



ParkPrinceton

Free Holiday Parking Hours & Frequently Asked Questions

FREE HOLIDAY PARKING

Free parking for holiday shoppers in the Green 2-hour zones:

- Thursday, Dec 13, after 5pm
- Friday, Dec 14, after 5pm
- Thursday, Dec 20, after 5pm
- Friday, Dec 21, after 5pm
- Every Sunday in December

REGULAR METER HOURS:

M-Th 9am-8pm, Fri & Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 1pm-8pm

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Credit card, coin or mobile payment through the ParkPrinceton app (available for download in the Apple App Store and Google Play)

PARKING LEGEND

- 15 Minute Meters (Wawa Lot Only) 55¢ / 15 min
- 30 Minute Meters \$1.50 / 30 min
- 2 Hour Meters \$2.25 / hour
- 3 Hour Meters \$1.50 / hour
- All Day Meters or Pay Stations 75¢ / hour
- Multi-Day Pay Stations \$4.00 / day

MUNICIPAL OFF-STREET PUBLIC PARKING

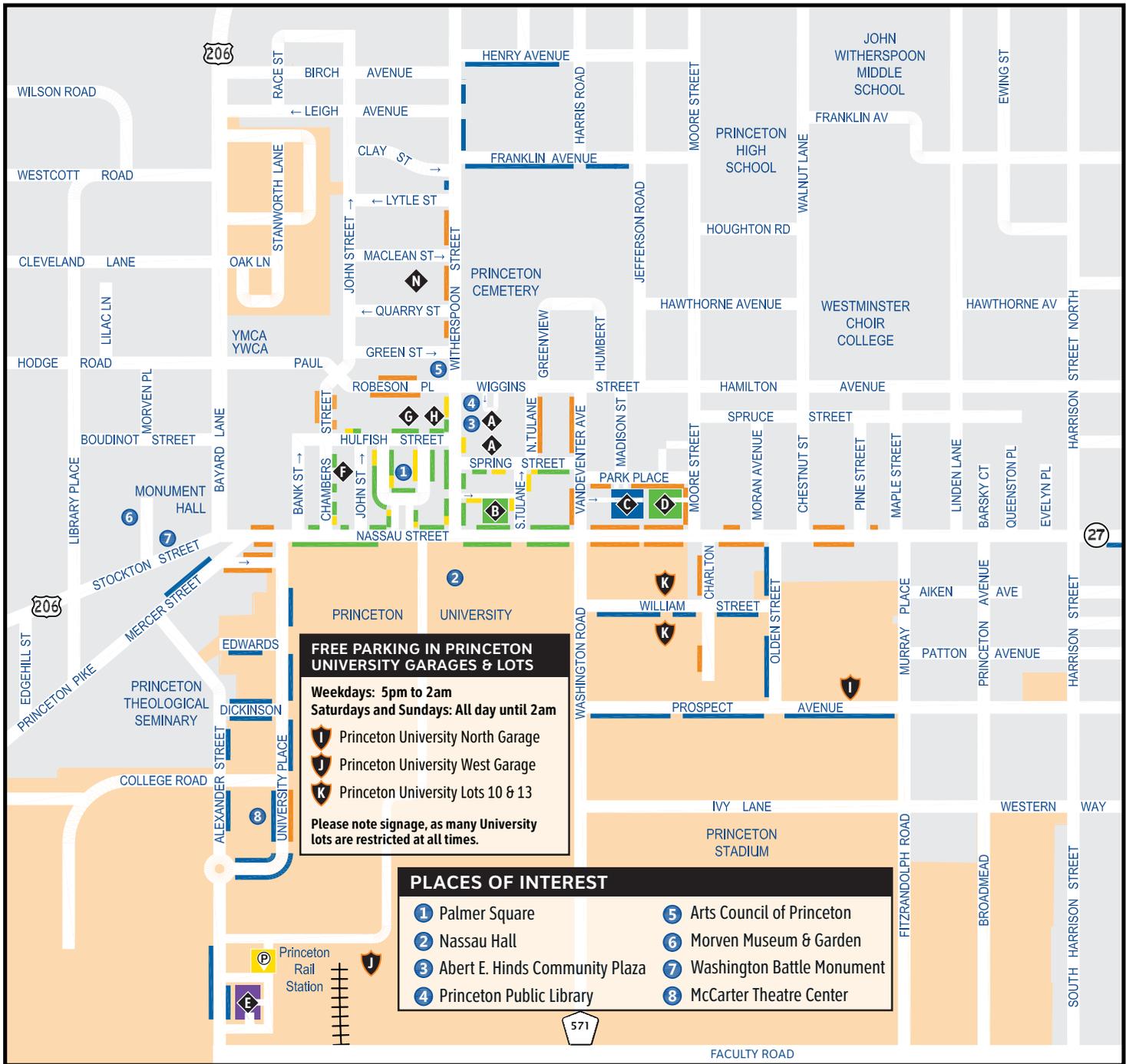
- A Spring Street Garage
- B Tulane Yard
- C Park Place West Yard
- D Park Place East Yard
- E Princeton Rail Station "Dinky" Lot.

