

## GETTING TO KNOW THE BAY AREA

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*1 kilometer (km) = 0.6214 miles (mi)*

### SHOPPING CENTERS/MAJOR STORES

#### ↘ **San Jose Market Center**

San Jose Market Center has various shops and restaurants including: **Target, Cost-Plus, Marshall's, Michaels (crafts), Office Depot, Trader Joe's (grocery), Chevys Mexican restaurant, and Panera Bread.**

- **Website:** <http://www.cousinsproperties.com/retail/index/sjmc.cfm>
- **Location:** 700 Coleman Avenue, San Jose, at the SW corner of Taylor Street and Coleman Ave.
- **How to get there:**
  - Directions:**
    1. Head **northwest** on **S 11th St** toward **E San Carlos St**-0.8 mi
    2. Turn **left** at **E Julian St**-0.8 mi
    3. Turn **right** at **N Market St**-0.3 mi
    4. Continue onto **Coleman Ave**-0.2 mi
    5. Turn **left**-46 ft
- **Bus:** Walk to San Fernando & 7<sup>th</sup> St. Take Bus #81 towards Cupertino Square. Depart at Park & Naglee. Transfer to bus #62 towards Piedmont. Depart bus at Coleman & Taylor.

#### ↘ **The Plant Shopping Center**

The Plant Shopping Center is a newer center located at the corner of Curtner Avenue and Monterey Road. Shops and restaurants include: **Target, Home Depot, Best Buy, Office Max, Toys R US, Wing Stop, and Applebee's.**

- **Website:** <http://theplantsanjose.com/>
- **Location:** 1 Curtner Ave San Jose, CA 95112
- **Directions:**
  1. Head **northwest** on **S 11th St** toward **E San Carlos St** -397 ft
  2. Take the 1st **left** onto **E San Carlos St**-351 ft
  3. Turn **left** at **S 10th St**-1.3 mi
  4. Turn **right** at **E Alma Ave**-0.5 mi
  5. Turn **left** at **Monterey Rd**- 1.1 mi
  6. Turn **right** at **Curtner Ave** -10 ft  
(Destination will be on the right)
- **Bus:** Walk to 2<sup>nd</sup> & San Salvador. Take bus #66 SB towards Kaiser San Jose. Depart bus at Curtner and Monterey.

#### ↘ **Fry's Electronics**

- **Address:** 550 East Brokaw Road, San Jose
- **Store hours:** **8:00am-9:00pm** Monday - Friday  
**9:00am-9:00pm** Saturday  
**9:00am-7:00pm** Sunday
- **How to get there:** take Alum Rock Light Rail from 2<sup>nd</sup> street and get off at Karina station. Then transfer to bus #59 eastbound and get off on Brokaw Street (it's a block away from Fry's Electronics).

## ↘ **Wal-Mart**

- **Address:** 777 Story Rd. San Jose, Ca
- **Store Hours:** 8:00am-10:00pm Everyday
- **How to get there:**  
**Bus:** Walk to 10<sup>th</sup> and San Salvador. Take #73SB bus towards Snell and Capital. Depart at Keyes and 12<sup>th</sup> st. Walk east on Keyes (approx. 10 min) until arrival at Wal-Mart, located in the shopping center on the left-hand side at Roberts St.  
**Walk:** Head south on 11<sup>th</sup> street 9 blocks until Keyes St. Turn left. Head east on Keyes until arrival at Wal-Mart.

## SHOPPING MALLS

### ↘ **Valley Fair Mall**

Valley Fair is a more upscale shopping center compared to the other malls.

