

Chapel Hill and UNC Campus Halloween Road Access, Parking Lot & P2P Plan

Friday, October 30 – Sunday, November 1, 2009



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General Overview

It is the mission of UNC and the Town of Chapel Hill to create a more “Homegrown Halloween.” The reasons for doing so center around the desire to better manage the crowd and mitigate many of the negative attributes that often come with large gatherings.

As noted by the Town of Chapel Hill webpage, “The event attracts an enormous crowd [in some years, upwards of 80,000]. Confined in the downtown area, this gathering presents many public safety concerns related to personal and property crime, crowd panic and large scale civil disorders. Additional concerns focus on alcohol poisoning and gang-related violence.”

To view more of the background noted on the Town’s website, click here, <http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=512>

This year, there are increased concerns due to the H1N1 virus. As noted by the Town of Chapel Hill’s webpage, “College age students are at higher risk for contracting H1N1 and the virus is highly transmissible.” Consequently, “...students living in close contact such as in apartments or shared homes are more likely to be exposed and potentially contract H1N1.” Thus the Town and the University are asking people with “...a fever or other flu like symptoms, [to] please stay home to limit the spread of the virus.”

To view the press release from Friday, October 16, 2009, click here: <http://www.townofchapelhill.org/index.aspx?page=22&recordid=974&returnURL=%2findex.aspx>

Thus, both the Town of Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are implementing several tactics aimed at keeping the crowd size to a minimum.

On the UNC campus, one of the primary tactics includes restricting access to campus and extending the parking permit regulations.

Campus Parking Regulations

Friday, October 30 – Sunday, November 1, 2009

All parking regulations plus several temporary parking restrictions will be in effect from Friday, October 30, 2009 thru Sunday, November 1, 2009.

PERMIT REGULATIONS will be extended from Friday, October 30, 2009 until 8 a.m. on November 1st for ALL weekday permitted lots, except those specially monitored and restricted for employees and graduate students without weekday permits, but showing UNC ID's and reporting to work, going to the library or to checking on lab experiments.

Vehicles without a valid lot permit between 7:30 a.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Sunday will be ticketed and possibly towed, unless parked in the lots deemed as exceptions during the allowed hours.

For example, Stadium Drive normally requires an S4 permit Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. For Halloween, Stadium Drive will require a valid S4 permit from Friday, October 30th at 7:30 a.m. until Sunday, November 1st at 8 a.m. Any vehicle without a valid S4 permit between 7:30 a.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. on Sunday will be ticketed and possibly towed. The restriction illustrated by this example will apply to all permitted lots and all normal reserved spaces that are not already 24 hour spaces, unless otherwise designated for special Halloween parking.

UNC Halloween visitors should NOT come to campus prior to 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 31, 2009. There will be no parking available for Halloween guests until 5 p.m. on Saturday. Even then, parking will be \$10 and limited to only a few designated lots on the middle and south sides of campus (See Public Parking Section).

Parking Control Officers and tow trucks will be on duty on campus throughout the evening of October 30th and October 31st and for the duration of the evening of October 31st to enforce the parking and road restrictions (including the wee hours of the morning).

Illegally parked vehicles on the UNC campus on Halloween evening will be cited and towed at the owner's expense; including vehicles parked on the sidewalks, landscape, in fire lanes, in reserved spaces, and in restricted areas, etc.

Payment for the citation and the tow, and any outstanding balances owed to the UNC Department of Public Safety, WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE VEHICLE WILL BE RELEASED.

Towing fees range from \$90 to \$100 and citations range from \$20 to \$250. Cash, debit and credit card payment will be accepted from 7:30 a.m. Friday until 2 a.m. the following morning. Cash payments will not be accepted from 2 a.m. Saturday morning until 7:30 a.m. Monday morning. Debit and credit card payments will only be accepted if debt is paid on line prior to contacting the Department of Public Safety for release of the vehicle. On-line payments can be made at www.parking.unc.edu.

