

2023 Fair Tripper FAQs

When can I buy Fair Tripper tickets?

Fair Tripper tickets are available for same day purchase only on the PRONTO app or at ticket vending machines (TVM) found on COASTER, SPRINTER and MTS Trolley station platforms.

Same-day Fair Tripper tickets are **only** available on the days the San Diego County Fair is open.

What does the Fair Tripper ticket provide?

The Fair Tripper ticket provides admission to the San Diego County Fair, a round trip ride on NCTD COASTER, SPRINTER, and BREEZE, and MTS Trolley and Bus to the Solana Beach COASTER Station, and a free round trip shuttle ride to the Del Mar Fairgrounds all at a discounted price.

How often do the free shuttles for Fair Tripper ticketholders to the Fair run at the Solana Beach COASTER Station?

The shuttles run approximately every 15 minutes between the Solana Beach COASTER Station and the Del Mar Fairgrounds for Fair Tripper ticketholders.

If I purchase a paper Fair Tripper ticket at a PRONTO ticket vending machine (TVM), how do I get my return trip home?

Keep your ticket. You will need your Fair Tripper ticket for your transit ride home and for admission to the Fair. Same-day, paper Fair Tripper tickets purchased at a TVM, will be visually inspected by transit operators, and again at the fair gate for admission to the San Diego County Fair.

If I purchase a Fair Tripper ticket on the PRONTO app, how will it be verified for my transit trip and entrance into the Fair?

You will need to show your Fair Tripper ticket on your app for each transit trip and admission to the Fair. Fair Tripper tickets purchased on the PRONTO app, will be visually inspected by transit operators and again at the fair gate for admission to the San Diego County Fair.

Can I purchase multiple Fair Tripper tickets on my PRONTO app account?

No. Each individual Fair Tripper ticket must be purchased on individual PRONTO accounts.

What if I lose my paper Fair Tripper ticket?

Fair Tripper tickets are non-refundable and will not be replaced if lost.

Where do I catch the shuttle at Solana Beach COASTER Station and back from the San Diego Fair to the station?

Fair Tripper ticket holders will board the shuttle to the San Diego County Fair in front of the Amtrak office at Solana Beach COASTER Station. There will be A-frames placed throughout the station providing direction to Fair Tripper ticketholders to the “Boarding” area.

For the return trip back to the Solana Beach COASTER Station, Fair Tripper ticketholders will catch the shuttle at the back gate of the San Diego County Fair. A-Frames will be placed with a “Board Here” message, as well as the COASTER schedule.

Can I use my PRONTO card/app to ride the Fair Tripper shuttle at the Solana Beach COASTER Station?

PRONTO cards (virtual or physical) are not valid fare product to board the Fair Tripper shuttle, even if you have a San Diego County Fair admission. The Fair Tripper shuttle is only available for customers that purchase a Fair Tripper ticket.

The San Diego County Fair offers free admission for Youth (6-12 years old) on Fridays. How do I take advantage of this offer?

Eligible youth should register for the Youth Opportunity Pass (YOP) before boarding NCTD and/or MTS transit modes on Fridays. The YOP permits free transit everywhere a Fair Tripper ticket is valid. Youths aged 13-18 will need to purchase a Fair Tripper ticket on Fridays for admission to the San Diego County Fair.

Do I need to purchase a Fair Tripper ticket for children aged 0-5?

No, children aged 0-5 may ride NCTD and MTS for free with a fare paying adult. The San Diego County Fair also provides free admission for children 0-5 years old.