



HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES

2022-2023 Parking and Traffic Regulations Handbook

To help preserve the safe and peaceful quality of life on the campus and adjoining residential streets, the following parking and traffic regulations have been established and are in effect.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this handbook is to set forth rules and regulations for the use of motor vehicles on the Hobart and William Smith campus. These rules and regulations have been promulgated for the safety and welfare of students, faculty, staff and visitors, the protection and maintenance of college property, and to govern traffic on the campus. It is the responsibility of all faculty, staff, visitors and students to read and abide by the regulations. Cooperation and compliance with these rules and regulations by all members of the Hobart and William Smith community is expected. Failure to comply may result in a parking citation being issued, the vehicle being towed at the owner/operator's expense, suspension and/or revocation of parking privileges on campus, and/or disciplinary action being taken by the Colleges.

POLICY

Hobart and William Smith Colleges are a **pedestrian campus**.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The provisions of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law shall be considered applicable and in force on all campus roadways and parking areas. The speed limit on campus roadways and in parking areas is 15 miles per hour. The speed limit on city streets is 30 miles per hour or as posted. Speed should be slower if appropriate for safety.

A person who operates a vehicle on campus in a careless manner, without regard for the rights of others, or in a manner so as to endanger persons or property will be considered as driving recklessly. Overloading and riding outside of a vehicle are dangerous actions at any time and prohibited on campus. These careless behaviors may result in a citation for a moving violation from the Geneva Police Department and/or Colleges' disciplinary action.

Golf carts and similar unlicensed vehicles utilized by maintenance, athletics, and special programs must be operated on Colleges' property only and in a safe and responsible manner. They are not permitted to be driven on public streets or sidewalks, except to cross directly from one area of the Colleges' property to another. The Geneva Police may issue a summons to individuals found operating these vehicles illegally.

Bicyclists are reminded that riding on public sidewalks by anyone over the age of 12 is prohibited in the City of Geneva. The only exception is made for the Campus Safety bike patrol. The New York State Vehicle and Traffic Laws apply to bicycles operated on roadways. Bicyclists must comply with traffic control devices, such as stop signs and red lights, and must use a headlight and rear reflectors after dark.

PARKING REGULATIONS

City of Geneva

Tickets are issued for vehicles illegally parked on city streets within the campus area. The Geneva Police issue these tickets. Parking restrictions in these areas are indicated by signage and vary depending on location.

- *There is no on-street parking in the City of Geneva from 2 a.m. – 6 a.m. from December 1 to April 1 each year to facilitate snow removal.* Exceptions only are marked with signage, such as on South Main Street, which has alternate-side parking. These provisions are actively enforced with tickets and towing, whether it is snowing or not.
- Parking is not permitted between the curb line and sidewalks. This includes grass areas and entrances to driveways.
- Tickets issued by the City of Geneva have fines that increase when not paid in a timely manner. Collection of fines may include billing to home addresses, towing of scofflaws and suspension of a vehicle's registration.

Campus parking philosophy

The arrangement of the Colleges' buildings, roadways, sidewalks, and parking areas in the central campus area is designed to accommodate pedestrian traffic. The system is not meant to accommodate driving a vehicle to and from classes, meetings, clubs, athletics, meals or running errands. A vehicle should be considered a means to get to and from areas off campus. Parking enforcement efforts are intended to maintain compliance with the established regulations for the safety of the campus community and protection of the campus environment. Revenues from parking registration and enforcement programs are returned to the Colleges' General Fund in support of all programs on campus.

Campus parking availability

Parking for students, faculty, staff and visitors is available at numerous sites within the campus. Use of all Hobart and William Smith parking lots requires proper display of a valid parking permit. Obtaining a valid parking permit does not guarantee a parking space; it provides the privilege of parking in any available authorized space. Lack of an available space does not constitute justification to violate parking regulations. Individuals who find their desired parking area full may use spaces in other campus lots for which they have a valid permit.

PARKING SPACES DEFINED

Campus parking spaces are normally paved with asphalt and marked with yellow lines on either side. A vehicle parked next to only one yellow line is past the end of a row and not in a designated parking spot. Any vehicle parked on grass, loose gravel or dirt is not parked in a legitimate parking spot except where exceptions are noted later. Vehicles parked on a series of diagonal or crossed yellow lines are in a no-parking area or handicapped accessibility space. Vehicles parked where there are no pavement markings are in a drive lane or roadway. Violations of the above will result in a parking citation.

Exceptions: Potter gravel lot is one exception, as is the gravel portion of the Jackson A lot because they are not paved or marked with striping. Parking in Potter gravel lot and Jackson A gravel lots are along the east and west sides of the parking surface.

The parking spaces at 737 S. Main are only on the north side of the lot.

Certain spots are designated for snow removal and cannot be used from December 1 to April 1 of each year.

Display of permits

The parking permit must be displayed on the driver's side² on the outside of the rear passenger window of the vehicle. Pickup trucks and other vehicles without passenger windows must affix the parking decal on the driver's

side of the rear window. Parking stickers must be permanently affixed to the window and not moved from car to car. Temporary permits must be displayed as indicated at the time of issue. Permits must be removed from the vehicle at the time they expire or upon sale or transfer of the vehicle to another party. All permits expire on August 1 each year except student permits that were issued for a single semester and employee permits. These permits expire at the end of the semester for which they were issued.

PERMIT TYPES

Permits for employees

All vehicles that will be parked on campus must be registered. These permits are renewable every five (5) years during the time of employment or when changing vehicles. Parking decals for faculty and staff members are issued by the Department of Campus Safety at the beginning of the academic year and as needed throughout the year. Faculty and staff may register for a permit online at <https://parking.hws.edu>, by selecting “parking permit request” on the website Quicklinks or directly from the Campus Safety page by selecting “parking permit request.” After completing the online registration process the parking window decal can be picked up at the Campus Safety office. Parking window decals must be promptly and properly installed on the vehicle.

Newly appointed faculty or staff members or employees registering a vehicle for the first time may be requested to show a Colleges’ I.D. card along with a valid state registration for the vehicle they wish to register when picking up their window decal. Employees may not get a faculty/staff registration for a son or daughter who is a student at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The students must register the car that they drive as a student vehicle.

Permits for students

All student vehicles must be registered. Students may register their vehicles online at <https://parking.hws.edu>, by selecting “parking permit request” on the website Quicklinks or directly from the Campus Safety page by selecting “parking permit request.” After completing the online registration process students may pick up their window parking decal at the Campus Safety office and must show a valid student I.D. and state vehicle registration. The window parking decal must be *promptly and properly* installed on the vehicle. Permit fees will be billed to the students account after completing registration.

Vehicles must be properly registered, with the decal correctly displayed, within 3 business days of the first day of classes of each academic semester. Vehicles brought to campus during the semester must be registered immediately. Students who change vehicles after their initial parking decal is issued must update the vehicle registration information at the Department of Campus Safety. A new decal will be issued if the student is currently paid up to park on campus and has no outstanding parking citations.

Parking permits are required for all vehicles that will be parked on Colleges’ property and operated by students living in Colleges’ residences. This includes residence halls, apartments and large residence parking areas as well as driveways for small houses, co-ops and theme houses. Parking in driveways is limited to a maximum of three vehicles. These vehicles must not encroach upon the pedestrian sidewalk, lawn or extend into the street.

Limited-use permits

Vehicles with limited-use permits may use Houghton House Arts Complex lots and the Bristol Field House lot. The Village at Odell’s Pond and O’Dell’s South parking areas at all times. Individuals with limited-use student permits may use central parking during non-business hours (5 p.m. – 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, and all times Saturday, Sunday and school holidays) except for College Store, Admissions parking and 24 hour faculty/staff only lots. Limited-use permitted vehicles found parked in central campus lots during business hours will be cited and assessed a fine.

Off-campus students

Students who live off-campus within one-half mile of campus will have no access to central campus parking except after business hours. They will be able to register their car for a limited-use permit and must abide by the rules governing the use of this permit.

Residents of the Village at Odell's Pond

Students who live in the Village at Odell's Pond must register their car to park there. They can only register for a limited-use permit and cannot park in central campus lots during business hours (8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday-Friday). This restriction was designed to reduce unnecessary traffic on St. Clair Street and reduce central campus parking. This was necessary for the Colleges' approval to build the complex.

Fraternity members

Fraternity members may park in their house lots, or driveways, without permits. Those who wish to park on campus at any time must register their vehicles. They will be issued a limited-use permit only since they will reside within one-half mile of the campus. They are encouraged to obtain a permit, even if they plan to use campus lots only occasionally.

Commuter permits

Students who reside more than one-half mile from the campus are eligible for a commuter permit. Proof of lease, rental or ownership must be shown at time of registration.

First-year student permits

All first year-students who wish to bring a vehicle to campus will have parking assigned in the first-year parking lot (Odell's South Lot).

Parking is also allowed, when available, in the Sherrill B lot, Jackson B lot and Potter gravel lot. This permit will allow them to park in the Houghton House Arts Complex lots as well as the Bristol Field House lot.

First-year students will not be able to park on city streets in and surrounding the campus. These streets include S. Main St., Pulteney St., St Clair St., Verplanck St. and the Garden Apts. Street. This was enacted to ensure that the streets do not become congested and it will be strictly enforced by the issuance of parking citation by the Office of Campus Safety.

First-year students can park in student lots other than Odell's South Lot from 5 p.m. on Friday until 12 midnight on Sunday.

PARKING PERMIT FEES

Limited-use permits

The fee for a limited-use permit is \$50 per semester or \$70 per year.

Student permit fees

The fee for a regular student permit is \$125 per semester or \$175 per year.

Commuter permit

The fee for a commuter permit is \$125 per semester or \$175 per year

First-year permit

The fee for a first-year permit is \$125 per semester or \$175 per year.

Daily visitor & Temporary registrations

Visitors to campus (persons who are not registered students, faculty or staff) who will not be staying overnight must obtain a temporary vehicle permit from the Office of Campus Safety upon arrival to campus. There is no charge for a temporary permit. The Medbery North lot is the designated area for visitor parking and normally has sufficient space available to meet daily visitor needs. Visitors may use other lots designated for V permits if space is available. Persons sponsoring conferences or departments with frequent visitors may contact Campus Safety in advance for any special parking permit needs. The Department of Campus Safety will issue a temporary courtesy vehicle registration to students, faculty, staff and visitors with a need to bring a vehicle to campus for a brief period of time. This temporary parking permit will be valid for a period not to exceed 10 days. **Students will be issued only one temporary permit not to exceed 10 days during each academic year.**

Special Requests

Students who require special parking due to injury or illness must apply at the Hubbs Health Center. Their request will be reviewed by a healthcare professional and if approved forwarded to the Office of Campus Safety. Campus Safety will issue a temporary permit to the student for the period specified.

Students that may need special parking privileges that are not health related may apply for a special permit to the Office of Campus Safety. Approval and issuance of a special permit will be at the sole discretion of the parking office.

Annual visitor permits

Visitors who will be visiting the campus for a period longer than 10 days or who visit the campus throughout the year may apply to Campus Safety for an annual visitor's permit. This permit eliminates the need for a visitor to continually obtain day passes. The permit is useful for community residents who regularly use campus facilities such as the field house, the Scandling Center or the library. These permits may be requested online at <https://parking.hws.edu>, by selecting "parking permit request" on the website Quicklinks or directly from the Campus Safety page by selecting "parking permit request."

Students who have frequent visits from family are advised to have them register their vehicle and obtain an annual Parent Permit, also available online.

Improperly obtaining permits

Students found to have intentionally obtained a permit to which they are not entitled, displaying a permit reported lost or stolen, or otherwise attempting to defraud the parking system will be referred to the conduct office for disciplinary action. They also may be subject to legal charges for theft of services. Vehicles parked on campus with fraudulently obtained permits will be subject to towing at the expense of the owner/operator.

