

# Scripps Ranch by Bus

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## Why?

- \* Save money, especially singles and 60+
- \* Avoid traffic and parking hassles – jury duty, airport, Hillcrest, Little Italy, Old Town, La Jolla, Escondido, Oceanside, Balboa Park, North Park, South Park, Golden Hill, University Heights, Normal Heights, UCSD, SDSU, hospitals, Mission Valley, downtown and Gaslamp Quarter
- \* Might get some exercise, will definitely create less traffic and pollution.
- \* Great way to get to Jury Duty (see below)

**Big picture-** [www.sdmts.com/](http://www.sdmts.com/) [www.sdmts.com/schedules-real-time-maps-and-routes/trolley](http://www.sdmts.com/schedules-real-time-maps-and-routes/trolley)

Drive to Mira Mesa Market Center (Westview Pkwy), park near Home Depot or Ross, walk south to Miramar College Transit Station (**MCTS**) on Hillery Dr.

Note 1: There is shared closer parking at Miramar College/Legacy but you must first download a parking pass and display it in your window: [www.sdmts.com/rider-info-transit-station-parking/miramar-college-transit-station-parking-permits](http://www.sdmts.com/rider-info-transit-station-parking/miramar-college-transit-station-parking-permits)

Note 2: during daytime on weekdays, you can also ride the #964 bus from Alliant U, Scripps Ranch HS or Scripps Ranch Blvd to/from the Miramar College Transit Station.

From **MCTS**, board your bus:

North/South:

- \* Rapid 235 express south to downtown via Kearny Mesa and City Heights and north to Escondido
- \* bus 20 local south to downtown via Fashion Valley and north to Rancho Bernardo
- \* 110 express south to downtown during morning rush hours, north from downtown to MCTS and Mira Mesa during afternoon rush hours

Westbound:

- \* Rapid 237 express to UCSD
- \* bus 31 local to/from UTC (La Jolla Golden Triangle) via Miramar Rd rush hours only
- \* bus 921 local to/from UTC via Mira Mesa and Sorrento Valley ~6am – 7pm

Transfer if needed:

From Kearny Mesa:

- to Fashion Valley #20
- to Sharp or Children's Hospitals #41

From Fashion Valley:

- to Hillcrest, Bankers Hill, Laurel Street Bridge: #120
- to Hazard Center, Mission Valley, Qualcomm Stadium, Costco, SDSU: Green Line trolley east toward Santee
- to Old Town, Little Italy, County Admin Bldg, Santa Fe Depot, Petco Park: Green Line trolley west/downtown
- to University Heights, Normal Heights, North Park: #6

From Broadway/City College:

- Blue Line & Orange Line trolleys
- to San Diego Airport Lindbergh Field: #992 airport bus
- to Balboa Park: Rapid 215 express or #7 local

From UTC: La Jolla #30

**Plan:** [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com)>Get Directions>click the bus icon (“by public transit”)  
or [www.sdmts.com/Tripplanner.asp](http://www.sdmts.com/Tripplanner.asp)

Point A: Miramar College Transit Station

Point B: destination street, address, business or landmark – e.g., 428 Fir St, San Diego, CA

Select “Depart at”, “Arrive by”, or “Leave Now”, enter or select date/time, get & record results

Then, click up/down arrows to the right of Pt A/Pt B to reverse directions and figure out your return trip

**Pay on the bus with exact change:** Single ride (NO TRANSFERS): \$1.25 or \$1.10 for 60+ / \$2.50 or \$2.25 for ages 5-59

All-day pass \$5 for all ages over 5, plus \$2 for Compass Card\* if you don’t have one

**... or at a trolley station**

Use their credit card machine for one-time tickets. Be ready to show ticket or Compass Card if asked.

**... or buy a 30-day or monthly pass online or at Mira Mesa Vons**

60+ pass: Get a senior Compass Card at Mira Mesa Vons or Transit Store, cost is \$2, requires ID with proof of age

\$18 to load it online or at Mira Mesa Vons: all busses/trolleys for **30 days** (preferred!) or 1 month

For ages 5-59, cost is \$72 for a 30-day or monthly pass

Note: kids <=5 are free, 2 kids <18 are free with an adult on weekends

**Ride & Enjoy** – start “upstream” (closer to start of route) for best seats. Bring a book, iPod, iPad etc.

2 bikes per bus, more on trolleys. Both buses and trolleys support wheelchairs and other mobility assistance.

Pull the yellow cord before your stop. Ask bus driver or other riders for info/help as needed.

**Tips and Warnings:**

1. Before catching your bus or transferring: Allow walking time and at least 5 minutes slippage except on coordinated busses (for example, bus #20 and bus #120 at Fashion Valley). For **MCTC**, leave Scripps Ranch at least 20 minutes before your scheduled bus, to allow time for parking and walking.
2. Make sure you’re boarding the right bus in the right direction (e.g., Downtown or Escondido). Always check the bus signpost to make sure you’re waiting in a location where your bus will actually stop. Ask other people if in doubt. At transit stations (e.g., Miramar College and Fashion Valley), there are completely separate boarding areas for each direction (e.g. Rapid 235 downtown versus Rapid 235 to Escondido), so check the signs to make sure you’re at the right location.
3. Verify the route and last bus time. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays are different. Check the hardcopy timetable and route map or online at <http://www.sdmts.com/schedules-real-time>
4. Text the stop number (from the bus signpost) to GOMTS to learn the next arrival times.
5. Watch carefully for your bus – sometimes they stop far from the sign.
6. Warning: Buses/trolleys can depart early from intermediate stops (any stops not listed specifically on the timetable)
7. Water bottles are allowed on the bus but officially no other food/drink.
8. Useful items: compass card, exact change, secure bag for money/pass/cell phone, something to read or music+headphones, hat/gloves/layers (some buses are too hot or too cold), comfortable shoes, water and discrete snacks
9. If you’re riding alone and might fall asleep, ask someone near you to wake you up.

**The Jury Bus:** To arrive at jury duty downtown before 8am (as required on Day 1): catch bus #110 at Miramar College Transit Station. This is the very fastest bus to downtown. It runs 4x during weekday morning rush hours, then back to MCTS 4x on weekday afternoons. For downtown jury duty, depart MCTS 7:20am, arrive at the Hall of Justice 7:52am, or for more safety in your timing, depart at 6:55am.

Downtown Central Library, Little Italy Farmer's Market, Seaport Village, Horton Plaza and more are easily accessible by bus, by taking the 235 and trolley or the bus# 20 and trolley.

**The Airport Bus:**

1. Find someone to drive you to the Miramar College Transit Station. The closest overnight parking, for up to 72 hours, is on Hillery Drive west of Black Mountain Rd.
2. Catch the Rapid 235 bus to downtown, get off at Broadway and Union St. Ask the bus driver to let you know when it's your stop.
3. Make sure the #992 bus stop is co-located, then catch the #992 Airport Bus. It goes directly to terminals 1 and 2, with lots of extra room onboard for your bags.