Employee Parking

5 p.m., Friday, October 30th – 3 p.m. Saturday, October 31st

Although most campus lots will require a weekday permit from 7:30 a.m., Friday, October 30, 2009 until 8 a.m., Sunday, November 1, 2009, several lots will be monitored and made available to night and weekend employees and graduate students without weekday permits. However, some of those lots will be closed to all non-emergency vehicle parking between 3 p.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

The following lot will require a valid employee or graduate student UNC One Card or a valid weekday permit from 5 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 until 3 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2009, **AND MUST BE CLEAR OF ALL VEHICLES by 3 p.m. Saturday. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense:**

Swain Lot: The lot will be monitored from 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. The gates will remain up from 11 p.m. – 6 a.m., but no monitor will be on the scene. Monitors will resume screening Saturday at 6 a.m. and maintain screening until the wee hours of the morning of November 1st.

The following lots will require a valid employee or graduate student weekday permit from 5 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 until 3 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2009, **AND MUST BE CLEAR OF ALL VEHICLES by 3 p.m. Saturday: Violators will be towed at the owner's expense:**

Coates Lot: Will require a valid N2 permit until 3 p.m. **Vehicles remaining in the lot after 3 p.m. on Saturday will be towed at the owner's expense.**

Porthole Lot: Will require a valid N9 permit until 3 p.m. **Vehicles remaining in the lot after 3 p.m. on Saturday will be towed at the owner's expense.** (The gates will stay down at this location from Friday at 7:30 a.m. until Sunday at 8 a.m.)

The following lots will require a valid employee or graduate student UNC One Card or a valid weekday permit from 5 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 until 3 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2009, **but do not require clearance at 3 p.m.:**

Nash Lot: From 3 p.m. Saturday until the 5 a.m. Sunday, no vehicles will be admitted to the lot.

Cobb Deck: From 3 p.m. Saturday until the 5 a.m. Sunday, only ND permits or night employees or graduate students reporting to work will be allowed to access the deck.

McCauley Deck: From 3 p.m. Saturday until the 5 a.m. Sunday, only MD permits or night employees or graduate students reporting to work will be allowed to access the deck.

The Dogwood Deck will be available to employees reporting to work from 5 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 2009.

The Morehead Lot will function as normal pay parking from 5 p.m. Friday night until 3 p.m. on Saturday. **Vehicles remaining in the lot after 3 p.m. on Saturday will be towed at the owner's expense.**

All other lots on the main part of campus will require a valid weekday permit from 7:30 a.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 thru 8 a.m. Sunday, November 1, 2009.

Employee Parking

6 a.m. Saturday, October 31st – 8 a.m. Sunday, November 1st

The following lot will require a valid employee or graduate student UNC One Card or a valid weekday permit from 5 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 until 3 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2009, **AND MUST BE CLEAR OF ALL VEHICLES by 3 p.m. Saturday. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense:**

Swain Lot: Monitors will screen the lot Saturday for valid employee/graduate student ID's or NG1 permits from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. All vehicles must clear the lot at 3 p.m.

The following lots will require a valid employee or graduate student weekday permit from 5 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 until 3 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2009, **AND MUST BE CLEAR OF ALL VEHICLES by 3 p.m. Saturday: Violators will be towed at the owner's expense:**

Coates Lot: Will require a valid N9 permit until 3 p.m. **Vehicles remaining in the lot after 3 p.m. on Saturday will be towed at the owner's expense.**

Porthole Lot: Will require a valid N2 permit until 3 p.m. **Vehicles remaining in the lot after 3 p.m. on Saturday will be towed at the owner's expense.** (The gates will stay down at this location from Friday at 7:30 a.m. until Sunday at 8 a.m.)

The following lots will require a valid employee or graduate student UNC One Card or a valid weekday permit from 5 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 until 3 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2009, **but do not require clearance at 3 p.m.:**

Nash Lot: From 3 p.m. Saturday until the 5 a.m. Sunday, no vehicles will be admitted to the lot.

Cobb Deck: From 3 p.m. Saturday until the 5 a.m. Sunday, only ND permits or night employees or graduate students reporting to work will be allowed to access the deck.