Restricted parking areas

Parking restrictions shall apply at all times unless otherwise indicated. The following are restricted parking areas:

- (1) Bristol Gymnasium parking lot, faculty/staff permits only, 24 hours a day;
- (2) Lansing and Eaton Halls parking lot, faculty/staff permits only, 24 hours a day;
- (3) Pulteney parking lot, (south of Sherrill Hall) faculty/staff permits only, 24 hours a day;
- (4) St. Clair Street lot, faculty/staff permits only, 24 hours a day;
- (5) Hubbs Infirmary parking, faculty/staff permits only, 24 hours a day;
- (6) Winn-Seeley lot 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, faculty/staff permits only;
- (7) Medbery North 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, faculty/staff, commuter, and visitor permits only;
- (8) Medbery South lot faculty/staff permits only 24 hours a day;
- (9) Admissions parking lot. Student and staff parking is not permitted at any time;
- (10) 288 Pulteney Street, north end driveway, faculty/staff permits only between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- (11) The two parking spaces at the north end of Smith Hall are handicap parking only.
- (12) Roadway leading to the parking area behind Comstock. No parking at any time.
- (13) Sherrill A parking lot, faculty/staff permits only, 24 hours a day;
- (14) Curb cut areas on Pulteney St. at JPR and Bartlett, No Parking, 10-minute unloading zone only
- (15) Other restrictions and areas may be indicated by signage.

General parking areas

The following central campus parking areas are available for all regular permit holders (F, C,V, S). Limited (L) permit holders may park in these lots after 5 p.m. and before 8 a.m., Monday-Friday except where noted otherwise.

CENTRAL CAMPUS LOTS	
Barn Lot	Scandling
Bampton Lot	737 South Main Street
Comstock Lot	Sherrill B Lot
McCormick Lot	Rees Lot
Miller Lot	Jackson A and B Lots
Potter Lot	
PERIPHERAL CAMPUS LOTS	
Houghton House	Odell's Village North and South
Katherine D. Elliott Studio Arts Center	Field House
Goldstein Family Carriage House	

CAMPUS PARKING REGULATIONS

Prohibitions

Parking is prohibited in the following situations:

1. On campus driveways roadways or walkways,
2. On any lawn areas;
3. In restricted areas marked by signs, yellow curb markings, or yellow line markings;
4. When blocking other vehicles from parking;
5. In spaces designated for the handicapped or for service vehicles;
6. Without proper identification;
7. Less than a minimum of 15 feet from a fire hydrant or stop sign;
8. Double parked;
9. In a fire lane (all driveways, campus roadways, and walkways are considered fire lanes);
10. In areas marked by barricades, fencing, orange cones, or barrier tape indicating a temporary no parking/driving zone;
11. Within 25 feet of any building not otherwise marked as a fire lane;
12. At the direction of a Campus Safety officer or other Colleges' official charged with regulating traffic and parking.

Signage

The Colleges will enforce the parking regulations for violations **regardless of the presence of any or contiguous signage at the specific location.** Reasonable effort will be made to clearly mark authorized parking spaces with signage or pavement markings. Assume that an area is not for parking if these markings are absent. All individuals who park on the Colleges' property are expected to know and follow these regulations. The fact that an individual has been incorrectly advised of the parking regulations does not constitute an excuse for violations. The authority in this regard is the current Parking and Traffic Regulations.

There is a green sign near the entrance to each parking area that identifies the name of the lot and the type of permit required to use the lot. The lot is available for use after the times stated unless the lot is restricted 24 hours a day.

The parking decal shows the designated permit type by the letter that precedes the permit number.

