

stroll-worthy college 'burb

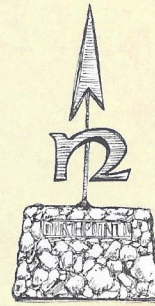
## Claremont Village

Claremont, home to the seven private campuses known collectively as the Claremont Colleges, both embraces tradition and exudes youthful energy. Newbies and longtime residents frequent Claremont Village downtown for shopping, dining, cultural events, and the Farmers and Artisans Market that's held each Sunday along Harvard Avenue. Here are places worthy of a

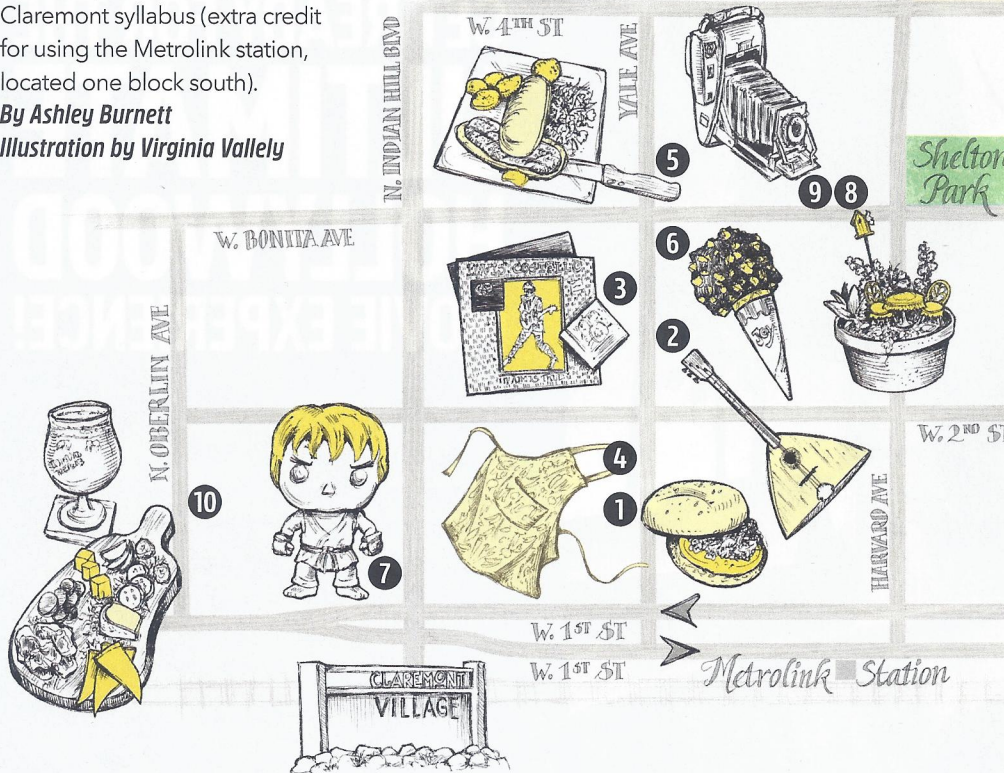
Claremont syllabus (extra credit for using the Metrolink station, located one block south).

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The Claremont Colleges



### Got More Time?

You can spend hours at the 86-acre **Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden**, one of the world's largest gardens featuring native California plants. Wind your way past redwoods, Joshua trees, sages, and wildflowers native to the Channel Islands, Baja California, and the Mojave Desert. Visit its Grow Native nursery to purchase a plant of your own. Admission, \$10. 1500 N. College Avenue. (909) 625-8767; rsabg.org.



Confirm hours and availability of businesses, attractions, and events before you visit. Be sure to designate a driver if you plan to drink alcohol. **Free Pomona-Ontario Area maps** are available at your Auto Club branch.

Fuel up with a morning coffee and a sweet roll or a savory egg slider at **Some Crust Bakery** 1, whose space has continuously housed a bakery for more than a century. 119 Yale Avenue. (909) 621-9772; somecrust.com.

The **Folk Music Center Museum and Store** 2, owned by Grammy Award winner and Claremont native Ben Harper, carries thumb pianos, samba whistles, ukuleles, castanets, and other instruments. Private music lessons are also offered. 220 Yale Avenue. (909) 624-2928; folkmusiccenter.com.

Cross the street to **Rhino Records** 3. Country, rock 'n' roll, metal—all of the vinyl (and CDs and cassettes) you could want can be found at this decades-old haunt. 235 Yale Avenue. (909) 626-7774; rhinorecords.cc.

**The Hens' Kitchen Shoppe** 4 sells whimsical kitchen towels, kitschy knickknacks (who doesn't need tongs shaped like a cat?), and specialty teas. 141 Yale Avenue. (909) 399-5007.

Pause for lunch at **Walter's Restaurant and Lounge** 5 (try the Mexican omelet of shredded chicken, red sauce, and mozzarella). The lamb burger and the Afghan fries (cooked in a secret-recipe batter) will have you planning a return trip. 310 Yale Avenue. (909) 624-4914; waltersrestaurant.com.

**Bert and Rocky's Cream Company** 6 has chocolates and other candies, and ice cream flavors such as Chocolate n' Orange. 242 Yale Avenue. (909) 625-1852; bertandrockys.com.

The latest comics at **A Shop Called Quest** 7 are perched alongside indie graphic novels, collectible figurines, and pop culture-influenced apparel. 101 N. Indian Hill Boulevard. (909) 624-1829; ashopcalledquest.com.

Old-school cameras and typewriters, dolls, and clothing fill **Vintage Odyssey** 8. 201 W. Bonita Avenue. (909) 919-0793. Visit **Petals and Wings** 9 next door for miniature succulents and other garden delights. 201 W. Bonita Avenue. (909) 398-1315; petalsnwings.com.

**The Back Abbey** 10 gastropub is known for Belgian ales, including Delirium Tremens and Moinette Blonde. The curry duck wings, the Ploughman's Platter (charcuterie), and the fish-and-chips make satisfying accompaniments. 128 N. Oberlin Avenue. (909) 625-2642; thebackabbey.com.



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