IBM Research – Almaden
650 Harry Road (see below!)
San Jose, CA 95120
Main lobby: (408) 927-1080

The most important thing to know about our location is that we have two separate entrances: Our official entrance is in the Almaden Valley, at the 650 Harry Rd. address listed above. However, our alternate entrance is in the Blossom Valley, on Bernal Rd., and it's almost always more convenient for visitors.

However, note that our Bernal Road entrance is not always recognized by GPS mapping tools, so using your GPS mapping program for guidance may send you on a much longer route than necessary. In certain situations during the morning rush, the official entrance can add 20+ minutes to your arrival time!

One trick that some have used is to set **400 Bernal Road, 95123**, as the destination, and even though that isn't a real address, it does route you to the correct entrance road through Santa Teresa County Park to our site, per the instructions below.

Detailed Guide for Bernal Road entrance:
From highways 101 or 85, after turning southwest onto Bernal Rd., the first two miles are straight and flat, passing first through a commercial shopping area and then a suburban neighborhood. The road narrows to two lanes, passes the Santa Teresa Golf Course on your left, and enters Santa Teresa County Park, progressing more than a mile up a large hill.

IBM Almaden is located atop the hill at the end of this road. Keep going straight. You will eventually see a small IBM sign and then the entry gate. At the entry gate, press the button to speak with Security.

At the stop sign, continue straight ahead into the lobby parking lot, find a visitor's space, and then walk across the entry circle into the lobby and sign in with the receptionist.

From San Jose International Airport (SJC)
From the terminal, follow signs to US-101 South. Follow US-101 South to the Bernal Road exit. Turn right at the end of the ramp and go about 4 miles on Bernal Rd. (through the county park - see above) to the ARC gate. (19 miles)

From San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
On exiting the terminal, get in the left lane as soon as possible and follow signs to the US-101 South (to San Jose) exit ramp. Continue on 101 South through the City of San Jose to the Bernal Road exit. Turn right at the end of the ramp and proceed on Bernal Road about 4 miles (through the county park - see details above) to the ARC gate. (50 miles)

From Oakland International Airport (OAK)
From the terminal, follow signs to I-880 South to San Jose. In San Jose, continue on I-880 South to US-101 South. Follow US-101 South to the Bernal Road exit. Turn right at the end of the ramp and proceed on Bernal Road about 4 miles (through the county park - see details above) to the ARC gate. (50 miles)

http://www.research.ibm.com/labs/almaden/visitor.shtml

Aerial map of Bernal Road route from highways 101 or 85 to IBM Research – Almaden: