

# THINGS TO DO IN ORANGE COUNTY

Wondering what to do next weekend? Next month? Here's a preview of upcoming events taking place around Orange County. With Metrolink service, all of these events are just a comfortable train ride away. So give your car a rest and say "Good Bye!" to traffic and parking hassles with Metrolink.

## March

- 3/1-3/31** **Dora & Diego: Let's Explore!**  
**Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination**  
*Discovery Science Center, Santa Ana*  
[www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org) or (714) 542-2823  
From the Orange Station, take Bus 54 or 56 West and transfer to Route 53 South
- 3/1-4/30** **Gray Whale Watching**  
*Dana Wharf, Dana Point*  
[www.danawharf.com](http://www.danawharf.com) or (949) 496-5794  
From San Juan Capistrano Station, take OCTA Bus Route 91 South
- 3/3-3/4 & 3/10-3/11** **41st Annual Festival of Whales**  
*Dana Point*  
[www.festivalofwhales.com](http://www.festivalofwhales.com) or (949) 472-7888  
From San Juan Capistrano Station, take OCTA Bus Route 91 South
- 3/19** **St. Joseph's Day Festivities**  
*Mission San Juan Capistrano*  
[www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com) or (949) 234-1300  
Within walking distance of the San Juan Capistrano Station
- 3/23** **Hoosgow Day**  
*San Juan Capistrano*  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
[www.swallowsparade.com/hoosgow](http://www.swallowsparade.com/hoosgow)  
Within walking distance of the San Juan Capistrano Station
- 3/24** **Swallows' Day Parade and Mercado**  
*San Juan Capistrano*  
10:00 a.m.  
[www.swallowsparade.com](http://www.swallowsparade.com) or (949) 493-1976  
Within walking distance of the San Juan Capistrano Station

## April

- 4/1 - 4/15** **Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination**  
*Discovery Science Center, Santa Ana*  
[www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org) or (714) 542-2823  
From the Orange Station, take Bus 54 or 56 West and transfer to Route 53 South
- 4/1 - 4/30** **Dora & Diego: Let's Explore!**  
*Discovery Science Center, Santa Ana*  
[www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org) or (714) 542-2823  
From the Orange Station, take Bus 54 or 56 West and transfer to Route 53 South
- 4/2 - 4/24** **Bubblefest XV**  
*Discovery Science Center, Santa Ana*  
[www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org) or (714) 542-2823  
From the Orange Station, take Bus 54 or 56 West and transfer to Route 53 South
- 4/14** **Doheny Wood Car Show**  
*Dana Point*  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
From San Juan Capistrano Station, take OCTA Bus Route 91 South
- 4/21** **Olvera Street Anniversary Celebration**  
*Olvera Street, Los Angeles*  
[www.calleolvera.com](http://www.calleolvera.com)  
Within walking distance of LA Union Station

## May

- 5/1 - 5/6** **Dora & Diego: Let's Explore!**  
*Discovery Science Center, Santa Ana*  
[www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org) or (714) 542-2823  
From the Orange Station, take Bus 54 or 56 West and transfer to Route 53 South
- 5/12** **Battle of the Mariachis Festival**  
*Mission San Juan Capistrano*  
[www.missionsjc.com](http://www.missionsjc.com) or (949) 234-1321  
Within walking distance of the San Juan Capistrano Station
- 5/19 - 5/20** **Doheny Blues Festival**  
*Dana Point*  
[www.omegaevents.com](http://www.omegaevents.com) or (949) 360-7800  
From San Juan Capistrano Station, take OCTA Bus Route 91 South



## Fullerton Parking Structure Progressing



Construction of the new 820-stall parking structure at the southwest corner of Harbor Boulevard and Santa Fe Avenue is well under way. The decks and columns of the structure were completed before the end of the year, and work on the structure is moving along.

The project also includes a pedestrian walkway on the BNSF bridge over Harbor Boulevard, improvements to Santa Fe Avenue and installation of a traffic signal at the Harbor/Santa Fe intersection. The parking structure is scheduled to be completed in April 2012.

