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Important information—The following regulations are subject to revision at any time. The Office of Parking and Transportation reserves the right to change parking areas depending on demand and other factors and may control any or all lots for special events.

Illinois State University assumes no responsibility or liability for loss or damage to any vehicle, nor does it assume any personal liability in connection with its parking program. Park at your own risk.

This brochure is not intended to list all parking rules and regulations. Visit the parking website Parking.IllinoisState.edu for the complete parking rules and regulations. If you need clarification or have any questions, please contact the Office of Parking and Transportation. To stay informed about parking on the Illinois State campus, join the Parking Announcements Listserv by sending an email request to Parking@IllinoisState.edu or follow @RedbirdParking on Instagram, YouTube, Threads, and X.

Parking permits

Permits are the property of Illinois State University's Office of Parking and Transportation. Permits (virtual or physical) are for the exclusive use of the registrant. Ownership is not transferable. Permits may not be sold, exchanged, given away, or purchased from any person or agency other than the Office of Parking and Transportation. The registrant of the permit is responsible for all parking violations issued on the permit. Permits may not be reproduced or altered. The Office of Parking and Transportation reserves the right to revoke parking privileges for any violations.

All vehicles occupying university parking facilities, other than metered spaces and visitor pay lots, must be registered to an active virtual parking permit or properly display a valid and appropriate physical parking permit during the posted hours. The parking permit you purchase allows you to park one vehicle in one space. Drivers of oversized vehicles or trailers must contact the parking office to make arrangements. Permit holders are responsible for knowing when and where the permit is valid. Failure to adhere to the permit allowances will result in a citation. Please contact our office with any questions.

All vehicles occupying university parking facilities must display a valid vehicle registration. The permit holder is responsible for notifying the Office of Parking and Transportation with any changes in vehicle or license plate. All vehicles must park with their license plate properly affixed and facing the drive lane.

Permit details

A brief description of campus permits follows. Please visit the parking website for a full description of permit allowances and pricing.

Campus resident permits—Valid in a specific storage lot or zone at all times (S103, S81, North University Garage Blue Zone, South University Garage Blue Zone, School Street Garage Blue Zone). Blue zone areas are located on the upper levels of the garage. Students residing in university residence halls are eligible to purchase one of these permits. Spaces are limited, and permits are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. S81 permit holders will be required to move to an alternate parking area in advance of all Redbird home football games and the Illinois State Marching Band Competition. This is a virtual permit enforced with LPR.

A67/A87/Cardinal Court apartment permits—Valid in their specific student apartment lot at all times (Fell, School, and Cardinal Court apartments). Permits are not valid in meters or faculty/staff parking spaces. Student residents of university apartments are eligible to purchase a permit for their respective lot. This is a virtual permit enforced with LPR.

Student commuter permits—Valid in commuter (green) surface lots beginning at 6 a.m. Parking is not permitted from 4 a.m.-6 a.m. Students needing to park before 6 a.m. for academic or university-based employment reasons must contact the parking office to make arrangements. Commuter students and students living in university apartments are eligible to purchase this permit. This is a virtual permit enforced with LPR.

Faculty/staff surface permits—Valid in all faculty/staff (red) and student commuter (green) surface lots at all times. Faculty, staff, and graduate assistants are eligible to purchase this permit. This is a virtual permit enforced with LPR.

South campus upgrade permits—Valid only in the garage zone on the top floor of the South University Garage. Permit is not valid from 4 a.m.-6 a.m. Faculty/staff and student commuter permit holders are eligible to purchase this additional permit. This is a virtual permit enforced with LPR.

Garage zone permits—Valid in the garage zone areas of the North University Garage, South University Garage, and School Street Garage at all times. Beginning at 6 a.m., the permit is also valid in lots F61, F62, and F71. Permit is not valid in numbered reserved spaces, blue zones, or metered parking in the garages. Faculty, staff, graduate assistants, and commuter students are eligible to purchase this permit. This is a virtual permit enforced with LPR.

Reserved space permits—Valid in the designated reserved space at all times. Beginning at 6 a.m., the permit is also valid in lots F61, F62, and F71. Individuals who currently hold an individual reserved space are allowed to renew that space. New spaces are not being issued at this time. This is not a virtual permit. The permit must be displayed according to the rules and regulations.

Park and ride permits—Valid in lot S103 beginning at 6 a.m. Permit is not valid from 4 a.m.-6 a.m. Faculty, staff, graduate assistants, and commuter students are eligible to purchase this permit. This is a virtual permit enforced with LPR.

Motorcycle/moped permits—Motorcycle and mopeds parked on campus must properly display this permit and park in the designated motorcycle areas at all times. Motorcycles and mopeds are NOT allowed in the parking garages at any time. Motorcycles and mopeds must pay the hourly rate to park in the Bone Student Center pay lot. This permit is available for all faculty, staff, and students.

