

## Parking FAQ

### **I've heard that there isn't any enforcement during the first two weeks of school. Is this true?**

It is not true. All rules and regulations are enforced at all times unless otherwise noted.

### **I'm visiting the campus. What options do I have for parking?**

Please visit our website [parking.gmu.edu](http://parking.gmu.edu) and click on "purchase my permit" at the top. Printable permits can be used for daily (\$8), weekly (\$25), and monthly parking (\$60).

- Go to [parking.gmu.edu](http://parking.gmu.edu) and click on Purchase Your Permit
- Create a guest account
- Follow the prompts and select the permit you need to purchase\*
- Select the date that you need and be sure to verify the dates each step of the process
- Once you get to the receipt page make sure to hit the print permit link just below the permit description
- Permits are non-refundable

Please note that at times due to parking density Daily, Weekly, and Monthly permits may restrict you to parking at the Field House lots of M, O, and P. The permit itself will note where the permit is valid. These permits are not valid at the Arlington campus without prior approval from Parking Services.

You also have the option to park in the visitor areas of any of the three parking garages (Mason Pond, Shenandoah, or Rappahannock River) at the Fairfax Campus or Founders Hall Garage at the Arlington Campus for these rates.

- 1hrs = \$3.00
- 2hrs = \$6.00
- 3hrs = \$9.00
- 4hrs = \$12.00
- All day = \$15.00
- Founders Hall Garage weekend: \$7
- Resident students may purchase discounted weekend validations at <http://parking.gmu.edu/New%20folder/studentvalidations3-2014.pdf>

The cheapest visitor parking is at the Field House at the Fairfax Campus for \$3.00 per day, utilizing the pay and display machine at the Field House.

At the Prince William Campus, visitor parking is available in the Occoquan and Discovery Lots, using the pay by space parking machines located in the Occoquan Lot.

For more information, go to: <http://parking.gmu.edu/visitorsregulations.html>

### **I just bought my permit. Now what?**

You can print a ten day temporary permit to use immediately while you're waiting for the permanent permit to be mailed to the address you specified. On the final page when you print your receipt, there will be a link underneath the permit description that says "Print Permit." Click on that link to print your 10 day temporary permit. Displaying your receipt in lieu of the temporary permit is not allowed and may result in a citation.

### **I've never received my permit in the mail. What should I do?**

Please come into the Parking Services Office and fill out a lost permit form to declare the original permit as lost in the mail and thus invalid. Once you've done that, we will be able to issue you a complimentary replacement permit in person. Should you receive your original permit later on, you must bring it into Parking Services. The use of a parking permit that is declared to be lost or stolen will result in a \$375 fine and possible referral to Judicial Affairs.

### **I just bought a Parking Deck permit. Is that everything I need?**

You also need an access device which is unique to each deck. For example, you won't be able to use an access device from Rappahannock River Deck to enter Shenandoah Deck. If you are purchasing the same Parking Deck parking permit for 2015-2016 that you had in 2014-15, your current access device will be reactivated. If needing an access device, you will need to visit the appropriate Parking Services Office (Fairfax office is located next to the Shenandoah Parking Deck and is open Monday - Thursday, 8:30am-7pm and Friday from 8:30am-5pm. Arlington office is located in Room 219 of the Founders Hall Building and is open Monday - Thursday, 8:30am-6pm and Friday from 8:30am-3pm). Please allow 2 business days to obtain access device.

### **I forgot my parking permit at home. What should I do?**

Please come to Parking Services prior to parking your vehicle. Once we have verified that you have a permit on your account we will issue you a Daily Complementary Permit good for the same date as your visit. You are only allowed one Daily Complementary Permit per semester for this reason.