- **Website:** <http://www.westfield.com/valleyfair/>
- **Location:** 2855 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite 2178, Santa Clara, CA, 95050-6709
- **How to get there:**  
**Directions:**
  1. Head **northwest** on **S 11th St** toward **E San Carlos St**-397 ft
  2. Take the 1st **left** onto **E San Carlos St**-351 ft
  3. Turn **left** at **S 10th St**-0.6 mi
  4. Turn **right** to merge onto **I-280 N**-3.8 mi
  5. Take the **I-880 N** exit toward **Oakland**-0.6 mi
  6. Follow signs for **Stevens Creek Blvd** and merge onto **Stevens Creek Blvd**-0.4 mi
- **Bus:** Bus #23 from Paseo de San Antonio and 2<sup>nd</sup> street. Depart the bus at “Valley Fair Transit Center.”

### ↘ **Santana Row**

Santana Row is an upscale place for shopping and entertainment directly across from Valley Fair Mall. It has pedestrian-friendly streets with fountains, a farmer’s market, concerts, and other special open air events. Some bars/nightclubs for the 21+ crowd include: Rosie McCann’s (Top 40’s), Straits (Top 40’s), Blowfish (House music). A Best Buy is also located in Santana Row and is a good for electronics.

- **Website:** <http://www.santanarow.com/>
- **Location:** 3055 Olin Ave San Jose, CA 95128
- **How to get there:**  
**Directions:**
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  2. Take the 1st **left** onto **E San Carlos St**-351 ft
  3. Turn **left** at **S 10th St**-0.6 mi
  4. Turn **right** to merge onto **I-280 N**-3.8 mi
  5. Take the **I-880 N** exit toward **Oakland**-0.6 mi
  6. Follow signs for **Stevens Creek Blvd** and merge onto **Stevens Creek Blvd**-0.5 mi
  7. Turn **left** at **Santana Row**-0.2 mi

↘ **Bus:** bus #23 from Paseo de San Antonio and 2<sup>nd</sup> street. Depart at Winchester and Stevens Creek.

## ↘ Oakridge Mall

Oakridge Mall has various shops, restaurants, Target, which is large retail store, and a new movie theater. It also has a Sears which is good for linens and other various household items, and a brand new Nordstrom's Rack, an outlet department store for upscale merchandise, including shoes, clothes, accessories, and beauty products.

- **Website:** <http://www.westfield.com/oakridge/>

- **Location:** 925 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose

- **How to get there:**

### **Directions:**

1. Head **northwest** on **S 11th St** toward **E San Carlos St**-397 ft
2. Take the 1st **left** onto **E San Carlos St**-351 ft
3. Turn **left** at **S 10th St**-0.6 mi
4. Turn **right** to merge onto **I-280 N**-0.9 mi
5. Take the exit onto **CA-87 S**-5.0 mi
6. Take exit **1C** to merge onto **Santa Teresa Blvd**-0.8 mi
7. Turn **right** at **Blossom Hill Rd**-0.1mi  
(Destination will be on the right)

- **Light Rail:** Take "Alum Rock-Santa Teresa via Baypointe Southbound" at 2<sup>nd</sup> street and stops at Ohlone/Chynoweth. Then transfers to Ohlone/Chynoweth-Almaden Light Rail and stops at Oakridge Station on Winfield Blvd.
- **Bus:** Bus #68 from Santa Clara Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> street. Arrive at Almaden Light Rail station. Get on Light Rail and depart at Oakridge Station.

## ↘ Eastridge Mall

Another large mall with a new AMC movie theater with stadium seating. JC Penney's is a good place to shop for linens (sheets, towels, pillows) and other items.

- **Website:** <http://www.eastridgecenter.com>

- **Location:** 1 Eastridge Mall, San Jose, CA 95122

- **How to get there:**

### **Directions:**

1. Head **northwest** on **S 11th St** toward **E San Carlos St**-0.5 mi
2. Turn **right** at **E Santa Clara St**-1.1 mi
3. Slight **right** to merge onto **US-101 S** toward **Los Angeles**-2.4 mi
4. Take the **Tully Rd** exit-0.2 mi
5. Keep **left** at the fork, follow signs for **Tully Rd E** and merge onto **Tully Rd**-1.3 mi
6. Turn **right** at **Eastridge Way**-476 ft
7. Turn **left** at **Eastridge Loop/Eastridge Mall**-33 ft

- **Bus:** #22 Eastbound from Santa Clara Street and stops at Eastridge Transit Center.