Emeritus/retiree permits—Valid in faculty/staff (red) and commuter (green) surface lots at all times. Permit is not valid in hourly pay lots or meters. University retirees are eligible for this permit. This is a virtual permit enforced with LPR.

U-High senior permits—Valid in lots U83, G83, and G73 beginning at 6 a.m. Pay careful attention to signage in each lot and ensure you are parking in the correct area. Permit is not valid 4 a.m.-6 a.m. This is a virtual permit enforced with LPR.

U-High junior permits—Valid in lots U91 and G81 beginning at 6 a.m. Beginning at 3 p.m., this permit is valid in U-High senior permit lots. Permit is not valid 4 a.m.-6 a.m. This is a virtual permit enforced with LPR.

Laboratory school permits—Valid in lot L54 and lot F83 in the spaces designated for Laboratory School permits for up to 90 minutes from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. After 4 p.m., there is no time limit in designated spaces, and the permit is also valid in faculty/staff (red) and student commuter (green) surface lots. These permits are sold to parents and guardians of Laboratory School students. This is not a virtual permit. The permit must be displayed according to the rules and regulations.

Business permits—Valid in business permit spaces for up to two hours. Valid in meters and hourly pay lots at no charge for up to two hours. Time limits are strictly enforced. Valid in faculty/staff and commuter surface lots with no time limit. The business permit is not intended to take the place of an employee permit. When used by an employee of the University, an additional employee permit must be on file (virtual or physical permit). This is not a virtual permit. The permit must be displayed according to the rules and regulations.

License plate recognition (LPR)—Illinois State is using LPR to enforce the majority of our permits. Instead of a physical permit, drivers will be issued a virtual permit that is tied to the license plate. Students are limited to one license plate per permit. Faculty and staff may register more than one license plate. All vehicles must park with their license plate properly affixed and facing the drive lane. Because permits are linked to your license plate, it is extremely important that the license plate is entered correctly and selected during the permit election process. License plate entry requirements can be found on the parking website. The permit holder is responsible for notifying the Office of Parking and Transportation with any changes in vehicle or license plate. Updates can be reported by an online form on the parking and transportation website.

Evening permit parking—From 5 p.m.-4 a.m., all university permits are valid in faculty/staff (red) and student commuter (green) surface lots, reserved spaces, and garage zone spaces unless otherwise posted.

Permit prices—Information about permit prices, proration, and refunds is located at Parking.IllinoisState.edu.

Visitor parking

Illinois State University visitors may purchase a temporary parking permit or pay for hourly parking at a parking meter or the Bone Student Center visitor pay lot. Visitors who need extended parking privileges should contact the Office of Parking and Transportation.

Visitor and temporary permits—Visitors can purchase a temporary daily or overnight parking permit at the Office of Parking and Transportation. Visitors arriving after the parking office hours should contact the University Police Department for temporary arrangements.

Meters—Parking meters allow short-term parking in key areas on campus. Meters are not intended for long-term parking and have time limits to ensure space availability. Metered areas and lots are enforced 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All metered areas require payment before leaving the vehicle parked. Smart meters accept coins, credit cards, debit cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay. Payment can also be made on the Park Smarter app or text-to-pay. Inoperable meters must be reported to the Office of Parking and Transportation or the University Police Department.

Bone Student Center pay lot—Daily visitors can choose hourly parking at the Bone Student Center visitor pay lot, located at 397 W. Locust Street. Overnight parking is not allowed in the pay lot.

Evening and weekend parking

Evenings: Faculty/staff (red) and student commuter (green) surface lots allow open parking Monday through Thursday beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at 4 a.m. the following day. A valid permit is required Monday through Friday 4 a.m.-7 p.m.

Weekends: Beginning at 7 p.m. Friday and until 4 a.m. Monday, open parking is allowed in the red and green surface lots on campus unless otherwise posted.

Exclusions: Open parking does not include hourly parking in the pay lot, metered parking or reserved areas.

Open parking dates—Campus parking rules and regulations are enforced when the University is open. This may include times when classes are not in session, but the University is still open. During certain times when the University is closed, free parking is allowed in red and green surface lots on campus. For a list of these dates, please visit Parking.IllinoisState.edu.

Special event parking—Parking details for academic, athletic, and community events on campus are available on the parking website. Please contact the Office of Parking and Transportation with any questions about parking for your event.

ADA accessible parking

ADA parking permits—ADA parking spaces are available across campus for individuals who display both their campus parking permit (visitor or annual) and their state-issued ADA parking placard. Faculty, staff, and students are required to register their ADA placard with our office.

ADA accessible parking permit usage is restricted to the permit holder or to the individual transporting the permit holder. ADA permits may be displayed from the rearview mirror or on the dashboard of the vehicle. Physical campus parking permits must be displayed from the rearview mirror of the vehicle.