### **I'm an Adjunct Professor. What are my parking options?**

As a faculty/staff member you have the full range of faculty/staff permits available to you. Should you wish to obtain parking at a lower cost, there are a few options only available to adjunct faculty:

- 1) A block of 15 all-day validations for Mason Pond, Shenandoah, and Founders Hall at half price(\$112.00). Some departments may pay for adjunct faculty validations. Please check your department for information.
- 2) A Rappahannock River Deck validation code good for 15 uses (\$112).
- 3) An Adjunct General Permit which allows you to park in Lots K, M, O, and P (\$195 annually and \$105 for the semester). This type of permit can be purchased online and then printed at home or the office. Once printed just display it on your dashboard when you come to campus.
- 4) [Please use this form](#) to request any of the above options. Please email all requests to [Separk12@gmu.edu](mailto:Separk12@gmu.edu)

Please wait one business day for us to process your request. You will receive a phone call or email when the block of validations or permit is ready. Payment is done in person once you've received your validations, code, or permit.

### **I'm a freshman who's going to live on campus and bringing my car to campus. What are my parking options?**

You can purchase a parking permit in for any of these areas

- West Campus annual - \$195
  - Valid in general areas (Lots A,C,K,M,O,P, Levels 1-2 of Rappahannock River Deck 8pm-7am Monday-Thursday, after 5pm on Friday, and all day on weekends)
- Lot I reserved- \$550
- Lot J reserved- \$500
- Rappahannock River Deck reserved (Levels 4/5) - \$550

### **How do I get back and forth to the West Campus Lot**

A West Campus shuttle operates in fall and spring semesters from 7am-12am Monday-Friday and 2pm-12am on Sundays, stopping at West Campus Lot, Field House, Rappahannock River Ln, Sandy Creek, and Presidents Park. Access to West Campus Lot is now via Braddock Road and Campus Drive.

### **What levels of the Rappahannock River Parking Deck are reserved? What level is for faculty/staff? What level is for students?**

Levels 3, 4, and 5 are considered reserved. Level 3 is reserved for Faculty/Staff and levels 4 and 5 are reserved for students. A new discounted rooftop only (Level 5) permit is now available for faculty and staff.

### **Mason Pond and Shenandoah Decks both cost \$675 annually while Rappahannock River Deck is only \$550. Why does Rappahannock River Deck cost less?**

Rappahannock River Deck price was lowered in 2013 to entice demand as the reserved area had more capacity than other parking decks on campus. Mason Pond and Shenandoah Decks are in higher demand, more centrally located, and normally sell out quickly.

### **Why do some permits cost more for resident students?**

It is common to charge resident students more based on resident vehicles being parked for longer duration than off-campus students and employees.

As a resident student, are there any parking restrictions I should be aware of?

Resident students may not purchase a Lot M/P permit although may park at the Field House with a General or General Lite Permit. As well, except on Friday and Saturday nights, no overnight parking is allowed in the General Areas (levels 1/2) of the Rappahannock River Deck.

### **Is it possible to get multiple deck permits?**

It is possible but you must already have a valid deck permit and fall into these categories

- If you have a Mason Pond or Shenandoah reserved permit you can also get access to the Rappahannock River reserved parking area (levels 4 & 5) for an additional \$200
- If you are a deck permit holder at the Fairfax campus and you are also attending classes at the Arlington campus you can also add Founders Hall access for an additional \$200 (please provide student schedule when making this request)
- Students will need to stop by the Parking Services Office next to the Shenandoah Parking Deck on the Fairfax campus in order to obtain the upgrade for Rappahannock River; Founders Hall upgrades must be done at the Arlington campus Parking Services Office.
- Mason Ponder permit holders cannot add Shenandoah to their accounts and vice versa. Rappahannock permit holders cannot add either Mason Pond or Shenandoah to their accounts.
- Upgrades are based upon availability

### **What transit options do I have besides buying a parking permit or using visitor parking?**

Mason has a free shuttle from the Burke Center VRE station in the morning and afternoon Monday-Friday, with free parking at the VRE garage. <http://shuttle.gmu.edu/burkevre.html>

Mason Shuttles operates many other routes, including :

**Mason to Metro and Metro Express:** running between Fairfax Campus and Vienna Metro <http://shuttle.gmu.edu/masontometro.html>

**Fairfax-Prince William Shuttle:** operating between Fairfax and Manassas Campuses <http://shuttle.gmu.edu/fxpwshuttle.html>

