop at the L.A. County Fair between the Covina and Pomona (North) stations. To buy your Metrolink ticket to the fair, purchase a round-trip ticket to the Pomona (North) Station at a ticket vending machine.

Your fair ticket is an affordable passport to attractions, entertainment, shopping, and the tastiest treats in L.A. County. Begin your journey with a visit to the Flower and Garden Pavilion. Themed "Gateway to Africa," the pavilion is lush with tropical waterfalls and the flora of this majestic continent. Floral and topiary giraffes and elephants will greet you at the entrance, and when you step outside, you will encounter live zebras, camels, and ostriches.

In other fair adventures, Jurassic Planet takes guests back to the time of the dinosaurs. See animatronic lifesize dinosaurs as you've never seen them before. The Millard Sheets Center for the Arts presents The Making of Art: The First 30,000 Years, capturing man's earliest desires for artistic expression. Stop by and admire man's best friend at Bark Park—where dogs rule. See Splash Dogs and the Extreme Canines Stunt Dog Show. Don't forget to scream a little, or a lot, at the thrilling carnival.

Perhaps the greatest attraction at the fair this year is the value. So many discounts and promotions offer reduced ticket pricing that you'll get more bang for your buck here than anywhere else in L.A. County! Opening-weekend admission is only \$1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To check out pre-sale deals, other pricing discounts, and the full fair schedule, visit www.lacountyfair.com.

Once the fair opens, Metrolink riders who present a special coupon get special discounts, including \$2 off regular admission for up to four people. Discount cards can be found on all Metrolink trains in card racks next to timetables. You can also find a printable version of the discount card at www.metrolinktrains.com under "Special Events." These discounts cannot be combined with other offers.

For Metrolink's special L.A. County Fair service schedule, see page 2. We'll see you at the fair!



## METROLINK

### 2009 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

The Fair opens Saturday, September 5, and closes on Sunday, October 4.

PLEASE NOTE: Trains will only stop at the Fair Wednesdays through Sundays. No stops on Mondays and Tuesdays (including Labor Day—Monday, September 7, 2009).



### San Bernardino Wednesday-Friday Service

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FROM SAN BERNARDINO TO LOS ANGELES								FROM LOS ANGELES TO SAN BERNARDINO										
Train	Read Down	321	325	329	331	333	335	337	Train	Read Down	308	312	314	322	330	332	334	336
SAN BERNARDINO		11:00a	1:00p	3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	6:10p	7:15p	L.A. UNION STATION		11:20a	1:20p	2:20p	4:40p	6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	9:00p
RIALTO		11:06a	1:06p	3:06p	4:06p	5:05p	6:16p	7:21p	CAL STATE L.A.		11:30a	1:30p	2:30p	4:50p	6:10p	7:10p	8:10p	9:10p
FONTANA		11:11a	1:11p	3:11p	4:11p	5:10p	6:21p	7:26p	EL MONTE		11:40a	1:40p	2:40p	5:00p	6:20p	7:20p	8:20p	9:20p
RANCHO CUCAMONGA		<sup>t</sup> 11:19a	1:19p	3:19p	4:19p	5:18p	6:28p	7:34p	BALDWIN PARK		11:48a	1:48p	2:48p	5:08p	6:28p	7:28p	8:28p	9:28p
UPLAND		11:26a	1:26p	3:26p	4:26p	<sup>L</sup> 5:24p	<sup>L</sup> 6:39p	7:41p	COVINA		11:55a	1:55p	2:55p	5:15p	6:35p	7:35p	8:35p	9:35p
MONTCLAIR		11:31a	1:31p	3:31p	<sup>t</sup> 4:31p	<sup>t</sup> 5:30p	<sup>t</sup> 6:50p	<sup>t</sup> 7:46p	L.A. COUNTY FAIR		12:03p	2:03p	3:03p	5:23p	6:43p	7:43p	8:43p	9:43p
CLAREMONT		11:34a	1:34p	3:34p	<sup>t</sup> 4:34p	<sup>t</sup> 5:33p	<sup>t</sup> 6:53p	<sup>t</sup> 7:51p	POMONA-NORTH		12:05p	2:05p	3:05p	5:25p	6:45p	7:45p	8:45p	9:45p
POMONA-NORTH		11:38a	1:38p	3:38p	4:38p	5:37p	6:57p	7:55p	CLAREMONT		12:09p	2:09p	3:09p	5:29p	6:49p	7:49p	8:49p	9:49p
L.A. COUNTY FAIR		11:40a	1:40p	3:40p	4:40p	5:39p	6:59p	7:57p	MONTCLAIR		12:12p	2:12p	3:12p	5:32p	6:52p	7:52p	8:52p	9:52p
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### **San Bernardino Saturday Service**