## New OCTA Board of Directors

It's a new year and with the start of 2012 OCTA has a new Board of Directors. The members of the 2012 Board are:

Paul G. Glaab	Chair	Lorri Galloway	Director
Greg Winterbottom	Vice Chair	Don Hansen	Director
Jerry Amante	Director	Michael Hennessey	Director
Don Bankhead	Director	Peter Herzog	Director
Patricia Bates	Director	John Moorlach	Director
Bill Campbell	Director	Shawn Nelson	Director
Carolyn Cavecche	Director	Janet Nguyen	Director
Larry Crandall	Director	Miguel Pulido	Director
William J. Dalton	Director	Cindy Quon	Governor's Ex-Officio Member

## Angel Games

- Angel Stadium of Anaheim**  
All games begin at 7:05 p.m.  
[www.angelsbaseball.com](http://www.angelsbaseball.com)  
Within walking distance of the Anaheim station
- 4/2** Angels vs. Dodgers
  - 4/6** Angels vs. Royals
  - 4/16** Angels vs. Athletics
  - 4/17** Angels vs. Athletics
  - 4/18** Angels vs. Athletics
  - 4/19** Angels vs. Athletics
  - 4/20** Angels vs. Orioles

## Ducks Game


- Honda Center, Anaheim**  
All games begin at 7:00 p.m.  
[www.ducks.nhl.com](http://www.ducks.nhl.com)  
Free OCTA bus shuttle service with valid Metrolink pass from the Anaheim Station to the Honda Center
- 4/30** Angels vs. Twins
  - 5/1** Angels vs. Twins
  - 5/2** Angels vs. Twins
  - 5/3** Angels vs. Blue Jays
  - 5/4** Angels vs. Blue Jays
  - 5/14** Angels vs. Athletics
  - 5/16** Angels vs. White Sox
  - 5/17** Angels vs. White Sox
  - 5/29** Angels vs. Yankees
  - 5/30** Angels vs. Yankees

- 3/2** Ducks vs. Flames
- 3/5** Ducks vs. Oilers
- 3/14** Ducks vs. Red Wings
- 3/16** Ducks vs. Kings
- 3/21** Ducks vs. Blues
- 3/28** Ducks vs. Sharks

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**RIDE FREE\* ON METROLINK TO SEE BIG WHALES**

**IN DANA POINT • 50% OFF WHALE WATCHING**

**DANA POINT FESTIVAL OF WHALES**  
MARCH 3-4 & 10-11, 2012



See details inside



# Ride Metrolink FREE\* To See Big Whales in Dana Point 50% OFF Whale Watching!

## A Boatload of Savings at the Festival of Whales!

The migration has begun and the California Gray Whales are on their way south to Mexico. That means it's time for the 41st Annual Festival of Whales in Dana Point. The festivities will be held on two consecutive weekends, March 3 and 4, and March 10 and 11, 2012. Let Metrolink get you there for less with savings on whale watching and overnight hotel stays. There are a variety of events that offer something for everyone, and free shuttle service to all event locations. For a calendar of events visit [www.festivalofwhales.com](http://www.festivalofwhales.com).

## \*First 100 People Ride FREE!

Join us for a pre-festival celebration at the Orange Metrolink Station on Saturday, March 3, 2012 starting at 8:30 a.m. There will be FREE roundtrip Metrolink tickets for the first 100 people in line, on a first come, first serve basis along with live music and food sponsored by Ruby's Diner and Streamliner Lounge. Ticket distribution starts at 8:30 a.m. and the train for San Juan Capistrano leaves Orange at 10:08 a.m. Tickets are good on Saturday, March 3, 2012 only and valid for transfer to connecting OCTA buses to Dana Point for the festival. For more information, visit [www.octa.net/whales](http://www.octa.net/whales).



## Save With a \$10 Weekend Pass

Buy a Metrolink Weekend Pass for just \$10. The pass is valid for systemwide travel from 7 p.m. Friday through midnight on Sunday. Get your Weekend Pass at any Metrolink station ticket vending machine.

## How to Get There - Train, Bus & Bike

Metrolink makes it easy to get to the Festival of Whales. Ride Metrolink to the San Juan Capistrano station, then take OCTA Bus Route 91 South to Dana Point and you're there. Or you can ride your bike. Each rail car holds up to three bicycles. Or, look for one of the special bicycle cars marked with large yellow "Bicycle Car" signs and take your bike onboard. Ride to the San Juan Capistrano station and then hop on your bike and ride the San Juan Creek bike trail for three miles to Dana Point and the festival.

## Inland Empire - Orange County Line & Bus Schedule

For riders coming from San Bernardino, Riverside, Corona, Anaheim Canyon, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin, Irvine or Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo, take train 859 on the IE-OC Line at the station nearest you. Arrive at the San Juan Capistrano station at 10:40 a.m. From the station, walk to bus stop #7055 off Camino Capistrano and Ortega. At 11:15 a.m., board Bus Route 91 South. Exit at Pacific Coast Highway and Dana Point Harbor Dr. in Dana Point at approximately 11:27 a.m. Walk down Dana Point Harbor Dr. to the festival.

