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MOTORCOACH INFORMATION

Parking and traffic regulations can be viewed on the City of San Francisco's Web site at www.sfgov.org. Under "Explore," "Government" and "City Resources," click on "Municipal Codes" and then click on "San Francisco Municipal Codes Index." Click on "San Francisco Police Code" or "San Francisco Traffic Code." Relevant sections include Police Code, Article 16, Section 1183 and Traffic Code, Article 3, Sections 28.1 and 60.5. For additional information, contact the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT), 1 South Van Ness Ave., Seventh Floor, 94103, 415-701-4500, Fax 415-701-4343. Inquiries may also be directed to the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau, Tourism Division or check the SFCVB Web site at www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com for latest updates. Click on the Travel Trade section, access the Reference Materials content and the motorcoach newsletter is within that section.

LOADING AND UNLOADING AREAS

The following are officially designated tour bus loading and unloading areas. In addition, white zones (passenger loading only) are available outside most hotels and major attractions.

- **Alamo Square** No parking. Drive-by only.
- **Chinatown** Bus loading is available on the east side of Columbus Avenue just north of Washington Street. Ten-minute time limit.
- **Fisherman's Wharf Area** Coaches should unload guests at any of the areas listed below and then proceed to the parking lot at Pier 30. In addition to the Pier 39 turn-out (see below), westbound buses in Fisherman's Wharf may load and unload passengers in two locations on The Embarcadero between Powell and Taylor Streets. There are five-minute passenger service areas on both the east and west sides of the Franciscan Restaurant (Pier 43 ½). From there, buses have two choices: they can turn left on to Taylor Street or continue straight on to Pier 45 and do a U-turn in the alley between Grotto #9 and trash compacters. Large buses will need to do a small three-point turn. Buses can also leave the Fisherman's Wharf area eastbound on The Embarcadero and south on Powell Street. The Port of San Francisco plans to implement an additional tour bus loading zone in the summer of 2008; check Web site of the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau for updates at www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com.

- **Alcatraz** Alcatraz Cruises is located at Pier 33 (Alcatraz Landing) on The Embarcadero. Motorcoaches are allowed to off-load and pick up passengers at Pier 33. Motorcoach parking is not available at the pier but is available at other Fisherman’s Wharf locations.
- **Anchorage Square and The Cannery at Del Monte Square** The east side of Leavenworth Street between Beach and Jefferson Streets. Ten-minute time limit.
- **Bay Cruises** The north side of The Embarcadero (Franciscan Restaurant) between Powell and Taylor Streets. Five minute time limit.
- **Ghirardelli Square** The south side of Beach Street between Polk and Larkin Streets. Ten-minute time limit.
- **Pier 39** The loading zone directly in front of Pier 39 can only be approached from westbound The Embarcadero. If traveling from the west (i.e. Beach Street), turn right at Taylor or Powell Street, left at North Point Street, then left at The Embarcadero.
- **Golden Gate National Recreation Area** See individual entries for Alcatraz, Crissy Field, Point Lobos-Cliff House-Sutro Baths, and Fort Mason as well as information on frequent use permits (below).
- **Golden Gate Park/Conservatory of Flowers** The north side of John F. Kennedy Drive west of the Conservatory. M–Sa only.
- **Mission Dolores** On the west side of Dolores Street in front of the Mission. Twenty-minute time limit.
- **St. Mary’s Cathedral** On the south side of Geary Expressway west of Gough Street and on the west side of Gough Street south of Geary. Off-limits on Sundays during services. No overnight parking.
- **Union Square** North side of Geary Street between Grant Avenue and Stockton Street. Ten-minute time limit available M–F 11am–4pm, 6–8pm; Sa–Su 11am–8pm. No stopping in front of Union Square Park.

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA (GGNRA) FREQUENT-USE PERMITS

GGNRA Frequent Use Permits are necessary for The Presidio of San Francisco, Muir Woods, the Cliff House, Lands End, the Marin Headlands, Fort Point National Historic Site, and Forts Baker, Cronkhite, Funston, Mason and Miley.