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#### FROM LOS ANGELES TO SAN BERNARDINO

FROM SAN BERNARDING TO LOS ANGELES							FROM LOS ANGELES TO SAN BERNARDING													
Train	Read Down	357	359	363	367	369	373	377	379	Train	Read Down	354	358	362	364	366	368	372	376	378
DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE		9:20a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L.A. UNION STATION		9:00a	10:40a	11:50a	1:20p	3:25p	4:45p	6:15p	9:00p	11:30p
SAN BERNARDINO		10:00a	11:05a	12:35p	1:40p	2:50p	4:10p	7:10p	9:20p	CAL STATE L.A.		9:10a	10:50a	12:00p	1:30p	3:35p	4:55p	6:25p	9:10p	11:40p
RIALTO		10:06a	11:11a	12:41p	1:46p	2:56p	4:16p	7:16p	9:26p	EL MONTE		9:20a	11:00a	12:10p	1:40p	3:45p	5:05p	6:35p	9:20p	11:50p
FONTANA		10:11a	11:16a	12:46p	1:51p	3:01p	4:21p	7:21p	9:31p	BALDWIN PARK		9:28a	11:08a	12:18p	1:48p	3:53p	5:13p	6:43p	9:28p	11:58p
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MONTCLAIR		10:31a	11:36a	1:06p	2:11p	3:21p	4:41p	7:41p	9:51p	POMONA-NORTH		9:47a	<sup>t</sup> 11:27a	12:37p	t <b>2:07</b> p	4:15p	5:33p	7:02p	<sup>t</sup> 9:47p	12:17a
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### **San Bernardino Sunday Service**

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L: Train may leave up to five minutes ahead of schedule. t: Trains marked with a "t" stop on track 2. All other trains stop on track 1.

### SAFETY MATTERS: OC RAILROAD-CROSSING PROJECT UNDER WAY

With high-frequency Metrolink service on the horizon, Orange County transportation and city officials recently began construction on an approximately \$70 million, two-year project to upgrade all 52 county rail crossings. A variety of safety enhancements for passengers, pedestrians, and motorists are now under way.

Additional trains are scheduled to begin running between the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo and Fullerton stations in about a year, giving Orange County residents more opportunities to travel to work, school, or recreation destinations. Already, more than 4 million passengers travel three Metrolink lines in Orange County annually. Planned railroad-crossing enhancements will be completed in 2010 and 2011.

A major quality-of-life bonus for cities along Metrolink tracks is that completed railroad-crossing enhancements allow local jurisdictions to establish federally approved quiet zones. In quiet zones, locomotive engineers are not required to sound their borns every time they approach a grassing, as foderal law.

their horns every time they approach a crossing, as federal law requires elsewhere.

Among the railroad-crossing enhancements planned are the following:

- Upgraded and updated warning devices to alert motorists that tracks are ahead.
- Additional gate arms and swing gates to prevent drivers and pedestrians from crossing the tracks when trains are approaching.
- Extended and raised street medians to deter motorists from driving around lowered gates.
- Improved signs warning that tracks are ahead and trains have the right-of-way.
- Coordinated local traffic signals and railroad signals to prevent vehicles from being stranded on the tracks.

Some station improvements also are planned, with the new \$9 million pedestrian undercrossing at the Orange Station the first of those projects to be completed.