**Gunston Go Bus:** connecting Fairfax Campus to University Mall, Fair Lakes, Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax Corner, and Old Town Fairfax <http://shuttle.gmu.edu/gunstongobus.html>

**I-95 Commuter Shuttle:** Free parking is available at several park'n'ride lots from which one may take the I-95 Commuter Shuttle from Fredericksburg, Stafford, and Woodbridge to the Fairfax Campus. <http://shuttle.gmu.edu/i95shuttle.html>

**CUE Bus:** The City of Fairfax CUE bus is free with a Mason ID, serving Fairfax Campus, the City of Fairfax, and the Vienna Metro Station [www.cuebus.org](http://www.cuebus.org)

**Bicycling:** Mason is a Bicycle Friendly University, with many bike amenities, including bike parking for over 1400 bicycles, covered bike shelters, free bike tire pumps. A free bike registration program is available, which gives away free u-locks and free bike lights. The Bicycle Commuter Choice benefit is available to full-time employees who bike to work a minimum of eight times per month, providing a \$20 voucher redeemable at local bike shops. For information on bicycle programs, go to [bike.gmu.edu](http://bike.gmu.edu)

## What carpooling options does Mason offer?

There are several carpool options at Mason.

1. Carpool Zones in Lot A and 1st level of Rappahannock River Deck permit area. Simply show up between 6am-11am Monday-Friday with a parking permit and 2 or more people in your vehicle and there are priority parking spaces available (first come first serve).
2. Premium Carpool Rebate Program: Get between a 20%-40% rebate at the end of each semester on your reserved Lot I, J or reserved deck permit each semester based on size of your carpool. Only one person in the group can own a parking permit. Others in the group can receive 2 free daily general passes per month and can buy a discounted block of 5 additional passes or parking deck validations each semester. See <http://transportation.gmu.edu/studentpool.html> and <http://transportation.gmu.edu/employeespool.html> for more information.
3. Faculty/Staff Preferred Carpool Program: Faculty and staff can sign up as a carpool group and receive a supplemental permit allowing them to park in preferred carpool spaces around campus. Members of the group not owning a parking permit may receive 2 free

daily general passes per month and can buy a discounted block of 5 additional passes or parking deck validations.

### **Where can I park when it snows?**

If Mason is open while it is snowing or after it snows, normally regular parking rules will be in effect. However, in advance of snow storms, Mason may require all vehicles to be cleared from surface lots and parked in garages which will be opened to accommodate everyone. Not moving one's car in such a situation will lead to being cited and towed. It is important to pay attention to emails from Parking & Transportation as well as Mason Alert.

### **Where can I park during an Eagle Bank Arena event?**

Normally, Lots A,C,K, and L are open to Eagle Bank Arena event attendees as well as students and employees during an event. On many weeknights when there is a Eagle Bank Arena event, Parking Services will open the Shenandoah Deck as overflow parking for students, employees, and Eagle Bank Arena patrons. Follow @MasonParking on Twitter for information. For some large events, Rappahannock River Deck, Mason Pond Deck, and reserved lots may be utilized for event and overflow student and employee parking.

How do I contact Parking & Transportation or keep up with announcements, construction, and events?

Most information can be found at [parking.gmu.edu](http://parking.gmu.edu), [transportation.gmu.edu](http://transportation.gmu.edu), and [shuttle.gmu.edu](http://shuttle.gmu.edu). You can email us at [parking@gmu.edu](mailto:parking@gmu.edu), [pwcpark@gmu.edu](mailto:pwcpark@gmu.edu)(for Prince William questions), and [arlpark@gmu.edu](mailto:arlpark@gmu.edu)(for Arlington parking questions), [shuttle@gmu.edu](mailto:shuttle@gmu.edu) for shuttle specific emails, or [transportation@gmu.edu](mailto:transportation@gmu.edu) for anything transportation related(or you don't know who to ask!)

You can follow us on Twitter @MasonParking and @MasonShuttles or on Facebook at [facebook.com/MasonParkingTransportation](https://facebook.com/MasonParkingTransportation).

Also, check [building.gmu.edu](http://building.gmu.edu) for updates on campus construction and events that may cause traffic and parking impacts.