

Getting Around

Driving to Chico

From Interstate 5 driving north or south: Turn east on Hwy. 32 in Orland, stay on Hwy. 32 into Chico to West 2nd St. Turn left on West 2nd St. and continue to Chestnut St. and the university.

From Sacramento Airport: Follow the signs to I-5 going to Sacramento. Approximately two miles from the airport, follow signs to Hwy. 99 and 70 going north to Marysville and Chico.

From Hwy. 99 and 70 going north to Chico: Stay on Hwy. 99 north to Chico, or take Hwy. 70 via Oroville and Hwy. 149 to Hwy. 99 to Chico. Exit Hwy. 99 at Hwy. 32 turning left onto East 8th St. to and through downtown Chico. Continue west to Chestnut St. Turn right on Chestnut St. and continue north for six blocks to West 2nd Street and the university.

From Hwy. 99 going south to Chico: Take the East 1st Ave. exit and turn right. Go west to the Esplanade and turn left onto the Esplanade into downtown Chico and onto Broadway. Turn right on 2nd St. and go three blocks to Chestnut St. and the university.

Visitor Parking: From 2nd and Chestnut Sts. you will see the Visitor Parking lot. Pick up a parking permit from the vending machine or the University Police.

Public Transportation To Chico

United Express has several flights a day between Chico and San Francisco. San Francisco International is a four to five hour drive, and Sacramento Metro airport is an hour and forty-five minutes from Chico by car. Rental cars are available at San Francisco and Sacramento airports. Car rental agencies in Chico are Budget and Enterprise (both with Chico airport pickup), and Hertz and Avis located at the airport.

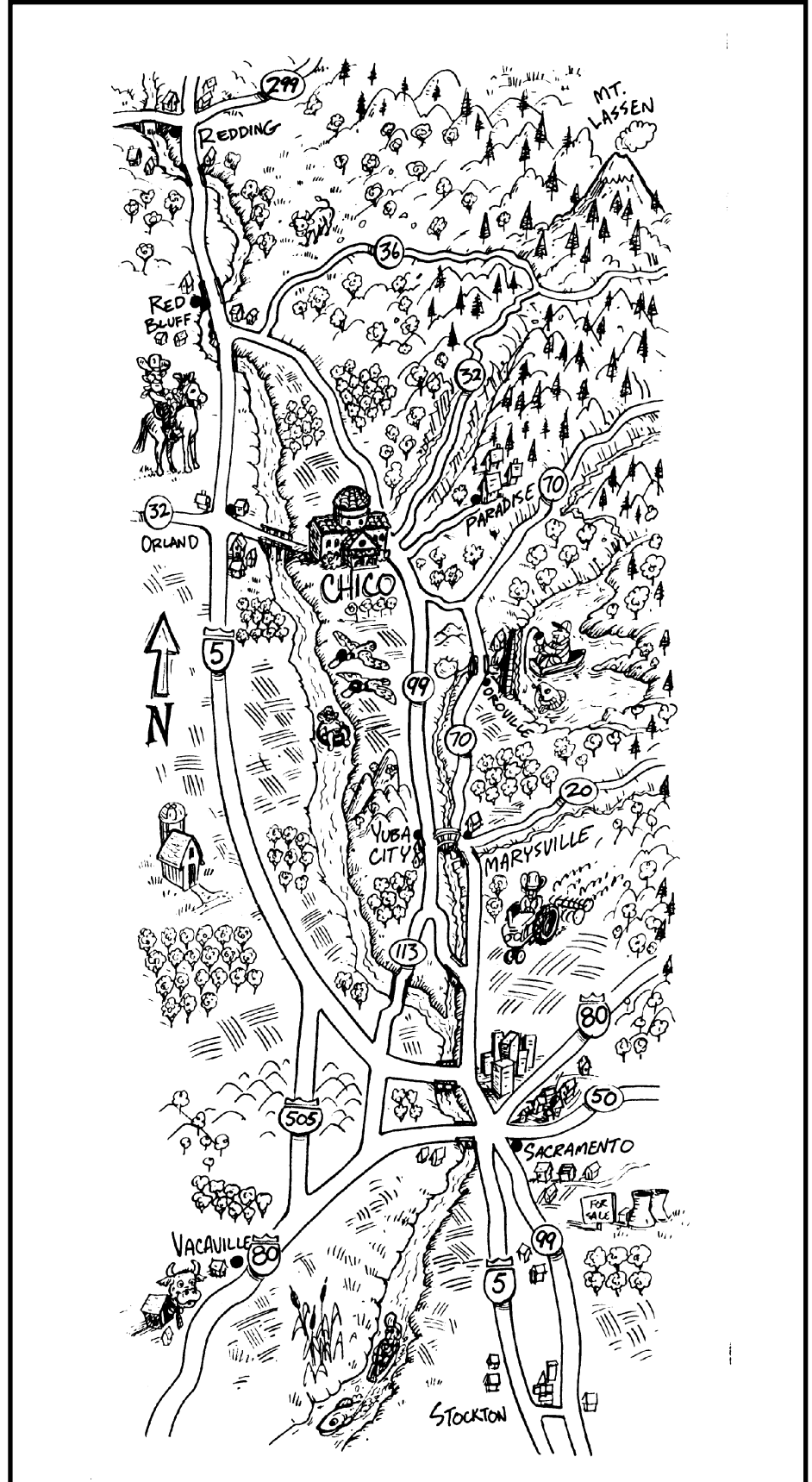
Shuttle service between Sacramento airport and Chico is available through North Valley Shuttle (530-891-1219). Reservations are required.