F =faculty/staff	Color is RED
S = resident student	Color is BLUE
C = commuter student	Color is PURPLE
L = limited use	Color is GREEN
V = visitor	Color is BROWN
Y = first year student	Color is YELLOW (Yellow)
P = Parent	Color is GRAY (Gray)

Consequences

The penalty for violation of parking regulations at Hobart and William Smith Colleges will be a fine, boot, or tow and storage of the vehicle at the risk and expense of the person who has registered the vehicle, loss of campus parking privileges or other campus disciplinary action. The person who registers the vehicle for campus parking will be responsible for any fines or fees associated with parking the vehicle on campus contrary to the Parking and Traffic rules. The fines for common violations are as follows:

(1) Failure to display current permit	\$30
(2) No-parking zone	\$30
(3) Not a parking space (grass, sidewalk, drive lane)	30
(4) Parked in fire lane/roadway	\$30
(5) Parked in handicapped space	\$50
(6) Parking in restricted area/lot	\$30
(7) Overtime parking	\$30
(8) Green surcharge	\$15
(9) Persistent Violator Fee	\$125 and up
(10) Boot fee	\$125 and up

Vehicles parked contrary to more than one of these violations may be cited for multiple violations on the same ticket. For example, a vehicle with no Colleges' permit displayed (#1 @ \$30), parked in a drive lane (#4 @ \$30), of a restricted lot (#7 @ \$30), will receive a ticket with three plus the mandatory \$15 green surcharge for a total of \$105.

Other sanctions: Persistent Violators Fee

Persons who receive five (5) or more parking tickets during the academic year are considered to have excessive violations. These persons will receive a progressive "persistent violator fee" on every citation, beginning with the fifth citation, for the remainder of the academic year. Persistent Violators Fees will increase according to the following schedule; \$125 on the 5th citation, \$150 for the 6th citation, \$175 for the 7th citation and \$200 for the 8th and all subsequent citations. These citations may also receive additional violations as noted above listed in the consequences section above. After receiving three (3) or more persistent violator fee citations the student will be referred to the Office of Judicial Affairs for community standards violation.

After a Judicial hearing other consequences may include limiting parking privileges which means the person is assigned to a peripheral lot and that will be the only place they are allowed to park for the remainder of the academic year. A revocation means that the person will no longer be able to park his/her vehicle on Hobart and William Smith property, including city streets running through campus, for the remainder of the academic year. The vehicle will be towed any time that it is parked on the campus at his/her expense and risk.

Other sanctions: Boot Fee

If the owner of a vehicle is unknown (or vehicle is unregistered) and receives five (5) or more citations in an academic year the vehicle will be immobilized with a boot, or towed. An unregistered vehicle that receives

five or more citations will be assessed the “boot fee” if the vehicle is parked illegally but will not receive the immobilization boot in any area or manner which prevents the boot from being affixed to the vehicle (parked in a fire lane, too close to another vehicle, or on a city street, etc.). Boot Fees will increase according to the same progressive fee structure as persistent violators as listed above.

Booting vs. towing

The determination to immobilize a vehicle or have it towed is based on the circumstances of the violation. If parked in a fire lane, roadway, or other space where access by an emergency response vehicle may be restricted, the vehicle may be towed. Vehicles may be towed at any time if they are parked in snow removal area or preventing snow removal from campus parking lots, roadways or sidewalks. All vehicles will be ticketed and towed immediately and without notice for parking in a handicapped parking location without a current handicapped parking placard (this includes a placard that is not properly displayed).

When a vehicle is towed, arrangements and payments are made with the tow company by the vehicle owner. Vehicles that are immobilized with a boot will make arrangements with the HWS parking office to have the boot removed, and fines charged to their student account. If the owner of the vehicle does not make arrangements to remove the boot after three days, the vehicle may be towed at the owner’s expense and will be assessed the boot fee. The boot will not be removed from a vehicle until arrangements are made with the Office of Campus Safety to have all outstanding fines charged to the students account.

Parking registration and fine payments

Parking registration fees for students and all parking fines will be charged to the student’s account throughout the academic year. This is the only method of payment that is accepted for all parking related charges.

Parking appeals

The parking appeals process is intended to give individuals who have unusual circumstances involved with the receipt of a ticket an avenue to be heard and have fines adjusted, if warranted. The fine for a first-time offense during each academic year will be waived only upon appeal. Fines for having an unregistered vehicle will normally be waived upon appeal, if there is proof that the vehicle has been registered within **1 business day** of the date that the ticket was issued. Other fines not related to vehicle registration will still be valid in these cases.

