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Beach Buses Spell Relief From Heat and High Prices. Go Metro.

With gas prices rising faster than summer temperatures, Go Metro to the beach to chill out. Metro Bus and Rail and county shuttles can take you to some of the best beaches in the world. So grab a Metro Day Pass, a picnic and a good book and spend a relaxing day at the beach -- cooling off from the heat, as well as ridiculously high gas prices.

Metro Rapid Lines 704 and 720 and Rapid Express Line 920 all take you to Santa Monica Pier in less time, gliding through traffic lights that change to allow the Rapids signal priority.

Metro Rapid Line 704 from Union Station travels down Santa Monica Boulevard to Santa Monica Pier. Line 720 runs from Commerce Center in the City of Commerce to Santa Monica Pier. Rapid Express Line 920 travels down Wilshire from the Wilshire/Vermont Metro Red and Purple Line Station to Santa Monica Pier, making only a few stops. Due to limited stops, travel times for the Rapid Express lines are up to 15 percent faster than traditional Metro Rapid service, which itself can be 25 percent faster than traditional service.

In the San Fernando Valley, the Topanga Canyon Summer Beach Bus meets the Metro Orange Line at Warner Center in Woodland Hills and carries passengers to Topanga State Beach, Will Rogers State Beach and Santa Monica State Beach. The special summer shuttle runs Monday through Saturday through Sept. 1, with three trips a day in each direction. Shuttle cost is 50 cents each way for children and adults and 25 cents for senior citizens and persons with disabilities. For details go to www.LAGoBus.info, then click on Summer Beach Bus in the left column, then on Topanga Canyon. Shuttle service is sponsored by the office of County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky.

Also at www.LAGoBus.info find shuttles to Santa Monica Beach from Altadena, Antelope Valley, Charter Oak/Duarte, East Los Angeles, La Crescenta/La Canada Flintridge and Santa Clarita. Many can be used in combination with Metro.

Also bound for the beach this summer:

- Metro Line 4 from downtown travels down Santa Monica Boulevard to Santa Monica Pier.
- Metro Line 534, originating at Fairfax and Washington, travels down Pacific Coast Highway past Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica State Beach, Will Rogers State Beach and Topanga Beach.
- Metro Line 33 goes to Venice Beach and Santa Monica Pier from Union Station.
- The Metro Green Line travels to Douglas Station where it meets Metro Line 125 to Manhattan State Beach.
- The Metro Blue Line from downtown Los Angeles travels to Long Beach.

So hit the beach this summer the relaxing and inexpensive way. Go Metro. For routes and details call 1-800-COMMUTE or go to the [Trip Planner](#) at metro.net.

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