Construction may be accompanied by some temporary passenger and resident inconveniences such as road, lane, or track closures. Occasionally, Metrolink passengers will board buses for short distances around construction locations. But the Orange County rail-safety enhancement project comes with a big payoff: railroad crossings that are safer for our passengers, and for the motorists and pedestrians who must cross our tracks.

Funding for this important project comes from Orange County's Measure M and statewide bond measure 116. For more project information, visit www.octa.net/railroadcrossing or e-mail RailSafety@octa.net.





## D23 EXPO: ULTIMATE DISNEY FAN EXPERIENCE COMES TO ANAHEIM

Enjoy unprecedented access to never-before-seen Disney movies, TV shows, collectibles, and more from September 10 to 13 at the first-ever D23 Expo at the Anaheim Convention Center. And take Metrolink there!

Meet Disney Imagineers, watch classic Disney films, and get a sneak preview of new Disney movies at this special event put on by Disney and D23: The Official Community for Disney Fans. In an exhibition designed specifically for the expo, view an incredible collection of classic and contemporary Disney props, artifacts, and costumes. The expo includes interactive play areas for the kids, informative panels for adults, and a crafts area designed with the whole family in mind. Collectors and artistically inclined fans can showcase their wares in the D23 Collectors Forum and the first-ever Disney Fan Art Gallery, and lovers of Disney products will be thrilled by the Disney Dream Store.

Tickets are \$37 for a one-day adult admission and \$27 for children ages 3 to 12. Four-day passes are \$111 for adults and \$81 for children. For more information, visit www.D23expo. com. To get there, take Metrolink to the Anaheim Station. Transfer to OCTA bus 50 or 430 heading west to the Anaheim Convention Center. Detailed bus schedules are available at www.octa.net or (714) 636-7433.

### RAILROAD GRUB: FULLERTON'S CAFÉ HIDALGO

This month's Railroad Grub comes highly recommended by Metrolink's own Steve Holman—it's his favorite restaurant. And for good reason.



Café Hidalgo, located in the beautiful Villa del Sol complex in historic downtown Fullerton, serves authentic, freshly made Spanish, Mexican, and Latin American cuisine. Housed in an exquisite Spanish Colonial building, Café Hidalgo is a romantic setting for a date or special event—yet it's also a comfortable, unpretentious spot for a casual

lunch or family meal.

At this family-run restaurant, kids are always welcome, and the staff wants every diner to feel at home—even pets, who can join their human companions on Café Hidalgo's pet-friendly patio.

Owner Mike Oates was inspired by his travels in Mexico and his love of good food to open Café Hidalgo in the late 1990s. Here, the sauces are made fresh and the meat is cut on-site. Oates himself shops for fresh produce daily. Regulars love the Santa Fe Chicken Salad. with fresh spicy-garlic dressing, and other favorites like a blackenedsalmon sandwich, fish tacos, and green chicken enchiladas. A nightly happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. features appetizers at \$2 off, draft beers for \$2 and \$3, and sangria, well drinks, and house wine for \$3.

Café Hidalgo, which donates

regularly to local schools and charities, is a beloved part of the Fullerton community. Local teachers and businesspeople proudly schedule important events here—from baby showers to graduation parties to corporate gatherings.

Located at 305 N. Harbor Boulevard in Fullerton, Café Hidalgo is open for lunch Monday through Saturday, and for happy hour and dinner nightly starting at 5 p.m. To get there from the Fullerton Station, walk north on South Pomona Avenue toward Santa Fe Avenue; turn left on Santa Fe, then right on Harbor Boulevard. Walk three-and-a-half blocks, and you're there. Learn more at www.cafehidalgofullerton.com or (714) 447-3202.







On Fridays, schedule a Metrolink trip to the Claremont Depot on the San Bernardino Line to jazz up your night. The Claremont Depot Jazz Series offers free music and fun every Friday night from September 18 through October 16. All you have to do is step off the train at the Claremont Station and grab a spot in the front plaza.

Metrolink is the sponsor of these concerts, which feature a different style of jazz each week. Every concert starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. Food and beverages are available from local restaurants at the depot or in Claremont Village right across the street.