McCauley Deck: From 3 p.m. Saturday until the 5 a.m. Sunday, only MD permits or night employees or graduate students reporting to work will be allowed to access the deck.

The Dogwood Deck will be available to employees reporting to work from 5 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 until 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 2, 2009.

The Morehead Lot will be open parking from 3 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday. Vehicles remaining in the lot after 3 p.m. will be towed at the owner's expense.

All other lots on the main part of campus will require a valid weekday permit from 7:30 a.m. Friday, October 30, 2009 thru 8 a.m. Sunday, November 1, 2009.

Campus Access

As part of the overall safety plan being implemented for Halloween evening, access to the UNC campus will be restricted at several key locations on October 31, 2009, **beginning at approximately 5:00 p.m. and/or 8:30 p.m. (8:30 p.m. unless noted below)**

- **Franklin Street:** Raleigh Street to Roberson Street
- **Columbia Street:** Hillsboro Street to Manning Drive
- **Raleigh Street:** East Franklin to Cameron Avenue
- **South Road:** Country Club to Pittsboro Street
- **McCauley Street:** From Pittsboro to Columbia and the neighborhood off Pittsboro Street
- **Stadium Drive:** From South Road to Ridge Road (as early as 5 p.m.)
- **Battle, Boundary and Park Place Streets:** Blocked at Franklin Street
- **Country Club Road:** From South Road to Cameron Avenue and from Ridge Road into the Laurel Hill neighborhood
- **Cameron Avenue:** From Country Club to Pittsboro Street
- **Bowles Drive:** The end closest to the Manning Lot will be restricted. Only S9 permit holders and Manning Lot paying customers will be allowed access. No BD or Business School Traffic allowed. (As early as 5 p.m.)
- **Hibbard Drive:** From Manning to Mason Farm Road
- **Mason Farm Road:** From East Drive to US 15/501 and at Purefoy and Oteys along Mason Farm Road (as early as 5 p.m.)
- **Blythe Drive:** From Bowles Drive to Hibbard (as early at 5 p.m.)
- **Residential streets** near downtown will be closed except to residents of those streets and their guests.

DPS recommends patrons needing access to the UNC campus use the Manning Drive and Highway 54 corridors from the east and the 15/501 and Columbia corridor from the south beginning at approximately 7 p.m.

Anyone planning on coming to campus after 5 p.m. should expect heavy traffic congestion and should plan accordingly.

Restricted Campus Parking Lots

To accommodate the Town of Chapel Hill plan for Halloween, UNC Public Safety's Emergency Access plan, as well as employees working on north campus and the general campus population, several lots will be screened or closed beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Halloween.

Bynum Circle (Bynum Lot, Caldwell Lot and Steele Lot) – restricted for night parking as normal for weeknights, but gates will remain down at 8 p.m. Friday and will not raise until 5 a.m. on Sunday.

All Permitted Lots - restricted to valid lot permit holders 7:30 a.m. Friday until 8 a.m. on Sunday, when they resume normal operation. Vehicles without valid permits will be cited until 5 p.m. and then cited and towed at the owner's expense between 5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. on Sunday.

Highway 54 Lot, Craige Deck, Craige Deck, Cardinal Deck, and Bowles Lot - restricted to weekday permits or valid employee / graduate student ID's until 5 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. on Sunday or \$10 public parking from 5 p.m. Saturday until 1 a.m. Sunday.

Rams Head Deck - Beginning 5 p.m. Saturday to 1 a.m. Sunday will be reserved for \$10 event parking or RD permit holder parking. Normal Operations resume at 8 a.m. Sunday morning. Anyone remaining in the lot after 8 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st will be charged the normal hourly rate of \$1.50 per hour (no maximum).

Public Safety Lot – Reserved for S1 permit holders, Public Safety operations staff and emergency vehicles only beginning 5 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. on Sunday.

UNC Hospitals employee ID's and UNC Employee ID's will be honored in the Dogwood Deck from 5 p.m. on Friday until 9:30 a.m. on Monday morning.

