

Well I went searching on both the Amtrak Website and the latest January 2013 National Amtrak Timetable. On the website they list 2 Hemet bus stops. When I asked the Amtrak web site for a route from Hemet to Chicago I get a bus from the CoCo's in Hemet to Bakersfield on the San Joaquins with connections at Martinez to the Startlight and connections at Portland to Chicago on the Empire Building. The only bus I could find in the National Timetable to and from Hemet is for the San Joaquin and it stops at San Bernardino at 5:25 PM from Hemet and 5:50 PM at Riverside, In the other direction the bus leaves Riverside at 10:55 AM and San Bernardino at 11:25 AM on its way to Hemet to Coco's. I realize these are not great times unless you want to spend a great deal of time in either of these towns connecting with the Southwest Chief.

My best suggestion if you don't want to leave your car for several weeks far from home is to call a Shuttle Service. They are basically a long distance taxi/van. The fares per mile are lower than by taxi but you might have to share the shuttle with other passengers on your trip. I did this for a vacation trip to the airport which ran \$100 for a round trip. But it is door to door service and you can make reservations to reduce waiting. In my case taking the Shuttle to the airport was still cheaper than paying for a couple of weeks of airport parking. NB

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