## ↘ **Great Mall**

Great Mall offers outlet stores where you can shop cheaper and have a lot of choices. It also has a movie theater, Dave & Busters, and restaurants such as Outback Steakhouse.

- **Location:** 447 Great Mall Drive, Milpitas, CA 95035-8041
- **How to get there:**  
**Directions:**
  1. Head **northwest** on **S 11th St** toward **E San Carlos St**-1.8 mi
  2. Turn **right** at **E Hedding St**-0.1 mi
  3. Turn **left** at **Oakland Rd**-0.3 mi
  4. Turn **left** to merge onto **US-101 N**-0.4 mi
  5. Take the exit onto **I-880 N** toward **Oakland**-2.3 mi
  6. Take the **Montague Expy E** exit-0.6 mi
  7. Merge onto **Montague Expy**-1.0 mi
  8. Turn **left** at **N Capitol Ave**-79 ft
  9. Continue onto **Great Mall Pkwy**-0.2 mi
  10. Turn **right** at **Mustang Dr**-249 ft
  11. Turn **left** at **Great Mall Dr**-157 ft
  12. Turn **right**-0.3 mi
- **Bus:** Bus #180 (express bus) from Santa Clara and 1<sup>st</sup> street.  
Bus #66 from Santa Clara and 1<sup>st</sup> street.  
Both buses stop at Great Mall Transit Center.
- **Lightrail:** LRT (Light Rail Transit) “Alum Rock to Santa Teresa via Baypointe” from 1<sup>st</sup> street at Paseo de San Antonio or Santa Clara Street stops at Great Mall Station.

## **18+ NIGHT LIFE**

(All nightclubs are “dress to impress”)

- ↘ Miami Beach Club - walking distance  
417 South 1st Street  
San Jose, CA 95113-2816  
(408) 971-6646  
Thursday-Sunday 9:00pm-2:00am
- ↘ Abyss Night Club - driving distance  
146 South Murphy Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086-6112  
(408) 732-2977  
Thursdays-College Night

## **GROCERY STORES**

- ↘ **Dai Thanh Supermarket** (Vietnamese style grocery store.)  
418 S. 2nd Street, San Jose (between William St. and San Salvador St.) - walking distance.
- ↘ **California Halal Market** (Pakistani Grocery Store)  
1729 Berryessa Rd, San Jose. Telephone (408) 729 4929 – 3.4 miles from I-House
  - **Bus:** Walk to San Carlos & 13<sup>th</sup>. Take #72 NB depart at Bassett Terminal. Walk to 3<sup>rd</sup> & Julian. Transfer to bus #11. Depart at Hedding & 15<sup>th</sup>. Walk approx. 10 min east on Hedding.
- ↘ **Nijuya Market** (Japanese grocery store in Japantown.)  
240 Jackson St, San Jose, CA 95112
  - **VTA Light Rail - Alum Rock - Santa Teresa:** Take towards Alum Rock. Get off at Ayer. Walk to N. 1<sup>st</sup>
- ↘ **99 Ranch Market** (A large Asian market specializing in fresh seafood.)  
1688 Hostetter Road #E, San Jose, CA 95131
  - **Bus:** Bus #522/#22 towards Eastridge Transit Center. Depart at Alum Rock & King. Transfer to #77. Arrive at Lundy & Hostetter.
- ↘ **Safeway, The Market**  
100 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. San Jose, CA Mon-Sun: 6:00am-11:00pm (on San Fernando St.) - walking distance.
- ↘ **Safeway**  
1300 W San Carlos St, San Jose, CA
  - **Bus:** Bus #23 from Paseo de San Antonio and 2<sup>nd</sup> street. Depart at Byrd St.
- ↘ **Whole Foods Market** (Organic grocery store)  
1690 S. Bascom Ave. Campbell, CA (408) 371-5000- 4.5mi from I-House
  - **Light Rail: Mountain View-Winchester:** Take towards Winchester. Get off at Hamilton. Walk to Bascom and arrive at Hamilton Shopping Center.
- ↘ **Coming Soon: Fresh & Easy Market**  
272 E. Santa Clara, San Jose. (Between S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. & S. 7<sup>th</sup> St.) Walking distance.