AMTRAK and Greyhound Bus also have regular service into downtown Chico.

Public Transportation

In Chico and Butte County

The university, in cooperation with the Associated Students, the city of Chico, and the county of Butte, provides free access to all city (Chico Area Transit Service-CATS) and county (Butte County Transit) buses for students, faculty, and staff. The city, under agreement with the Associated Students, also operates special student shuttle buses free to all students. Bus schedules and maps are available in the BMU or from the city. For information call, 530-342-0221 or 1-800-822-8145.



Parking Limitations and Alternative Transportation

The university has insufficient parking for its faculty, staff, and students. Parking lots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, which means that lots are usually filled by 8 a.m. and remain so throughout the day. A limited number of parking decals are sold each semester during registration and the first few weeks of classes. A copy of the university's parking regulations is available from the University Police. Because of the shortage of available parking on campus and in downtown Chico, we encourage you to use the free local transportation system, ride a bike, or walk instead of driving to campus. The university encourages the use of alternative methods of transportation. These include the following.

Walking:

Many university students live within walking distance of campus. Walking is the most healthy and least expensive method of getting to the university. The university has a program to upgrade the lighting along major campus

footpaths as well as to provide a nighttime escort service in order to make walking on campus safer.

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Bicycling:

The university provides almost three times more bicycle parking spaces than spaces for motor vehicles. Chico is a convenient community for bicycling, as it is relatively flat and there are ample bike parking locations as well as bike lanes and bike paths throughout the community. Bicycles must be licensed in California; you may register your bicycle through the University Police Department as well as through the city of Chico's Finance Department.

Although bicycle riding through the core of the university campus is prohibited, there are convenient bicycle parking locations around the entire campus. Bicycles are to be parked and locked only in those areas designated for such parking and may not be locked to fences, trees, or in buildings. The University Police enforces the university's regulations concerning bicycle riding and parking on the campus.

Ride Sharing:

The university, in cooperation with the Chico Transportation Management Association, offers ridesharing information and will assist you in finding someone to ride with during your commute. Additional ridesharing programs are being considered for future implementation. See the Ride Sharing bulletin board in the student union.

Electric-powered Vehicles:

The university is exploring ways to facilitate the use of electric vehicles as an alternative to combustion engine-powered vehicles for commuting to the university.

