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## Welcome to Mason!

**The Office of Parking and Transportation manages all transportation and parking matters. The following overview has important information about parking on campus and available alternative transportation options to travel between your location and Mason.**

### *Parking 101: Some Tips to Help Get You Started*

1. Parking lots fill up fast. Allow extra time, especially the first few weeks of class to find a space.
2. Tuesdays and Thursdays (including the evenings) are the busiest days on campus.
3. On the busiest of days, it is recommended that those arriving to campus later in the morning park at the Field House as the lots on east campus will often fill – a 15 minute walk to the Johnson Center. Also, don't forget that general lot permits are valid on Levels 1-2 of Rappahannock River Parking Deck (but not in the visitor area).
4. Parking permits are required to park in any lot on Mason property.
5. Always read the signs to know if a lot or area is restricted to a certain type of permit. Don't ever park in reserved, service/ repair, state vehicle and administrative spaces.
6. Parking lots are enforced all year round, including the 1st week of classes and even when classes are not in session. Don't believe the myths and rumors about a grace period.
7. Check the parking website <http://parking.gmu.edu> for the latest information regarding hours of enforcement and other important news affecting parking on campus and even when classes are not in session.
8. If you're a commuter student and want to save some money, you can park at the Field House in Lot M and Lot P for only \$195 for the entire year. Please note that all freshman residents will be required to park in Lot M or P (or can buy a Rappahannock River Deck, Lot I, or Lot J reserved permit).
9. Visitor parking is available in Mason Pond, Shenandoah, and Rappahannock River Parking Decks as well as metered lots.
10. Pay attention to your Mason email as students are often emailed about temporary lot closures.
11. Information about permit sales and online citation appeals and payment options is available online.
12. Find out where the next shuttle is at any stop using the NextBus system – you'll never have to ask where the bus is again! Visit **NextBus.com** or click the transit icon on the Mobile Mason application (<http://gettheapp.gmu.edu/>).
13. Always contact Parking Services if you have questions or concerns! We're located in the Parking Services building next to the Shenandoah Parking Deck. You can also call us at 703-993-2710 or email us at [parking@gmu.edu](mailto:parking@gmu.edu).

# ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

## @ Fairfax Campus

Need help with planning your commute? Email us at [transpo@gmu.edu](mailto:transpo@gmu.edu) or call 703.993.2828.

### RIDESHARE

#### Carpool Zone in Lot A

Carpool to campus and park in the Carpool Zone in Lot A. Enter on Mattaponi River Lane, the carpool zone is available 6am-11am on Mon – Fri.

<http://transportation.gmu.edu/lota.html>

#### Student Carpool Program

Join a carpool and save up to 40% on the parking permit.

<http://transportation.gmu.edu/studentspool.html>

#### Zimride

Have a car? Need a ride? Check out

<http://zimride.gmu.edu> for information on ridesharing.

#### Zipcar

Need a car? Cars on campus by the hour or day. Gas and insurance included. Get special rates at

<http://zipcar.com/zipgmu>.

## SHUTTLES & RAIL

### SHUTTLE.GMU.EDU

Visit <http://shuttle.gmu.edu> for updated shuttle schedules and to learn more about green transportation options which save you \$\$ and help decrease CO2 emissions.

Visit <http://NextBus.com> to find out when the next shuttle is arriving. NextBus uses GPS to track shuttles in real time.

#### Mason to Metro Shuttle

The shuttle runs between Fairfax Campus and Vienna Metro station. On the weekend, the shuttle also stops at Mason Townhouses (at Chain Bridge Road & West St.) and Fairfax Circle (at Lee Highway & Circle Woods Drive).

##### Schedule

6:00am – 11:00pm	Monday – Thursday
6:00am – 3:00am	Friday
8:00am – 2:30am	Saturday
8:00am – 11:00pm	Sunday

#### Metro Express

The shuttle runs TWICE per hour between Rappahannock River Ln, Fairfax Circle (at Lee Highway & Circle Woods Drive) and Vienna Metro.

7:20am – 10:20pm Monday – Thursday

#### CUE Bus

All City of Fairfax CUE Buses are FREE with Mason ID.

The CUE Bus picks up on Fairfax campus at Rappahannock River Lane and can take you to various places in Fairfax with all routes winding up at the Vienna Metro Station:

<http://www.cuebus.org/>.

### BIKE PROGRAMS

Mason has over 1000 bike parking spots on campus, new bike pumps, and was recently awarded the title of Bicycle Friendly University. To find out more about bicycling to campus, please visit <http://bike.gmu.edu>.

#### Bicycle Registration

Register your bicycle at <http://bike.gmu.edu> and receive a free U-lock, registration sticker, bike lights, and a coupon to a local bike shop.

#### Prince William Shuttle

The Prince William Shuttle runs between the Fairfax and Prince William campuses. The shuttle runs seven days a week. On Mon-Thu, the shuttle runs every thirty minutes during the day. The shuttle also stops at Manassas Mall.

##### Schedule

7:00am – 10:15pm	Monday – Friday
8:00am – 7:00pm	Saturday – Sunday

#### Gunston's Go-Bus

The Gunston's Go-Bus picks up at Sandy Creek shuttle stop and provides service from Fairfax campus to University Mall, Fair Lakes Center, Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax Corner, and Old Town Fairfax.

##### Schedule

##### Mason Route

7:30am – 10:30pm	Monday – Friday
3:00pm – 10:30pm	Saturday – Sunday

##### George Route

3:00pm – 9:00pm	Monday – Sunday
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##### Late Night Route

No Service	Monday – Thursday
10:30pm – 12:00am	Friday – Saturday
No Service	Sunday

#### Burke Centre VRE Express

The shuttle runs between Burke Centre VRE train station and Sandy Creek shuttle stop on the Fairfax Campus. The shuttle only runs when the VRE train is in service.

6:10am – 8:30am & 2:45pm – 7:35pm Monday – Friday

#### Metro Rail

The closest Metro stop in Fairfax is Vienna Metro station on the Orange Line. The Orange Line also goes to various locations in Washington, DC. To visit the Arlington campus, take the Orange Line to Virginia Sq-GMU Metro station. Metro Rail Map: <http://wmata.com/rail/maps/map.cfm>.

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