

# Your Commute Options to Stanford Redwood City

Consider your options from the East Bay.  
Plus, enter to win \$1,000!

As an East Bay commuter heading to Stanford Redwood City, you have several options for your commute:

1. **Share the ride** and save with a carpool or vanpool on a part-time or full-time basis.
2. **Take the Dumbarton Express** and connect to SamTrans or Caltrain.
3. **Drive alone** and purchase a SRWC parking permit, with three ways to save.

Before we provide more information about your commuting options, we want to answer the question we anticipate some of you may have about the status of an alternative East Bay park-and-ride lot. Unfortunately, we still do not have a new park-and-ride option to share with you. With this in mind, please let us know if we can help you with one of the other commute alternatives we outline in this message.

## Share the ride

### Join a carpool or vanpool and enter to win \$1,000

If you join or continue in a Stanford [carpool](#) or [vanpool](#) by Sept. 30, you'll be entered to win in one of two **\$1,000 prize drawings**. Here's how it works:

- One \$1,000 drawing will be for vanpoolers.
- One \$1,000 drawing will be for carpoolers.
- Once you are part of a SRWC carpool or vanpool, complete our [Carpool/Vanpool Promotion Form](#) by Sept. 30 to be entered to win.

## Try out the Scoop carpool app and enjoy Stanford incentives

Drivers receive up to \$12 per trip and riders ride for as little as \$1 per trip with [Scoop](#)! Plus, Scoop offers schedule flexibility on a day-to-day basis.

## Check out our East Bay carpool/vanpool listings

Visit our [Carpool & Vanpool Listings](#) page to see SRWC ride postings or to post your own listing. We currently have eight listings from the East Bay to SRWC.

## Transit options

For those who prefer to take transit, we have developed a [sample commute plan from East Bay](#) to SRWC.

Here's one option:

1. Take the Dumbarton Express ([schedule](#) and [route map](#)) to the Palo Alto Transit Center.
2. Transfer to [Caltrain](#) at the Palo Alto Transit Center.
3. Get off at the Redwood City Transit Center.
4. Take [Commuter.org's Redwood City-Midpoint Caltrain shuttle](#) (peak hours) or [Marguerite shuttle](#) (mid-day) to Stanford from the Redwood City Transit Center to SRWC (505 Broadway). Refer to our [combined Commuter.org and Marguerite Line RWC schedule](#).

If you are [eligible](#) for a free Caltrain Go Pass, you can request your free pass through [Go Pass on Clipper request form](#).

Here's another option, if biking works for you:

1. Take the Dumbarton Express ([schedule](#) and [route map](#)) to Willow Road and Blackburn Avenue.
2. Transfer to SamTrans [Route 296 \(Schedule and route map\)](#).
3. Get off at Middlefield Road and Douglas Avenue and walk or [bike](#) to 505 Broadway.

[SamTrans](#) is free to eligible employees at Stanford Redwood City. Request a pass for your commute through our [SamTrans request form](#).

## Driving options

With Stanford's [virtual parking permit system](#), your license plate becomes your virtual permit. You do not need to come pick up your permit or wait for it in the mail. Your permit can be valid immediately when you purchase it and enter your vehicle information.

- The system will be set up to enable you to purchase your a ['C- SRWC' permit](#) at least one week in advance of your move-in date.
- You will be able to purchase daily and monthly or longer-term 'C-SRWC' permits, and also daily 'A' permits or all-day visitor permits for main campus, if needed.
- Don't forget to link your vehicle's license plate(s) to your permit. Visit [tips to avoid a citation](#) and our [SRWC Parking FAQ](#) to learn more.

