



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

PARKING INFORMATION

Buses and cars can park in the “1550 parking lot,” located beach level just north of the pier and next to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. The parking fee is waived for buses bringing field trip groups to the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. **You must tell the parking lot attendant that you are coming for a field trip to the Aquarium in order to have the parking fee for buses waived.** The fee for parking a car cannot be waived, and varies according to the season, ranging from \$6 to \$12 per car.

No buses are allowed on the upper level pier parking lot. Cars may access the pier lot by crossing Ocean Avenue where it intersects with Colorado Avenue and proceed out onto the pier. To reach either lot, please refer to the enclosed map.

SNACKS & LUNCHES

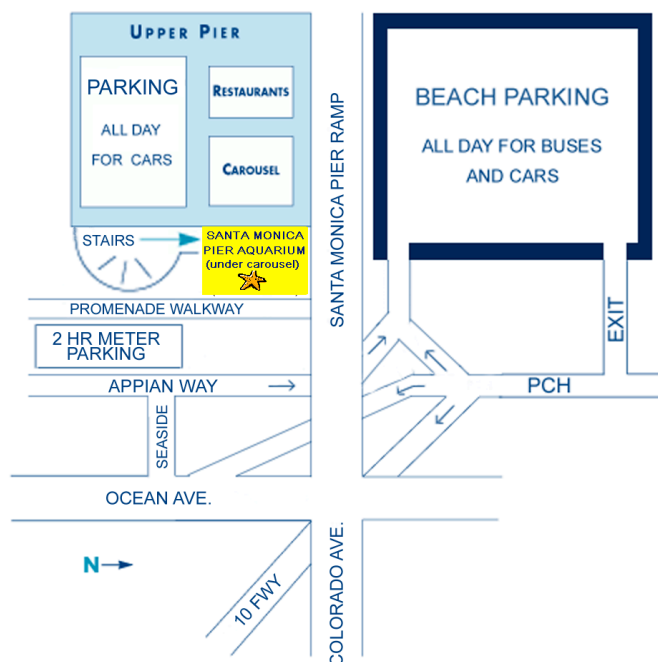
Eating areas include marine-themed tables and benches on the Pier deck directly above the Aquarium, or picnic on a grassy hillside, near the palm trees just south of the Aquarium. Groups are also welcome to picnic on the beach. If you are planning to bring a picnic lunch, please remember to recycle whenever possible and dispose of all lunch trash properly. Also encourage families to pack environmentally-friendly lunches to minimize the trash generated.

There are many snack stands on the pier and boardwalk where groups can purchase food and drinks. You may also pre-order meals from Pacific Park, the amusement park on the upper level of the pier. To order group meals or passes for the amusement park rides, contact Pacific Park by calling 310-260-8744, ext. 253.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

You can expect to go out to the beach for the field portion of your trip as scheduled unless there is a steady rain. If there is a steady rain, the beach portion of the trip will be adapted for our classroom in the Aquarium’s Green Room. **The center is typically completely booked and we cannot honor requests for field trips to be cancelled or rescheduled due to rain. Refunds will not be given if a school chooses to cancel their reservation.**

DIRECTIONS TO THE SANTA MONICA PIER AQUARIUM



We are located on the beach level of Santa Monica Pier, directly beneath the Carousel. If you should get lost call 310-393-6149, press 0 to get help from a staff member.

SOUTH-BOUND ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY FROM PACIFIC PALISADES/MALIBU

Move to the right lane after the California Incline. Keep to right and follow signs to the beach/pier parking. Make a right turn at the stop sign to enter the all day beach parking lot.

WEST-BOUND ON COLORADO BLVD. FROM SANTA MONICA FREEWAY

Exit the 10 Freeway at 4th St. exit and turn left onto 4th St. Turn right onto Pico Blvd. Proceed on Pico, crossing Main Street to turn right on Appian Way at the stop sign at the bottom of the hill. Proceed north to the pier until the signs force all traffic to turn left into the parking lot.

SOUTH-BOUND ON OCEAN AVE. FROM WILSHIRE BLVD.

Proceed south past the entrance to the pier and through the intersection with Pacific Coast Highway (Moomat Ahiko Way). Turn right onto Seaside Terrace, which is the first small street just past PCH. At the stop sign at the bottom of the hill, turn right onto Appian Way. At the next stop sign, turn left and proceed into the beach parking lot.

NORTH-BOUND ON OCEAN AVE. (OR LINCOLN BLVD.) FROM VENICE

Turn left onto Pico Blvd. Proceed on Pico, crossing Main Street to turn right on Appian Way at stop sign at the bottom of the hill. Continue north toward the pier until the signs force all traffic to turn left into the parking lot.