### **Claremont Depot Jazz Series**

**September 18:** Susie Hansen Latin Band

September 25: Mark Carter
October 2: L.A. Bluescasters

October 9: Lao Tizer

October 16: The Wiseguys Big Band Machine



Guitarist John Bernays, also known as Johnny Jazz, entertains riders at the San Juan Capistrano Station. Thanks in part to the generosity of Metrolink riders, this formerly homeless man recently moved into a room and purchased a new guitar. Frank Ritenour, a photographer active in San Juan Capistrano's arts community (www.ritenoursphotography.com), took this photo. Watch Johnny play at johnnysjazz.blogspot.com.

## Weekend Outing: Explore Old Towne Orange

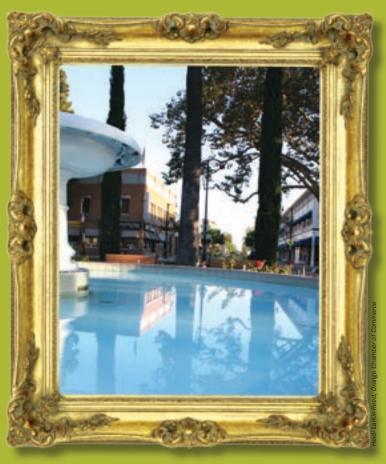
Looking for some affordable, hassle-free weekend fun? Leave the car at home, and take Metrolink. Weekend service is free to Metrolink pass holders, and costs everyone else 25 percent less than weekday travel. With weekend service on the Antelope Valley, San Bernardino, Orange County, and Inland Empire—Orange County lines, you can enjoy events throughout Southern California without worrying about gas costs or traffic.

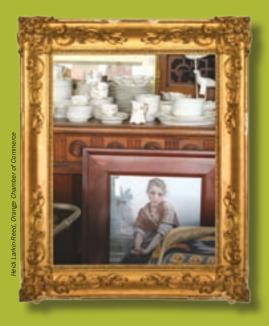
Find your own slice of history or taste of fun in Old Towne Orange, which is known for its plethora of antique shops, the annual Orange International Street Fair every Labor Day weekend, and its status as the state's largest National Register of Historic Places district. Disembark at the Orange Station on the Orange County Line, and you are blocks from the heart of Old Towne. Walk south to Chapman, then head east to discover or revisit this popular and unique downtown.

The heart of charming Old Towne is Plaza Park, also known as the Orange circle, at Glassell Street and Chapman Avenue. Antique stores lie in every direction.

Walk east on Chapman from the circle to check out one of Old Towne's landmarks, Watson Drugs and Soda Fountain. The oldest continually operated drugstore in Orange County, Watson opened in 1899. Its 1950s-era décor has been featured in many movies.

Head south on Glassell and you will see the tough and the genteel side by side. Need military surplus? The Army-Navy Store will have it, plus surfwear and Levi's, kayaks and guns. In the mood for a cup of tea and a snack, or a tea- or France-themed gift? Choose Paris in a Cup next door. Across the street, you will find the Blue Frog Dessert House and Bakery, which offers breakfast, lunch, and delectable desserts.





For a unique dining location, turn east on Almond and head for the church at the corner of Orange Street. It's PJ's Abbey, a restaurant in a converted Gothic-style Baptist church. Come for the stained windows or the pew booths, stay for the tender steak or tasty veggie burger.

Walk back up to the circle and make a left if you're in the mood for Cuban and Spanish food at a reasonable price. Felix Continental Café has been situated on the circle for decades because diners keep returning to enjoy a favorite dish, or even just to sip a coffee, beer, or glass of wine at the sidewalk café.

Stroll north on Glassell for many more restaurants and shops, including an Irish pub, and ice cream and yogurt shops. Stop by the Frogs Breath Cheese Store to pick out some sliced-to-order gourmet cheeses before you head back to the station.

If you've eaten too much, walk it off. The circle is surrounded by homes in more than 50 architectural styles. You can explore on your own or time your visit to join the monthly 90-minute Historic Orange walking tour conducted by the Orange Community Historical Society. This month, it is scheduled for Sunday, September 27. Reservations are required, so visit www.historicorange.org and click on "walking tour info" to find out more.