Closed Parking Lots

Several campus parking lots will close at 3 p.m. on Halloween night as part of the overall safety operation. **Vehicles remaining in these lots after 3 p.m. will be towed at the owner's expense.** Normal operations will resume at 8 a.m. The following lots will be closed beginning 3 p.m.:

- Swain Lot
- Morehead Lot
- Coates Lot (also known as International Studies)
- Utility & Porthole Lots

Public Parking On Campus

South Campus parking will be made available as necessary, and as resources permit, in an effort to facilitate vehicle access to academic, medical, and residence hall buildings. No public parking will be made available until after 5:00 p.m., and there will be a \$10.00 fee for each space.

Halloween P2P Express Campus Shuttle Information

Attention: P2P Route Change for Halloween Only

The Point-to-Point Express campus shuttles will run during their normal hours on Halloween night. However, the route will be modified due to the closing of portions of Raleigh Street, Franklin Street, and Columbia Street.

On Halloween **ONLY**, the P2P Express shuttles will run in the opposite direction (clockwise) of normal service. Also, rather than traveling on Rosemary and Franklin Streets, the route will travel east along Cameron Avenue before turning right onto Raleigh Street.

P2P Express will **NOT** serve the following normal stops:

- Swain Hall
- Granville Towers
- Stops along Franklin Street or Rosemary Street
- Stops along Raleigh Street north of Cameron Avenue

P2P **WILL** stop at the following stops on Halloween night only:

- Bowles Drive just below Hinton James Residence Hall
- Cameron Avenue across from the Old Well

[Click here, for a P2P Express Halloween Route Map](#)

THERE WILL BE NO TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL EVENT SHUTTLES THIS YEAR!

Town of Chapel Hill Street, Parking and Chapel Hill Transit Information

Town of Chapel Hill Police * 828 Airport Road * Chapel Hill, NC * 27514 * (919) 968-2760 *
Fax (919) 968-2846

The Town will **NOT** provide shuttle bus service from four Park-and-Ride Lots this year.

Out of Town patrons are encouraged to stay at home or go somewhere other than Chapel Hill.

Key traffic lanes will be reduced to make it more difficult to enter Chapel Hill.

Street Closures:

The following downtown streets will be closed to vehicular traffic at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 31:

- **Franklin Street:** Raleigh Street to Roberson Street
- **Columbia Street:** Hillsboro Street to Manning Drive
- **Raleigh Street:** East Franklin to Cameron Avenue
- **South Road:** Country Club to Pittsboro Street
- **McCauley Street:** From Pittsboro to Columbia and the neighborhood off Pittsboro Street
- **Stadium Drive:** From South Road to Ridge Road
- **Battle, Boundary and Park Place:** Blocked at Franklin Street
- **Country Club Road:** From South Road to Cameron Avenue and from Ridge Road into the Laurel Hill neighborhood
- **Cameron Avenue:** From Country Club to Pittsboro Street
- Residential streets near downtown will be closed except to residents of those streets and their guests.

Parking:

- All Vehicles parked inside of the festival area will be towed beginning as early as 3 p.m.
- Parking will not be allowed on streets in or near downtown Chapel Hill.
- Vehicles that are illegally parked will be ticketed and towed, with a minimum recovery cost of \$100.

Prohibited Items:

Alcohol will not be permitted in the area where traffic is blocked. Open containers of alcohol and coolers are not permitted on any public street, sidewalk, or right-of-way. Alcohol Law Enforcement Officers will be enforcing state laws and local ordinances concerning alcohol possession and consumption.

Town ordinances and state statutes prohibit the following items in the closed area:

- Alcoholic Beverages
- Weapons
- Glass Bottles

- Paint
- Fireworks and Explosives
- Flammable Substances
- Animals
- Coolers

Items, even as part of a costume, which can be used as weapons or look like weapons will be confiscated. This includes items made of wood, metal, cardboard or hard plastic.

For more details, visit the Town of Chapel Hill website at <http://www.townofchapelhill.org>.

For more information, contact Chapel Hill Transit at (919) 968-2769.