## **BANKS**

### **Bank of America**

**Address:** 99 South 4<sup>th</sup> street, San Jose – near intersection of East San Fernando (in front of King Library).  
**Phone:** (408) 983-0588  
Nearest ATM: On campus - next to Career Center building.

### **Bank of the West**

**Address:** 50 W. San Fernando Street, San Jose – between 1<sup>st</sup> and Market (walking distance)  
**Phone:** 947-5005  
This is the SJSU Foundation bank. If I-House writes you a check, you can cash it at this bank.

### **Chase Bank (Previously Washington Mutual)**

**Address:** 55 West Santa Clara Street, San Jose – near intersection with 1<sup>st</sup> street (walking distance)  
**Phone:** (408) 291-3331  
Nearest ATM: on campus – next to Career Center building.

**Citibank**

**Address:** 10 Almaden Boulevard at 6<sup>th</sup> Street, San Jose

**Phone:** (408) 298-1300

How to get there: Bus #22 westbound or bus #64 Southbound from Santa Clara Street and get off on Almaden Blvd. then turn left on Almaden Blvd.

**Meriwest Credit Union**

**Address:** 1 North First Street (facing Santa Clara Avenue), San Jose (walking distance)

**Phone:** (877) 637-4937

Nearest ATM: Use Bank of the West on campus - next to Career Center building.

Free checking accounts. If you do not have a Social Security card, bring two forms of photo I.D.

**Wells Fargo Bank**

**Address:** 121 Park Center Plaza #1, San Jose nearest intersections are: Almaden St. & San Fernando (walking distance)

**Phone:** (408) 277-6535

Nearest ATM: On campus - next to Career Center building.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

- **Downtown Los Gatos**

Los Gatos is a small, picturesque town filled with unique shops, restaurants, beautiful parks, and historic sites. There is a Main Street and an Old Town to explore. Los Gatos is also known for the unique events which are scheduled in and around the town. <http://www.downtownlosgatos.org>

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2. Take the 1st **left** onto **E San Carlos St**-351 ft
3. Turn **left** at **S 10th St**-0.6 mi
4. Turn **right** to merge onto **I-280 N**-14.8 mi
5. Take the **El Monte Rd** exit toward **Moody Rd**-0.2 mi
6. Keep **right** at the fork, follow signs for **El Monte E** and merge onto **El Monte Rd**-0.9 mi
7. Turn **left** at **Foothill Expy**-0.6 mi
8. Turn **right** at **Main St**-0.1 mi  
(Destination will be on the right)

- **Bus:** Walk to 11<sup>th</sup> & Santa Clara take #522. Depart at El Camino & Showers. Walk to Showers and Latham. Take #40 until San Antonio & Whitney. Walk to Main St.

- **Downtown Willow Glen**

The Downtown shopping district spans Lincoln Avenue from Coe to Minnesota. Many shopping opportunities line along this pedestrian friendly area; it is fun to explore the eclectic mix from one end to the other.

<http://www.downtownwillowglen.org/>

Interesting places to visit:

- Willow Glen Book Store: a nice book store
- Willow Glen Coffee Shop with live music performances on weekend
- Petroglyph, Inc. : a place where you can buy and then decorate your own ceramics
- Hicklebees: a children's bookstore; a great place to find books and gifts to bring back home.

