

Parking Options for Friends Meeting at Cambridge 5 Longfellow Park

Parking for FMC events can often be a challenge because of parking restrictions in this area. We recommend that people plan to come early to allow time to find a space. We also recommend that people with Cambridge permits park in Cambridge Resident street locations whenever possible leaving other spaces for those who come from elsewhere. We encourage keeping spaces in our parking lot (and driveway) available for those with mobility needs. And of course carpooling, public transportation, walking and bicycling are also encouraged.

Parking Times

Weekdays

We have limited space in the FMC parking lot and driveway depending on what's happening. For example, Tuesday and Thursday are generally active AFSC Material Assistance Program days. However we also have temporary daytime parking permits for Longfellow Park in the office.

Weekday Evenings

This is probably the most difficult time. We often have many FMC committee meetings which quickly fill up our on-site parking spaces. Longfellow Park becomes open to the public at 6:00 pm and fills up quickly. More on-street parking is available but it also fills up. Unrestricted parking is available on Mt. Auburn Street and along the north side of Brattle Street west of the Longfellow House. Other streets require a Cambridge permit.

Saturdays

More street parking is available but can often be filled up. We try to keep space in the parking lot and driveway for FMC use, but that can also fill up. For special events such as weddings and memorials we are often able to reserve parking on Longfellow Park and adjacent streets.

Sundays

Generally parking is generally not a problem on Sundays as most restrictions are lifted (although Cambridge area events such as the Head of the Charles festival can create difficulties). However no parking is allowed in the driveway for safety reasons, and the parking spaces behind the Meeting House should be reserved for those with mobility needs

Parking Locations

Rear Parking Lot

The rear parking lot can hold about seven cars including one handicap parking space. The lot is reserved for FMC business and FMC events. Attenders of outside events should park elsewhere unless special arrangements have been made.

On Sunday morning this lot is reserved for those with mobility needs.

Driveway

Generally up to three cars can be parked along the edge next to the Meeting House lawn. No parking is allowed on Sunday morning because of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Cambridge Parking - General

Permit parking requirements do not apply on Sunday. But always check the signs where you park as they can sometimes change.

Longfellow Park

Evening and weekend parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis. We now have one handicap parking spot in front of the Meeting House.

Brattle Street

On the south side, permit parking is required all hours except Sunday. On the north side beyond Willard, permit parking is required 8 AM to 6 PM; no permit is required after 6 PM

Mt. Auburn Street

North side has permit parking only. South side has 2-hour parking (no permit required) 8 AM to 6 PM. No permit or time limit restriction after 6 PM.

Local Side Streets

Permit parking only except on Sundays.

Special Event (Memorial and Wedding) Parking

Often we can get “consideration” from the City of Cambridge for parking on the local streets for special events. This is not a certainty so you should check with the event coordinator.

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