

Cardinal Court Frequently Asked Questions

Welcome to Illinois State University!

Below you will find a list of frequently asked questions regarding parking for the Cardinal Court apartment complex. These will get you started, but if you have more questions about parking for the complex please feel free to contact our office at (309) 438-8391 or send us an e-mail through our web site.

***When and where can I get my permit?**

Permits will be available for pick up on the first day of commuter permit sales. These sales typically begin at the end of July. Sales dates will be posted to the parking web site once they are established. Students may also pick up their permit anytime after sales begin in July. You must come to the Office of Parking and Transportation to pick up your permit. There is no charge for your apartment permit but if you choose to purchase a commuter permit to park to attend classes, the associated fee will be due at the time of purchase. Please view “permits” and “descriptions” on the parking web site to see which commuter permits you are eligible to purchase. Click on “prices” to see the associated fees.

***What do I need to bring with me to the Office of Parking and Transportation when I pick up my permit?**

You will need to bring your University ID card and you must provide us with the license plate number, year, make, model and color of the vehicle you will park at the complex. If you do not have a car on campus, no permit will be issued. The permit you receive is for your use only and cannot be used by friends or visitors.

***How many permits are available? Can you guarantee that I will get a permit?**

Every resident of Cardinal Court who brings a car to campus and requests an apartment parking permit will receive one.

***How many spaces are available at Cardinal Court? If the lot is full, where will I park?**

There are approximately 676 parking spaces at Cardinal Court. If a resident finds the lot is full, overflow parking will be in lot S103, located directly east of the complex. Lot S103 has 484 student parking spaces. Students should pay close attention to the various types of parking spaces in lot S103 (faculty-staff, visitor, service vehicle, etc.) and make sure they park only in the areas designated as S103.

***What is the best way to get to class?**

This is ultimately up to you, but the ISU quad, academic and campus dining areas are a short walk or bike ride from the complex. You can also purchase a commuter permit to park to attend classes. Our campus bus routes (Redbird Ride) will transport you to key locations on campus. To view all of your options please visit the "Transportation Options" portion of our web site. Here you will have access to information about all Redbird Ride bus routes as well as the Connect Transit fixed route service. You will ride all of these buses for free when you show your valid University ID card to the bus driver. You can also check out Zimride, our exciting new campus ride share web site.