“Frequent use vehicles” are defined as vehicles over 20 feet in length that visit areas administered by the GGNRA at least three times in any week or seven times in any month; guidelines subject to change. Frequent use vehicles will need to display a window permit on all commercial passenger vehicles entering the GGNRA. Frequent use vehicle operation will be restricted within the Presidio. Updated insurance will be required. To obtain a frequent use vehicle permit, contact the GGNRA Business Management Division at 415-561-4944 between 9am and 4pm Monday through Friday.

PARKING

OVERSIZED PARKING - SELF-SERVE

Pier 30-32, located on The Embarcadero at Bryant Street just south of the Bay Bridge, offers oversized parking for a \$30 fee, valid for 24 hours from time of purchase. Meters are now available on-site and accept cash, Visa, or Mastercard and will provide a receipt that must be displayed on the driver's side of the dash. It is advisable to call in advance to check availability as this facility is not available on some event days throughout the year. Reservations are not taken, it is first-come, first-served. Parking Lot "A" at AT&T Park no longer offers oversized parking inside the lot. For more information, call Impark, 415-227-0114, www.impark.com.

OVERSIZED PARKING - NON SELF-SERVE

AT&T Park bus parking is located on the west side of Terry Francois Blvd. (formerly China Basin St.) opposite Piers 48/50, alongside AT&T Park Parking Lot A. There are no on-site machines; parking for this lot must be paid at Impark's office or via phone with a credit card. The rates are \$15 for 12 hours or less or \$30 for 24 hours on non-event days. The rate for parking that coincides with any event at AT&T Park is \$50. No reservations are offered; it is first-come, first-served. For more information, call Impark at 415-227-0114, www.impark.com.

SHORT TERM PARKING

AT&T Park Bus parking is located on the west side of Terry Francois Boulevard (formerly China Basin St.) opposite Piers 48/50, alongside AT&T Park Parking Lot A. For reservations and information, call Impark at 415-227-0114, www.impark.com. Also see information under Oversized Parking - Non Self-Serve.

Chinatown/Financial District Bus parking is located on the north side of Clay Street between Front and Davis Streets. Two-hour time limit. Not recommended for passenger loading as the zone is on the left side of the street.

Civic Center Area Parking is available on the north side of Fulton Street between Hyde and Larkin streets adjacent to the Asian Art Museum, near City Hall, War Memorial Opera House, Davies Symphony Hall and other cultural attractions. Fifteen-minute time limit.

Crissy Field Work is ongoing on the West Crissy streetscape, located on the small strip immediately adjacent to the West Bluff parking area. A roundabout has been installed that has reduced the negotiable area available. Additional improvements are underway. Please note that buses are not allowed west of the intersection of Mason Street and Crissy Field Avenue. The Crissy Field Overlook is also being improved. The project is slated to continue through late spring 2008; the overlook is located on Lincoln Avenue, northbound. See additional information regarding Crissy Field restrictions below.

Fisherman's Wharf Area Two-hour tour bus parking is permitted on:

- the west side of Mason Street south of Beach Street.
- the east side of Hyde Street between Jefferson and Beach Streets.
- Additional parking at Pier 30.

Fort Mason (Upper) Safety improvements are planned for the entry of upper Fort Mason, located at Bay and Franklin Streets. Construction is planned for fall, 2008. An alternative entry route will be posted.

Fort Point Open Friday–Sunday. Parking for three buses available. For information call 415-556-1693.

Golden Gate Bridge Area (San Francisco side of the bridge) The paved parking lot at the south vista area offers minimal coach parking. Additional parking is available in the gravel lot on the north side of Lincoln Boulevard, just east of the Vista Point parking lot. There is a paved trail between the gravel lot and Vista Point.

Golden Gate Park Lot is behind the Music Concourse bandshell. Fee charged. Enter from Concourse Drive, north of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

Pier 30 Located on The Embarcadero at Bryant Street just south of the Bay Bridge. (See overnight Parking section above).

Point Lobos-Cliff House-Sutro Baths Bus passenger parking, drop-off and viewing are available:

- The Merrie Way parking lot above Sutro Baths, east of the Cliff House, is closed to improve parking, trailheads and trails; enhance the visitor experience, and restore natural areas. Reopening is anticipated to occur in April 2008.
- At the El Camino del Mar parking lot at the north end of El Camino del Mar, north of Point Lobos Avenue.

Treasure Island Viewing area just outside Main Gate.

Twin Peaks Large lot available at top of hill. There are restrictions concerning access to Twin Peaks.