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4. Turn **right** to merge onto **I-280 N**-0.9 mi
5. Take the **CA-87 S** exit toward **Guadalupe Pkwy**-1.1 mi
6. Take exit **4** toward **Alma Ave**-0.2 mi
7. Turn **left** at **Lelong St**-0.2 mi
8. Take the 1st **right** onto **W Alma Ave**-0.2 mi
9. Continue onto **Minnesota Ave**-0.6 mi

- **Bus:** Bus #64 Southbound from Santa Clara Street

- **Downtown Campbell**

Downtown Campbell is a vibrant shopping and entertainment district featuring many historical landmarks and over 100 shops, services, and restaurants for you to explore and enjoy. Centered on the historical birthplace of the City of Campbell, remnants of the past are visible on every block of Downtown Campbell as the exchanges of community life happen against the backdrop of classic architecture dating back to the early 1900's.

<http://downtowncampbell.com>

Interesting places to visit:

- Recycle Bookstore: 275 E. Campbell Ave 408.370.3514
- The Wax Bar: 33 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. 408.332.1540
- Nightclubs/Bars (21+): Cardiff, Katie Blooms, The Spot

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3. Turn **left** at **S 10th St**-0.6 mi
4. Turn **right** to merge onto **I-280 N**-3.6 mi
5. Take the exit onto **CA-17 S** toward **Santa Cruz**-1.9 mi
6. Take exit **25** for **Hamilton Ave**-0.1 mi
7. Keep **right** at the fork, follow signs for **Downtown/Campbell/J F K University** and merge onto **E Hamilton Ave**-0.6 mi
8. Turn **left** at **S Winchester Blvd**-0.5 mi
9. Turn **left** at **E Campbell Ave**-453 ft  
(Destination will be on the left)

- **Lightrail:** Take Mountain View/Winchester Lightrail towards Winchester. Depart at Campbell station.

## **SANTA CRUZ**

Santa Cruz is the quintessential beach town. It was here that Hawaiian royalty first introduced surfing to the mainland--and locals and visitors alike have been riding the waves ever since. Not far from the surf break, laughter fills the air at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, the West Coast's last remaining seaside amusement park. A few blocks from the beach is Santa Cruz's newly renovated downtown. The pedestrian-friendly, tree-lined streets are filled with shops and galleries, outdoor bistros and sidewalk musicians - all in keeping with Surf City's offbeat personality. [www.scccvc.org](http://www.scccvc.org)

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  3. Turn **left** at **S 10th St**0.6 mi
  4. Turn **right** to merge onto **I-280 N**3.6 mi
  5. Take the exit onto **CA-17 S** toward **Santa Cruz**27.1 mi
  6. Continue onto **Santa Cruz Hwy**0.3 mi
  7. Continue onto **Ocean St**0.4 mi
  8. Turn **right** at **Water St**0.4 mi
  9. Turn **left** at **Pacific Ave** 0.3 mi
- **Bus:** Santa Cruz Metro Bus 17 ([www.scmttd.com/routes/rt17.html](http://www.scmttd.com/routes/rt17.html)) from San Jose Diridon Station (Caltrain Station) which runs every 55 minutes and goes directly to downtown Santa Cruz. To San Jose Diridon Station: you can take DASH or bus #64 Westbound from Santa Clara Street. **This bus requires a separate fare that the VTA pass does not cover.**



## **MONTEREY**

Magnificent Monterey Peninsula has been called the greatest meeting of land, sea and sky and is an ideal vacation destination. This beautiful seaside community combines all the charm of small town America with an endless variety of recreational and cultural activities. Monterey's rich history, the saga of California's Mission Trail, Fisherman's Wharf and Cannery Row, world-class golf courses, an amazing aquarium, a unique variety of shops and galleries, and a spectacular assortment of parks and natural areas combine to provide a truly unrivaled destination. [www.seemonterey.com](http://www.seemonterey.com)

### **Directions:**

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2. Turn **right** at **E Santa Clara St**-1.1 mi
3. Slight **right** to merge onto **US-101 S** toward **Los Angeles**-49.2 mi
4. Take the exit toward **Monterey/Peninsula**-0.4 mi
5. Merge onto **CA-156 W**-6.1 mi
6. Continue onto **CA-1 S**-11.7 mi
7. Take exit **402B** to merge onto **Del Monte Ave** toward **Pacific Grove**-2.0 mi
8. Slight **left** to stay on **Del Monte Ave**-0.2 mi
9. Turn **left** at **Calle Principal**-269 ft

