

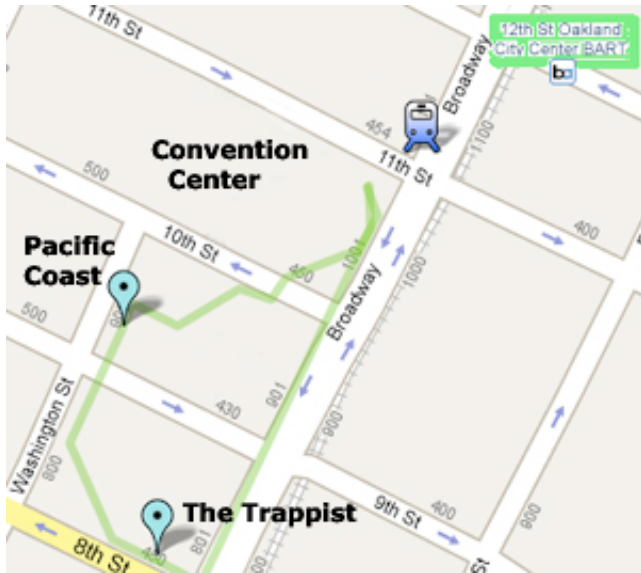


NHC 2009 Brewers' Pub Crawl Guide
 Beer without driving (or parking drama)
 from the 12th Street BART Station.
 A community service from **Beer by BART**

Overview: Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) provides an easy way to get to good beer until midnight. This set of custom crawls shares 12th Street Oakland as a starting and end point. See BeerByBART.com to adapt or extend these with more beer destinations.

1. Crawl Around the Hall: No BART required! Old Oak Town beers right by the Oakland Convention Center.

Start at 11th and Broadway, in front of the Marriott. Walk a few steps down Broadway, then cut right past the



Convention Center entrance onto 10th Street. Look for "Pub" and "Free sign across 10th Street, along with one saying "Free WiFi." That's the comfy 20-year-old **Pacific Coast Brewing Company**, with their entrance at 906 Washington Street. Cut through the parking lot if you wish. They cook moderately priced lunch and dinner, produce their own beers in a famously cramped basement, plus offer impressive guest taps. Lots of tables and outdoor seating. The TVs will be on, but sports don't dominate the neighborhood pub feeling.

Next walk down Washington Street and turn left onto 8th Street. **The Trappist** is at 460 8th St. Fine Belgian beers, American beers in Belgian styles, and a few others rotate through these taps, served in "proper glassware" in elegant wood-paneled surroundings. Extensive bottles. The staff here really knows their Belgians. No food beyond a tasty cheese plate. Not open at lunchtime. The Trappist is tiny. Happily

they will be expanding sometime in 2009. No TVs here, just lively conversation.

Exit The Trappist, turn left on 8th, left on Broadway to the Marriott. Round trip distance 0.2 miles, easy!

Add-on destination: Try **Luka's** at 2221 Broadway at West Grand. Enjoy a draft line-up of Belgian and craft beers, great frites and other "California Brasserie" food and later on, a popular dance scene. Sometimes there's a cover charge for hot DJs. Hop on BART for one short stop north (toward either **Richmond** or **Pittsburg/BayPoint** destinations), then walk 3 blocks from BART. (If it's still daylight you might walk all 11 blocks from 11th Street to West Grand. Why not BART up, then cab back late?)

BART basics:

- Think "**closes at midnight.**" The last train on each line actually gets to 12th Street around 12:30 or after that.
- If you want to plan it to the minute look at the posted schedule at your departure station or see www.bart.gov/schedules/
- Find links to transit info, to maps, and to the pubs' websites (often offering their current lists of beers on tap), at BeerByBART.com.
- One ticket per passenger from a vending machine in the station. (Takes credit cards, bills, coins.)
- Use it twice each leg, to get in and out. The fare gates deduct from your initial purchase.
- The shortest BART hops and the minimum ticket value to enter are both now just \$1.50 (Fare increase expected at some point.)
- If your ticket is underpaid when you want to exit, first pay up at an "AddFare" machine.