HOW TO FIND OAKLAND ART MURMUR™ VENUES

Venues are located throughout Oakland and fall loosely into six districts: 1) Uptown, 2) Downtown, 3) Jack London + Old Oakland, 4) North Oakland, 5) West Oakland, and 6) East Oakland, including JingleTown and Fruitvale. Please see the OAM Venue Guide.

OAM curates special visual arts experiences. Led by OAM insiders, walking tours take groups on fun, informal explorations of various Oakland Arts Districts. Participants are introduced to a small selection of art spaces handpicked by OAM guides, and learn more about the artists, gallerists, and art professionals working behind the scenes. OAM also curates mural and public art tours.

Private tours are available for groups of 5 or more and costs vary based on the size of the group and complexity of the request. Most tours are 2 hours in length.

Groups of 5 to 15: Per person donation of $30. Larger groups may be accommodated based on team availability. Contact OAM to discuss your request.

Personalize the experience. OAM’s online interactive digital map allows the public to personalize their art experience, creating a custom guide based on their individual art interests: painting, ceramics, figurative art, etc. In the future, this feature will enable creation of customizable mural and public art tours.

Venue Hours

Venue hours vary, so it is advisable to check with venues individually or check the Oakland Art Murmur exhibition schedule to see what is open on the day you are visiting. Typically venues are closed on Sunday and Monday. A handful of venues are open mid-week. More are open Thursday and Friday, and nearly all are open on Saturday.

Parking

Metered parking is plentiful during the week.

On First Fridays, OAM recommends taking public transportation or parking in one of the large Douglas parking lots. Download a map of Douglas Parking lots in the area.

Public Transportation

BART:

To explore Uptown area OAM affiliates via BART, exit at 19th Street/Oakland BART Station. For Midtown/Old Oakland, exit at 12th Street/Oakland City Center BART Station. Visit bart.gov to plan your trip using the QuickPlanner.
AC TRANSIT:

The 12 (Grand St), 51A (Broadway), and 1 (Telegraph) AC Transit buses also come right to the Uptown District. Weekdays and weekend evenings, the free Broadway shuttle bus runs every 20 minutes up and down Broadway from 26th to Jack London Square.

Visiting on First Friday

Uptown can erupt into an amazing carnival on First Fridays, especially with the Oakland First Fridays street festival on Telegraph Ave., between Grand Avenue and 27th Street, 5-9pm. If you prefer to avoid crowds, here are a few tips for visiting Oakland Art Murmur member venues on First Fridays:

• Visit Uptown early in the evening (5-7pm) and then head down the corridor to enjoy the West, Downtown, Old Oakland, and Jack London venues, or north to the Temescal First Friday.

• Use Broadway, not Telegraph, to access 26th through 23rd street venues.

• Instead of coming on First Friday, come for Saturday Stroll: EVERY SATURDAY OAM has many galleries and mixed-use venues open from 1–5 pm. Several venues also hold special events on Saturdays, including receptions, artists talks, concerts, and tours. Check OAM’s Saturday Stroll Schedule for information.

Request a Private Tour

Are you interested in a guided tour of our member venues? Private tours are now available for groups of any size. Please complete the online form at the OAM website at least one month in advance of the desired date. Donation: $150 per hour for private tour groups of 1-5 persons. Contact us to discuss larger groups or longer tours at director@oaklandartmurmur.org.

Additional Information

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