MOTORCOACH SERVICING

The following companies will allow motorcoach access to their servicing stations. Please call in advance to make an appointment for a visit:

Coach America San Francisco
300 Toland St. • 415-642-9400, ext. 143 or 415-401-1876

- Hours Daily 24 hours.
- Facilities Full maintenance service.
- Payment Cash or credit cards (MC, V, AE) at time of service.

Pacific Coast Bus Service

214 Shaw Rd. (South San Francisco) • 415-284-1600, ext. 5

- Hours Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm.
- Facilities Complete bus maintenance and repair. All makes and models.
- Payment All major credit cards accepted.

RESTRICTIONS

Idling The city restricts motorcoach idling to no more than five minutes unless actively loading and unloading passengers (\$100 fine).

Double Parking and Bus Zones Please load and unload in a designated space; do not double-park. Tour buses are not allowed to load or unload passengers in bus zones and are subject to a \$250 fine.

RESTRICTED AREAS

Sixth Avenue Between Kirkham Street and Lincoln Way.

15th Avenue Between Lake Street and the Presidio, Richmond District.

18th Street Between Church Street and Upper Market, Castro District.

25th Avenue Between Lake Street and El Camino del Mar/Presidio.

Coaches should use Geary Boulevard and Park Presidio Boulevard when traveling from the Cliff House to either the Presidio or the Golden Gate Bridge.

26th Avenue Between Geary Boulevard and California Street

Bay Street Between Van Ness Avenue and Larkin Street.

Coit Tower Lombard Street east of Grant Avenue and Telegraph Hill Boulevard.

Crissy Field The west end of Crissy Field, at the west end of Mason Street, near the driveway to the former Coast Guard station, has been designated a Wildlife Protection Area for the Snowy Plover, a threatened shorebird species protected under the Endangered Species Act. Drivers are cautioned to unload passengers in authorized areas only and to avoid this area. The closest authorized bus parking zones are designated as:

- Battery East
- Golden Gate Plaza
- Fort Point (open Friday-Sunday only)

Please use these authorized bus parking zones and avoid making drop-offs at this location.

Fort Mason Tour bus access to lower Fort Mason is not legally available at this time. Motorcoach staging, if available, should be coordinated with Fort Mason Center, 415-441-3400.

Golden Gate Park On Sundays and holidays, sections are closed to vehicular traffic, including John F. Kennedy Drive between Kezar Drive and Transverse Drive. On Saturdays between May and September, John F. Kennedy Drive is closed between Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive (near the de Young Museum) and Transverse Drive. For updates visit www.parks.sfgov.org.

Lincoln Park (Legion of Honor) Access is permitted only from 34th Avenue and Clement Street. Use the same route to exit.

Lombard Street The Crookedest Street in the World is restricted between Larkin and Leavenworth Streets.

Marina District The area bounded by Franklin Street on the east, Chestnut Street on the south, Marina Boulevard on the north, and Baker Street on the west is restricted, including the boundary streets.

Muir Woods Maximum vehicle length is 35 feet.

Palace of Fine Arts/Exploratorium From downtown San Francisco, Use Richardson Avenue (Hwy. 101) northbound and turn right on to Lyon Street. From southbound Richardson Avenue (U.S. 101), turn right on to Gorgas Avenue, right on to Marshall Street, right on to Mason Street and right on to Crook Street, which passes under the freeway to the Palace of Fine Arts parking lot. Use Lyon Street to exit to northbound U.S. 101 and the Crook Street route to exit to the south.

Presidio The southwest entrances into the Presidio (25th Avenue and 15th Avenue) are closed to motorcoaches.

Russian Hill An eight-block area around Russian Hill is restricted. Bypass this area by using Union Street, Pacific Avenue or the Broadway tunnel.

Sea Cliff This residential area between the Presidio and Lincoln Park is restricted.

Telegraph Hill Restaurants on Montgomery Street Motorcoaches should drop passengers at Union and Montgomery Streets.

Twin Peaks Roosevelt Way Coaches should use Twin Peaks Boulevard.

For a map of restricted streets, go to www.sfmta.com, click on "Traffic" then click on "Trucks and Buses" and then click on the word "Details" in white type on the left side of the black background. Then click "Truck and Bus Restricted Streets Map (PDF)."