- **Bus:** Capitol Corridor Emeryville Bus Connection. [www.catransit.com/images/ccjpaTable2.pdf](http://www.catransit.com/images/ccjpaTable2.pdf)
- **Amtrak:** Amtrak Thruway Bus. [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

## **CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA**

Carmel, California is nestled between the world famous Pebble Beach golf course to the north and the spectacular Big Sur coast to the South. By carefully guarding the natural beauty of the area, Carmel has created a European style retreat away from all the headaches of everyday life. Carmel's rural setting and leisurely pace help you relax, and its small elegant inns, restaurants and shops make sure your stay is a memorable experience. <http://www.carmel-california.com/>

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3. Slight **right** to merge onto **US-101 S** toward **Los Angeles**-49.2 mi
4. Take the exit toward **Monterey/Peninsula**-0.4 mi
5. Merge onto **CA-156 W**-6.1 mi
6. Continue onto **CA-1 S/Cabrillo Hwy**-16.2 mi
7. Turn **right** at **Carpenter St**-0.9 mi
8. Turn **right** at **Ocean Ave**-0.4 mi

- **Bus:** Capitol Corridor Emeryville Bus Connection. For more information please visit: [www.catransit.com/images/ccjpaTable2.pdf](http://www.catransit.com/images/ccjpaTable2.pdf).
- **Amtrak:** Amtrak Thruway Bus. For more information please visit: [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com). From Monterey to Carmel, you can take Amtrak San Jose Thruway Bus Connections. For more information please visit: [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

## **BAY AREA HIKING**

For driving, walking, or public transit directions, please visit [www.google.com/maps](http://www.google.com/maps), click on [get directions](#), and then use the [drop down box](#) to select your mode of transport. Begin by entering your starting address (I-House: 360 S 11<sup>th</sup> St. San Jose, CA 95112) and the name of your destination (i.e. Yosemite National Park). For more information on all parks listed, you can visit: <http://pages.prodigy.net/rhorii/sccparks.htm>

### **Almaden Quicksilver County Park**

Its location at the southern end of the Santa Clara Valley provides some spectacular views of the southern Bay Area. Its hills rise to over 1700 feet. From high points in the park, you can see most of the Silicon Valley. On clear days, you can see the bay waters and bridges, the skyscrapers of San Francisco and Oakland, the Diablo and Santa Cruz Ranges and all the way to Mt. Tamalpais in Marin. There are only three entrances to the park: McAbee Road at the north, Mockingbird Hill at the east, and Almaden Road (the Hacienda Entrance) at the south.

Here are some the main trails: The Mine Hill Trail, The April Trail, The Providencia Trail, and The Hacienda Trail.

### **Alum Rock Regional Park**

Alum Rock Regional Park is San Jose's oldest and largest park. It's located in a rugged, rocky canyon on the foothills of the Diablo Range east of San Jose. It's famous for its mineral springs that bubble out of little stone "temples" that were built into the canyon wall many years ago. The springs drain into a creek that runs down the heart of the park. The park is a popular destination for city-dwellers, with grassy picnic and play areas and the Youth Science Institute nature museum. Trails lead up the canyon walls.

### **Santa Teresa County Park**

It's a smaller sister to Almaden Quicksilver, running parallel to it along the Santa Teresa Hills. It ranges in altitude from 200 feet at the Santa Teresa Golf Course to 1155 feet at the top of Coyote Peak, the highest point in the Santa Teresa Hills. The park has 14 miles of trails.

### **Calero County Park**

This 2421 acre park is known for Calero Reservoir, a popular motor boating, sailing, fishing, and waterskiing lake. However, the park has 12 miles of back country trails in the hills surrounding the lake. The hills offer fine views of Calero Reservoir and the Almaden Valley.

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