

TRANSPORTATION GUIDE

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RIDESHARE

Student Carpool Program

Create a carpool and save 20-40% on eligible parking permits. Find out more at

<https://transportation.gmu.edu/transportation-services/#CarpoolVanpool>

MASONCOMMUTES.COM

Find rideshare partners within the Mason community for a carpool. You can also use MasonCommutes.com to find a bike or transit buddy.

PATRIOT LIFT

Patriot Lift provides limited campus transportation services to Mason students, faculty, and staff who need assistance getting around campus. To learn more, please visit

<https://transportation.gmu.edu/transportation-services/#PatriotLift>

Safety Guidance

1. **Masks are optional on Patriot Lift.**
2. **Passengers are required to wear a seat belt.**
3. **Patriot Lift for visitors to Mason has been suspended until further notice.**

BIKE PROGRAMS

Mason has over 1300 bike parking spots on campus, bike pumps, fix-it stations, and is a "Bicycle Friendly University". To find out more about bicycling to campus and to see a map of all facilities, please visit bike.gmu.edu.



Bicycle Registration

Register your bicycle at bike.gmu.edu and receive a free U-lock, registration sticker, and more.

SCOOTERS

Mason is participating in a scooter pilot in conjunction with the City of Fairfax through 12/31/2023. Scooters must stay in the eligible area. Please see transportation.gmu.edu/shared-mobility for important information including scooter corral locations, a definition of the eligible area, and no-ride/no-park zones.

METRO RAIL

Stay up-to-date with METRO. Sign up for alerts at
www.wmata.com/rider-guide/

The closest Metro stop in Fairfax is the Vienna Metro station on the Orange Line. The Orange Line also goes to various locations in Washington, DC and connects to the Silver Line that serves Ashburn, Loudoun, Dulles Airport, Reston, Tysons Corner, and East Falls Church (among other stops). To visit Mason Square (formerly the Arlington campus), take the Orange Line to Virginia Square-GMU.

PARKING – Some Tips to Help Get You Started

Permits

- Parking permits are required to park in any lot on Mason property.
- Most Fairfax permits can be used at SciTech but not at Mason Square (formerly Arlington). If you have classes at Mason Square you can obtain a Mason Square permit which can also be used in Fairfax and SciTech general permit areas.

Where to Park

- Parking lots can fill up fast. Allow extra time, especially the first few weeks of class to find a space.
- On the busiest of days, it is recommended that those arriving to campus later in the morning park in Lot K, Lot L or at the Field House, a 15-minute walk to the Johnson Center, as the lots on east campus will often fill. 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).
- A reminder that parking permits are required to park in any lot on Mason property.

Citations and Enforcement

- Always read the signs to know if a lot or area is restricted to a certain type of permit. Do not park in reserved, service/repair, state vehicle, administrative spaces, or any other specifically marked space.
- Parking lots are enforced all year round, including the first week of classes and even when classes are not in session. Don't believe the myths and rumors about a grace period.
- Check the parking website parking.gmu.edu for the latest information regarding hours of enforcement and other important news affecting parking on campus, even when classes are not in session.

Visitor Parking

- Visitor parking is available in Mason Pond, Shenandoah, and Rappahannock River Parking Decks for \$5/hour with a \$18 daily maximum. At the Field House and in Lots M&P, a daily permit for \$7 can be purchased online or using ParkMobile. Lot L & K are available for \$11 per day and West Campus is available for \$5 per day. For more information on visitor parking, please visit <https://transportation.gmu.edu/parking/#Visitors>

Information/Communication

- Pay attention to your Mason email as students are often emailed about temporary lot closures.
- Information about permit sales, online citation appeals, and payment options is available online.

Contact Us

- Always contact Parking Services if you have questions or concerns! We look forward to assisting you. We're located in the Parking Services building next to the Sandy Creek Transit Center. You can call us at 703-993-2710 or email us at parking@gmu.edu.

SHUTTLE ROUTES SPRING 2023

Visit shuttle.gmu.edu for updated shuttle schedules and to learn more about transportation options which save you money and help lower CO2 emissions. A Mason ID is required to ride Mason Shuttles.

