

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 ask 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 who need to be closer. Car pooling, public transportation, walking and bicycling are 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.

Weekday Evenings

This is probably the most difficult time. We often have several 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. We also have access to some spaces behind the Lincoln Institute just west of the Longfellow House - special permits for that are available in the office.

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 be filled. Usually parking is available at the Lincoln Institute. For special events such as weddings and memorials we are often able to reserve parking on Longfellow Park and adjacent streets.

Sundays

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 at the Lincoln Institute is usually available.

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

Parking is permitted weekday evenings after 6 PM and all day on weekends. Parking is first-come first-served. We have one handicap parking spot in front of the Meeting House. **FMC Members and Attenders** should inquire in the FMC office about limited use permits that allow weekday parking on Longfellow Park.

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.

Lincoln Institute (next to Longfellow House)

FMC has arranged evening and weekend parking in their rear parking lot. Cars must display a parking card, which is available in the office. This is most helpful for those who have weekday evening meetings at FMC when the parking situation is the worst.

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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