PUBLIC OFF-STREET PARKING

- F Chambers Street Garage
- G Hulfish Street Garage
- H Griggs Corner Yard

PERMIT PARKING

- C Park Place West Yard
- D Park Place East Yard
- N Maclean Yard



FREE PARKING IN PRINCETON UNIVERSITY GARAGES & LOTS

Weekdays: 5pm to 2am
Saturdays and Sundays: All day until 2am

- I Princeton University North Garage
- J Princeton University West Garage
- K Princeton University Lots 10 & 13

Please note signage, as many University lots are restricted at all times.

PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 Palmer Square
- 2 Nassau Hall
- 3 Abert E. Hinds Community Plaza
- 4 Princeton Public Library
- 5 Arts Council of Princeton
- 6 Morven Museum & Garden
- 7 Washington Battle Monument
- 8 McCarter Theatre Center

PLEASE NOTE THE FREE HOLIDAY PARKING HOURS LISTED ON THE TOP LEFT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why did you make changes to the parking system?

The goal is to have a more convenient parking system that makes it easier to find a spot by increasing available street parking in areas where demand is highest. Princeton's new meters now accept credit card and app payment, in addition to coins, making it easier to pay. Meter rates are structured to encourage longer-term parkers to use spots in the Spring Street Garage or a few blocks outside of the central core where parking is cheaper and time limits are either 3-hours or don't apply. That helps to increase turnover in the center of town so that customers have an easier time finding parking near the businesses they patronize. The reports and data collected that inform the new policies can be found on the town website at www.princetonnj.gov/parking.

Why are you charging for Sunday parking?

In 2009, the former Borough began charging for metered parking in the downtown on Sundays (1-8pm). The new parking rules expand Sunday parking regulations to include Nassau Street. That said, parking in the 2-hour zones is FREE on Sundays in December for the holiday shopping season.

Why have the hours changed?

Meter hours begin later in the morning (at 9am instead of 8am or 7am previously) in order to encourage residents to take advantage of free parking and low parking demand to run early morning errands. Hours extend later into the evening to help manage the higher demand.

How did you determine the new rates?

Rates hadn't increased in 10 years. The new rate structure was established after a thorough analysis which factored in the cost of the new equipment and credit card processing. That analysis can also be found on the municipal website: www.princetonnj.gov/parking. Council will be reviewing the rate structure in April and then annually to determine whether changes are warranted. A benefit of the new meter technology is it generates the data needed to analyze parking performance and also makes it easier to make adjustments.

Why is there a fee to use the app?

The per-use app surcharge, which goes directly to app vendor Passport, is an industry standard. For example, the ParkMobile app charges a 50-cent transaction fee at the Princeton Junction lot in West Windsor. The app is offered as an optional convenience. The 35-cent Passport surcharge only applies when using the app.

Why are the 30-minute meters located in so many spots?

The wider availability of 30-minute meters – approximately one per block – increases the likelihood that someone who needs to quickly pop into an establishment can find an empty parking spot.

Why is there a minimum credit card charge at the meter?

The minimum charge for using a credit card at the meters is \$1. A credit card minimum is necessary to cover the costs of the transaction. Most stores require a minimum purchase for credit card payment for the same reason – and their credit card minimums tend to be much higher than \$1. Each credit card transaction at a parking meter incurs a variable fee averaging a 30-cent flat fee plus an additional 2.08 percent, paid for by the municipality.

What happened to the grace period?

The previous parking system included an eight-minute grace period at many meters. This grace period was not widely known by residents, was not promoted to visitors, and is not a common feature of other downtown parking systems. Those who pay using the Park Princeton app can opt to have alerts sent to their mobile phones when the parking session is expiring.

How are you addressing the glitches with the meters?

This is a new system for our community and we are working with our vendors to resolve the technology glitches so that it may be utilized to the fullest capacity. Most of the issues that have been reported to us have been fixed. Please report additional problems to Access Princeton at accessprinceton@princetonnj.gov or 609-924-4141.