

# Field Trip - Downtown Los Angeles via Blue Line



**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**Assignment - *Creative Perspectives***

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## **Carpooling**

We will meet at in the south end of the AAA parking lot at the corner of Beach Blvd. and Stark St. in Huntington Beach. Please be there by 8:00 am. We will then proceed to Long Beach (Willow Street Station) to pick up the Metro Blue Line to downtown Los Angeles. Details are on the 2nd page for using the ***Blue Line***.

There are many things and locations to explore in downtown Los Angeles. Drop off point will be Pershing Square in downtown LA. Suggestions of places to photograph are:

## **Pershing Square**

Pershing Square is located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles at 532 S. Olive St. The Square is a public place that allows community members and visitors to sit, talk, meet up and relax in the middle of the town. The square is made up of hard-scapes and grass areas that offer an area for concerts, gatherings, decorated with fountains, monuments, statues, and a large seating platform.

## **Angels Flight Railway**

The Railway's Top Station is located at California Plaza, 350 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 90071. Open every day from 6:45 am to 10:00 pm, including weekends and holidays.

The Lower Entrance is located at 351 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 90013, across from Grand Central Market. The fare is \$1.00 each way, and you can purchase a souvenir round-trip ticket for \$2.00 to take a piece of history home with you.

<https://www.angelsflight.org/>

A \$0.50 Metro fare discount is available for *TAP Card* users with 'Stored Value' for a one-way trip. You will need to tap your valid TAP Card on the validator located at the Angels Flight® Station House to be granted the discount. TAP cardholders must load 'Stored Value' to ride.

Photos, courtesy of Kurt Bayless

## **Grand Central Market**

A large open-air market offering fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, fish, gift shops, snacks and restaurants. Open every day.

**Admission:** Free + Options

**Address:** 317 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90013

**The Biltmore Hotel**, a classic hotel that's over 100 years old.

### **Olvera Street**

if you haven't been, it's a historic pedestrian street in El Pueblo de Los Angeles (across from Union Station). There are many interesting things to see and purchase. A short bus ride is \$1.00-\$2.00 dollars each way.

### **Bradbury Building**

Built in 1893, the five-story office building is best known for its extraordinary skylit atrium of access walkways, stairs and elevators, and their ornate ironwork. It's an architectural landmark in downtown Los Angeles.

### **Little Tokyo**

Also known as Little Tokyo Historic District, is an ethnically Japanese-American district in downtown Los Angeles and the heart of the largest Japanese-American population in North America. Little Tokyo is actually **only one of three official Japanese towns in the U.S.**, which makes this area very special. The Japanese-American National Museum is also located in this area. Walk is about 20 minutes away.

**Blue Line Metro to Los Angeles from Long Beach.**

Long Beach departure location is: **Willow Street Station. Address:** 2750 American Ave., Long Beach, CA

“Free” Parking

Take A Line -Train to **Pershing Square**. Train leaves every 8 mins. Travel time about 50 minutes  
**Fare one-way:** Seniors 62+: \$.75 each way; Regular fare: \$1.00 each way

**Note:** You will need to purchase a **TAP Card** for traveling on the Metro Line. *Cash is not accepted on the train.* Stations are in the parking lot and will take cash, debit or credit card.

Train travel back to Long Beach, fare is the same and runs every 8 mins.

## Lunch: Hilltop Coffee + Kitchen

**Meet at 12:30 pm**

**Address:** 718 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA

**Phone:** 213-265-7636

**Hours:** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

\* *All Day Brunch on Saturday & Sunday*

**Website:** [findyourhilltop.com](http://findyourhilltop.com)



## Websites to check out:

**Pershing Square**

<https://www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/>

**Chinatown**

<https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/things-to-do/the-guide-to-chinatown-in-los-angeles>

**Little Tokyo**

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g32655-d144151-Reviews-Little\\_Tokyo-Los\\_Angeles\\_California.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g32655-d144151-Reviews-Little_Tokyo-Los_Angeles_California.html)

**Bradbury Building**

<https://www.laconservancy.org/learn/historic-places/bradbury-building/>

**Olvera Street**

<https://www.discoverlosangeles.com/things-to-do/discover-olvera-street-and-historic-el-pueblo-de-los-angeles>

**Grand Central Market**

<https://grandcentralmarket.com/>

**Angels Flight**

<https://www.angelsflight.org/>

**Union Station - DTLA**

<https://www.unionstationla.com/>

**Walt Disney Concert Hall**

<https://www.musiccenter.org/visit-explore/visit-explore/campus/walt-disney-concert-hall/>

**The Broad Museum**

<https://www.thebroad.org/about>

These are a few suggestions for you to explore. Enjoy your day in LA!