ADA visitor/special event parking—Accessible parking for guests with ADA permits is available throughout university parking lots. Visitors to campus must secure a daily permit to park in campus lots or may utilize metered areas or hourly pay lots for short-term parking. Note that meters must be paid unless the "meter exempt" ADA permit is displayed. Vehicles must display their state-issued ADA permit/plates and their campus visitor permit. During special events, guests will be required to pay the special event fee to park.

ADA enforcement—Misuse of an ADA parking permit will result in a university fine. Individuals who allow someone to misuse their ADA permit may be reported to the Illinois Secretary of State, which could result in the revocation of the ADA parking permit. ADA spaces on campus are strictly enforced. The striped areas adjacent to the space are part of the accessible space. No vehicle staging is allowed in an ADA space unless the ADA permit is displayed. Lack of available parking spaces does not allow an individual to park in an ADA accessible space without the state-issued ADA permit. Monetary penalty amounts for violations are determined by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.

Parking violations

Parking rules and regulations are enforced at all times when the University is open for business, including summer and semester breaks. Rules and regulations apply to all vehicles. Press passes, handwritten notes, or typed notes will NOT be honored for parking in university facilities.

For a complete list of parking violations and fine amounts please visit Parking.IllinoisState.edu.

Payments—Parking citations are payable in person at the parking office, in campus drop boxes (locations are identified on the parking map), through the U.S. mail with proper postage, or online at Parking.IllinoisState.edu. Cash payments should be made in person at the parking office.

Towing—Vehicles in violation are subject to immediate tow in certain situations.

Appeals—Any person charged with a violation of University Parking regulations must pay the monetary penalty. Citations must be paid in order to appeal. If the payment is made within seven (7) calendar days, a written appeal may be filed, but the filing must be within the seven (7)-day period from receipt of citation. Appeals can be made at the parking office or online. A notification will be emailed to the appellant informing them of the appeal determination. In cases where appeals are upheld, the monetary penalty or a portion of it will be refunded.

Give 'Em A Break—Under the Give 'Em A Break program, our office offers citation removal or reduction under certain circumstances. Our office must be contacted within 30 days of the ticket date to receive any removal/reduction review.

*If you hold a valid parking permit and were issued a citation for not correctly displaying your permit, contact our office for a review and possible removal/reduction of the fine.

*If you are a visitor to our campus and receive a ticket, please contact our office. If the citation meets the necessary criteria, it may be eligible for removal.

General information

Parking spaces—Parking areas are clearly outlined with white lines or parking blocks. Occupants must observe the confines of each space. Only one vehicle is allowed per space. Yellow lines designate no parking.

Loading zones—These spaces are for loading and unloading only and will be limited to 30 minutes. Time limits are strictly enforced.

Service vehicles—Service vehicle spaces are designated for university vehicles displaying "U" license plates only or by special permission from the Office of Parking and Transportation.

Electric vehicle charging—Vehicle charging is available at designated charging locations only. Drivers must abide by time limits, permit, and payment requirements in those spaces. Only electric vehicles are authorized to use charging station parking spaces, and they must be actively charging to use the space. Vehicles found charging from unauthorized outlets, i.e., exterior building outlets, will be disconnected and may be cited.

Parking garage safety rules

- Motorcycles, bicycles, roller blades, and skateboards are prohibited in the parking garages.
- Users must obey all posted signage within the garage including clearances, speed limits, stop signs, and one-way directional signage.
- No back-in parking is allowed in the parking garages.
- Please park between the inner lines of the hairpin markings to ensure vehicle access for your neighbors.

Vehicle accidents—All accidents involving a motor vehicle on campus must be reported immediately to the University Police. Any vandalism incurred in campus lots should also be reported to the University Police.

Vehicular breakdowns—Only licensed, operable vehicles may park on campus. Vehicles experiencing problems that prevent their removal from a parking area must be reported to the Office of Parking and Transportation. Contact our office at (309) 438-8391 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact the Illinois State University Police Department at (309) 438-8631 at all other times. Failure to report inoperative vehicles will result in a citation if the vehicle is in violation of rules and regulations. Handwritten notes are not considered acceptable notification.

Campus Motorist Assistance Program—The Campus Motorist Assistance Program is aimed at helping students, faculty, staff, and guests of the University who experience motor vehicle problems while on campus at Illinois State University. This service is free.

We will perform such functions as jump starts, unlocking your vehicle if your keys are locked in, providing a container and/or transport to a gas station if you run out of gas, as well as providing air if you have a flat tire.

For assistance, please call the Office of Parking and Transportation at (309) 438-8391, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday through Friday; or call the University Police Department at (309) 438-8631, after hours or weekends. Only lockouts are available after 9 p.m. every day, including weekends.

If you require this map in an alternative format, visit Parking.IllinoisState.edu/Maps or contact Office of Parking and Transportation, at (309) 438-8391.
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