**EAST BAY COMMUTE TO STANFORD REDWOOD CITY**   
Dumbarton Express Stop | Estimated travel time 90 to 110 minutes | Estimated annual cost savings: \$2,385\*

**Utilizing the Dumbarton Express Line DB | Caltrain | Redwood City-Midpoint Caltrain Shuttle:**

- Start by driving, biking, walking, or taking transit to a Dumbarton Express stop.
- Board the westbound Dumbarton Express Line DB.
- Arrive at the Palo Alto Transit Center.
- Board the correct northbound Caltrain (headed toward San Francisco).
- Arrive at the Redwood City Caltrain Station.
- Board the Redwood City-Midpoint Caltrain shuttle.
- Arrive at the Stanford Redwood City campus.
- For the return trip, start by walking to the shuttle stop at Broadway & Douglas Avenue.
- Board the Redwood City-Midpoint Caltrain shuttle.
- Arrive at the Redwood City Caltrain Station.
- Board the correct southbound Caltrain (headed toward San Jose).
- Arrive at the Palo Alto Caltrain Station.
- Board the correct eastbound Dumbarton Express Line DB.
- Arrive at your original Dumbarton Express stop.

**Utilizing the Dumbarton Express Line DB | SamTrans Route 296:**

- Start by driving, biking, walking, or taking transit to a Dumbarton Express stop.
- Board the westbound Dumbarton Express Line DB.
- Exit Dumbarton Express at Willow Road and Blackburn Avenue.
- Board the SamTrans route 296 bus (toward Redwood City Transit Center).
- Exit SamTrans bus at Middlefield Road & Douglas Avenue. Walk north on Douglas Avenue.
- Arrive at the in front of Cardinal Hall (505 Broadway Avenue).
- For the return trip, start by walking to SamTrans stop at Middlefield Road & Douglas Avenue.
- Board the SamTrans route 296 bus (toward Bayshore/Donohue).
- Exit Route 296 bus at Willow Road and O'Keefe Street.
- Board the eastbound Dumbarton Express Line DB.
- Arrive at your original Dumbarton Express stop.



This is a sample commute plan using the Dumbarton Express SB route. If another starting point is more convenient for you, please feel free to request a custom commute plan at [transportation.stanford.edu/commutingrequesting](mailto:transportation.stanford.edu/commutingrequesting).

Links to full schedules:	Fare information:	Parking information:
<small>Dumbarton Express Line DB: <a href="http://dumbartonexpress.com/line-db-schedule">dumbartonexpress.com/line-db-schedule</a> Redwood City-Midpoint Caltrain Shuttle: <a href="http://commuter.org/shuttle/info/ride-alerts/redwood-city-midpoint-caltrain">commuter.org/shuttle/info/ride-alerts/redwood-city-midpoint-caltrain</a> SamTrans Route 296 <a href="http://samtrans.com/schedulesandmaps/timetables/296.html">samtrans.com/schedulesandmaps/timetables/296.html</a></small>	<small>Caltrain: FREE with a Caltrain Go Pass <a href="mailto:transportation.stanford.edu/GoPass">transportation.stanford.edu/GoPass</a> Dumbarton Express: FREE with a VTA SmartPass <a href="mailto:transportation.stanford.edu/SmartPass">transportation.stanford.edu/SmartPass</a> Redwood City-Midpoint Caltrain Shuttle: FREE to the public. SamTrans: FREE to SRWC employees on request</small>	<small>FREE Parking at Park-and-Ride Lots: Ardenwood Park-and-Ride Lot <a href="http://idshare.s11.org/carpool/carpool-map.aspx">idshare.s11.org/carpool/carpool-map.aspx</a> Additional paid/reserve parking: Ardenwood Park-and-Ride Lot reservations</small>

Tip: The Ardenwood Park-and-Ride Lot often fills up quickly in the morning, so consider arriving early, carpooling, biking, or walking to the station if you are planning to catch the Dumbarton Express at this stop.

## Three ways to save on your SRWC permit

1. If you are planning on coming to SRWC only a few days a week, you could join the Commute Club and [purchase daily permits](#). Commute Club members receive up to [\\$300 in Clean Air Cash](#), which can help offset the cost of a 'C' permit.
2. If you are eligible, you can receive special pricing when using the flexible Scoop carpooling app. Drivers receive up to \$12 per trip and riders ride for as little as \$1 per trip with [Scoop!](#)
3. You may be eligible to save up to 40% by purchasing your parking permit with [pre-tax payroll deduction](#).

Would you like help with your commute options?

Submit the [Stanford Commute Planning Request form](#), or contact us at [commuteclub@stanford.edu](mailto:commuteclub@stanford.edu) or 650.736.9923. We'll be glad to help.



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