

Drake University

Parking FAQ

Parking Regulations Overview

Vehicles may only be parked in clearly designated, legal parking spaces. Areas posted with signs restricting parking (handicap, service vehicles, loading zones, fire lanes, etc.) must be observed and complied with. Parking in any travel lane, taking more than one parking space, blocking another vehicle, or parking on the lawn are all prohibited. Vehicles are prohibited from all lawns, except when specifically authorized. Driving or parking on sidewalks or pedestrian ways is strictly prohibited.

When can I park for free on Campus? Parking regulations are in effect year-round, including breaks in the academic calendar.

How many cars can I register? All students, faculty, and staff may register up to two vehicles to park on campus. Only one vehicle may park on campus at a time with the valid parking permit.

If I have a Commuter Permit can I park in a Residential Lot? Commuter Permits are only valid in commuter lots. For convenience, they are also allowed in Residential lots 18N and 24 from 6am and 2am. There is no Overnight parking in commuter lots (a map with parking lot numbers can be found on the Public Safety webpage).

Where can I park with a Residential Parking Permit? Residential Permits are valid in all Residential lots 24 hours a day. For convenience, they are also allowed in Commuter lot 1 and 4 from 6am – 2am. There is no Overnight parking in commuter lots.

Can Residents park in the Olmsted lot with their Residential Permit? No, Residential Permits are not valid in the Olmsted Commuter lot.

I have someone visiting; can they get a short term permit to park on campus? Yes, simply go to the Public Safety or Student Services webpages and click on Short-term/Daily Parking permits.

If I don't have a permit can I park in the Drake lots if it snows? No, a permit is always needed to park in a Drake lot, except for special announced events.

If I can't find a space, can I park on the grass? No, Parking on grass is prohibited.

Does Drake tow cars from lots? Drake University reserves the right to tow illegally parked cars, cars without permits in Drake owned lots, or cars with multiple unpaid parking citations.

If you have any questions about parking on campus, please contact Drake Public Safety at

515-271-2222.