## Orange County Line & Bus Schedule

For riders coming from Oceanside or San Clemente, take train 661 on the OC Line at the station nearest you. Arrive at the San Juan Capistrano station at 9:11 a.m. From the station, walk to bus stop #7055 off Camino Capistrano and Ortega. At 9:45 a.m., board Bus Route 91 South. Exit at Pacific Coast Highway and Dana Point Harbor Dr. in Dana Point at approximately 9:57 a.m. Walk down Dana Point Harbor Dr. to the festival.

For train and bus schedules, return information and a printable step-by-step travel guide, go to [www.octa.net/whales](http://www.octa.net/whales).

## INLAND EMPIRE - ORANGE COUNTY LINE TO FESTIVAL OF WHALES



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## 50% Off Whale Watching Excursions!

Save on whale watching excursions with Dana Wharf and Ocean Institute Whale Watching. Present your Metrolink or OCTA bus pass, or your 91 Express Lanes transponder and you'll save 50% off whale watching excursion ticket prices.

Dana Wharf Whale Watching is located at 34675 Golden Lantern. For more information and reservations (required), call (949) 496-5794 or visit [www.danawharf.com](http://www.danawharf.com).

The Ocean Institute is at 24200 Dana Point Drive. For more information and reservations, please call (949) 496-2274 or visit [www.ocean-institute.org](http://www.ocean-institute.org).

## Stay Overnight for Only \$69!

Want to celebrate into the night or for the entire weekend? With your Metrolink or OCTA bus pass, or your 91 Express Lanes transponder, you can stay overnight at the Dana Point Marina Inn for the special rate of \$69, single or double occupancy.

Dana Point Marina Inn is located at 24800 Dana Point Harbor Drive. For more information, call (949) 496-1203 or visit [www.danapointmarinainn.com](http://www.danapointmarinainn.com).

## See the Swallows Day Parade

It's time for the 54th annual Swallows Day Parade and Mercado, Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in downtown San Juan Capistrano. The Swallows Day Mercado is in the Historic Town Center Park, located on El Camino Real just off Ortega Highway. The Mercado is a street fair and marketplace where you can eat, drink, and shop at over 100 booths. The parade is a popular event, so be sure to arrive early to avoid street closures that start at 10:00 a.m. The parade will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

## Get There on Metrolink

Take Metrolink to San Juan Capistrano for the parade. A Metrolink Weekend Pass is just \$10 and the pass is good for travel all weekend! On Metrolink you can sit back, relax and forget about traffic and parking. The San Juan Capistrano Metrolink Station is within easy walking distance of the parade route and the historic Mission. So take Metrolink and spend the day at the Swallows Day Parade and Mercado in historic San Juan Capistrano. For more information, please call (949) 493-1976. For Metrolink ticket information and train schedules, visit [www.octa.net/metrolink](http://www.octa.net/metrolink).



## Skate Past Traffic on the Ducks Metrolink Express

Going to a Ducks hockey game? Take the Ducks Express. Hop on Metrolink to catch weekday home games that start at 7:05 and 7:35 p.m. For just \$7 roundtrip, \$6 for senior/disabled, \$4 for youth (ages 6 - 18), and free for children 5 and under with a paying adult, you can ride the Ducks Express to the Anaheim Station. From there show your Metrolink ticket and ride the OCTA bus shuttle route 431 to the Honda Center for free.

Enjoy a comfortable, no-stress ride to Ducks games while you save money on gas and parking. So leave the car behind and take the Ducks Express to the game! Visit [www.octa.net/ducksexpress](http://www.octa.net/ducksexpress) for more information and train schedules.



## The Angels Express Is Back!

Last season, Metrolink's Angel Express trains were a hit with baseball fans! The trains carried more than 20,000 people to and from weekday home games.

The popular Angels Express is returning this year! Beginning in April, Metrolink will run special Angels Express trains to weekday home games starting at 7:05 p.m. The train will take you to the Anaheim Metrolink station in the stadium parking lot, just a short walk from the stadium.

Instead of driving to Angels games, take Metrolink instead. You'll avoid the stress of driving and save money on gas and parking, too. Get ready to take the family to the game on the Angels Express! Watch for more details in the next NewsLink and online at [www.octa.net/angelsexpress](http://www.octa.net/angelsexpress).