Download the Reston Limousine Service (RLS) app or visit mason.ridesystems.net to track your shuttle. Schedules are available at shuttle.gmu.edu. Shuttle summaries below are subject to change.

Shuttle Guidance

1. Check shuttle times for all routes as there have been service changes.
2. Allow extra time to get to your destination.
3. No visitors on Mason Shuttles until further notice.

Fixed Route: Fairfax/Mason Square (formerly Arlington)

The Fairfax/Mason Square shuttle operates Monday-Friday between the Fairfax (Sandy Creek Transit Center) and Mason Square (Hazel Hall) campuses. Stops at Rappahannock River Lane on the Fairfax Campus and at Fairfax Circle (Lee Highway (Rte 29) & Circle Woods Drive) both inbound and outbound.

No weekend service.

Fixed Route: Fairfax/SciTech Campus Shuttle - FREE PARKING AT MANASSAS MALL (designated area only)

The Fairfax/SciTech Campus shuttle operates Monday-Friday between the Fairfax and SciTech campuses. Shuttle also stops at Manassas Mall between campuses.

Limited weekend service.

Fixed Route: Gunston Mason

The Gunston Mason route provides service from the Fairfax Campus to area shopping centers and Ridge Top Road, Monday-Friday. Stops at Sandy Creek, RAC, Rappahannock River Lane, and Masonvale (on-campus) and Fair Lakes Center, Whole Foods (Market Commons Dr), Fair Lakes Promenade, Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax Corner, and Ridge Top Road off-campus.

Limited weekend service.

Fixed Route: Sandy Creek/Metro Shuttle

The shuttle operates between Sandy Creek Transit Center and Vienna Metro with stops at Masonvale and Rappahannock River Lane (on-campus) and the Commerce Building, Fairfax Circle (at Lee Highway (Rte 29) & Circle Woods Drive), and the Vienna Metro, North side, Bay C (off-campus).

No weekend service – See CUE Bus (cuebus.org) and On-Demand Shuttle

West Campus Shuttle

The shuttle route operates between West Campus, Rapidan River Rd, Field House, the RAC, Cabrera Global Center, Mason Pond Dr/Patriot Circle (EagleBank Arena side), Presidents Park, Masonvale (Patriot Circle & Staffordshire), Rappahannock River Lane, and returns by the RAC, Cabrera Global Center, Field House, Rapidan River Lane, to West Campus. Does not operate in summer.

No weekend service – See On-Demand Shuttle

On-Demand Shuttle – Weekends Only

The On-Demand shuttle is a shared ride service between established stops on and around the Fairfax Campus. It does not serve the SciTech or Mason Square Campuses. Download the TransLoc app to access the shuttle and view stops or visit shuttle.gmu.edu for details. You cannot pre-book a ride and the wait time for the shuttle is based upon how many requests are pending.

Route – Color Coded	Stops on Campus	Stops off Campus
Fairfax/Mason Square	Sandy Creek Transit Center and Rappahannock River Lane (Fairfax) and Hazel Hall (Mason Square)	Fairfax Circle (Lee Highway (Rte 29) & Circle Woods Drive)
Fairfax/SciTech	FAIRFAX: Sandy Creek, RAC, Finley Lot, and Masonvale, SCITECH: Colgan Hall, Hylton Performing Arts Center	Manassas Mall and limited stops at the CEC Engineering Lab on Innovation Dr
Gunston Mason	RAC, Rappahannock River Lane, Masonvale, Sandy Creek Transit Center	Fair Lakes Center, Whole Foods, Fair Lakes Promenade, Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax Corner, Ridge Top Road
Sandy Creek to Metro	Sandy Creek, Masonvale, Rappahannock River Lane	Commerce Building, Lee Highway (Rte 29) & Circle Woods Dr, Vienna Metro (North side, Bay C)
West Campus	West Campus, Rapidan River Road, Field House (Campus Drive side), RAC, Cabrera Global Center, Mason Pond & Patriot Circle (EagleBank Arena side), Presidents Park, Masonvale (Patriot Circle & Staffordshire Lane) Rappahannock River Lane (Shelter #3)	None
On-Demand Shuttle	See Transloc app for stops or visit https://transportation.gmu.edu/shuttle-services/#OnDemandShuttle for a list of stops.	

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