#### **ANOTHER SEPTEMBER WEEKEND OUTING IDEA:**

■ Oceanside Harbor Days, Oceanside, September 19–20. Info: www.oceansideharbordays.com

Metrolink Weekend tickets must be purchased before boarding, so arrive at the station at least 30 minutes prior to departure. Up to three children ages 5 and under can travel for free with a paying adult. Riders may use Metrolink monthly passes and 10-trip tickets for travel between the stations on your ticket. For more information on weekend service, visit www.metrolinkweekends.com.

# Travel Together and SAVE on Weekends

Don't have a monthly pass or 10-trip ticket?

Then enjoy a Metrolink weekend excursion at a group discount. The Friends and Family 4-Pack (FF4P) includes four round-trip Metrolink Weekend tickets good for travel together all day on Saturday or Sunday and some holidays for only \$29. That's almost half off average weekend round-trip fares.

For instance, take the family to San Clemente's Seafest on Sunday, October 11, and taste chowders from its renowned Chowder Cook-Off. Sample six chowders for \$6, and enjoy free music, the surf contest, and

an arts and crafts show. With your bargain Metrolink fare, it's a fun and affordable family outing.

FF4P tickets are available at all Metrolink ticket vending machines for any group of up to four individuals as long as they travel together all day. Just press the FF4P button on the ticket vending machine once to receive all four round-trip tickets at once. Restrictions do apply, so visit www. metrolinkweekends.com and click on the Friends and Family 4-Pack banner for details.



### METROLINK DISCOUNTS AT L.A. LIVE

Music lover? Sports fan? Both? Use special Metrolink discount coupons to visit L.A. Live. You can immerse yourself in music history at the Grammy Museum and, just steps away, enter the ultimate game-viewing environment at ESPN Zone. The Grammy Museum features 30,000 square feet of interactive and multimedia exhibits exploring hundreds of musical genres, including limited-time-only special exhibits on Michael Jackson and Neil Diamond. ESPN Zone is Los Angeles's ultimate sports spot, with two floors of interactive fun for sports enthusiasts of all ages.

To get to these L.A. Live venues, take Metrolink to L.A. Union Station, transfer free to the Metro Red or Purple line, and get off at 7th/Metro Station. Walk upstairs and board the Metro Blue Line (Long Beach) to Chick Hearn/Pico Station. L.A. Live is across the street. Learn more at www.grammymuseum.org, www.espnzone.com/losangeles, and www.lalive.com.

### SAVE ON ANGELS GAMES

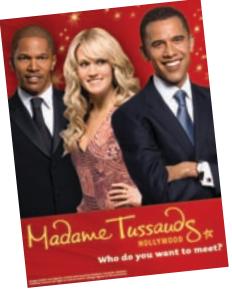
For your discount on Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim games, present your valid Metrolink ticket at the Angels ticket window during regular business hours to receive \$5 off per ticket in upper-view, lower-view box, and terrace-box wheelchair seats (if applicable). This offer is valid for only these remaining 2009 regular-season home games: September 8–13, 25–30. The discount is limited to a total purchase of six tickets per person per visit.\*

Metrolink and Amtrak trains stop at Anaheim Stadium seven days a week. Check Metrolink schedules at www.metrolinktrains.com, or call (800) 371-LINK (5465) for more information. For Amtrak schedules, visit www.amtrak.com or call (800) USA-RAIL.

\*Offer is subject to availability, has no cash value, is not valid on previously purchased tickets, and is not good in conjunction with any other promotional offer.



### MADAME TUSSAUDS HOLLYWOOD TICKET GIVEAWAY



Enter for a chance to win one of two pairs of tickets to Madame Tussauds Hollywood. Restrictions may apply. Enter at www.metrolinkchancetowin.com or by returning the entry form below to: Metrolink Matters, Madame Tussauds Hollywood, 700 S. Flower Street, Suite 2600, Los Angeles, CA 90017. All entries must be received by September 30, 2009. No purchase necessary to enter or win.

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