Appeals can be completed through the online parking permit request portal (<https://parking.hws.edu>) within 10 days of the citation date. Late appeals will not be waived. Written notice of the decision or action taken on the appeal will be emailed to the student.

Unless special circumstances exist, one(1) citation fee per academic year will be successfully waived per student. Tickets that have had the appeal denied will be charged to the students account for billing.

The Colleges reserve the right to correct errors or omissions on parking tickets issued. An error or omission does not automatically invalidate a ticket. Fines may be adjusted accordingly.

Collection of unpaid parking fines

Faculty and staff members are expected to abide by the campus parking regulations. Failure to comply will result in the issuance of parking tickets with fines. Repeated offenses will be referred to the senior staff member who oversees the employee’s area of work. These provisions will also apply to contractor’s representatives regularly assigned at the Colleges.

Any unpaid or unsuccessfully appealed parking fines will be billed as an outstanding obligation to the Colleges at the end of each semester. This includes fines for unregistered vehicles traced to a student’s responsibility, tickets received by others while using a student’s vehicle, and tickets received by guests visiting a student.

Unregistered vehicles and visitors issued annual parking permits will be subject to towing, even when parked appropriately at the time, if there are unpaid or unsuccessfully appealed tickets.

Individuals or vehicles with outstanding parking fines may be denied the ability to register for a permit until the obligations are paid.

Loading/unloading

There are unique times when heavy items need to be loaded or unloaded. Students moving into their residence hall at the beginning of the academic year and moving out at the end of the academic year may stand for 3 to 5 minutes to unload or load items. This is assuming that the vehicle does not disrupt the normal flow of traffic or create a hazard to others. Four way flashers must be used. This applies only to areas on the Colleges property. There might be a need to load or unload at times other than moving in or moving out for the year. *The Campus Safety office must be contacted to get permission for any such exceptions, otherwise the 3 to 5-minute standing guide to load or unload does not apply.*

Parking for longer periods or for other purposes such as running errands, picking up mail, visiting, or attending meetings are not appropriate uses of this courtesy.

City streets fall under the jurisdiction of the Geneva Police Department and vehicles will be ticketed if parked contrary to City ordinances.

Special events parking

Some special events on campus will cause the temporary closing of parking areas normally available for general use. Other events may cause the temporary use of lawn, roadside, or other areas where parking is normally prohibited. Individuals will be directed where to park by Campus Safety personnel or event staff during these events. The use of certain areas to park vehicles during special events does not constitute authorization to do so at all events or at other times because it is convenient to do so.

DISABLED VEHICLES

A disabled vehicle must be removed or repaired within the shortest time necessary to contact a tow or repair service to remove or fix the vehicle. The Campus Safety office must be contacted immediately if the vehicle cannot be repaired or removed right away. A description of the vehicle, where it is located and the problem must be given to Campus Safety as well as the anticipated time of removal. This time will not exceed 24 hours after which Campus Safety will have the vehicle towed at the expense and risk of the operator/owner.

Abandoned vehicles

A vehicle will be considered abandoned if it is parked anywhere on campus without valid license plates or in a condition unable to be driven on public highways. Abandoned vehicles will be removed from campus and disposed of under the provisions of applicable laws.

Vehicle repairs

Minor repair of personal vehicles such as changing a tire, replacing a battery or headlamp is permissible in campus parking areas. Changing oil, coolant, engine overhaul, repairs requiring the vehicle to be up on blocks or other major repairs are not permissible for safety and environmental reasons. Any commercial repair of vehicles on campus is prohibited. Flammable liquids leaking from a vehicle may require that the vehicle be towed for the safety of the HWS community.

Camping

Camping on Colleges' property or overnight occupancy of motor vehicles, including motor homes, campers, and vans, requires written permission from the Office of Campus Safety.

Theft/loss/damage

The Colleges do not assume responsibility for any loss or damage to vehicle(s) or contents while parked on campus. Parkers are encouraged to have appropriate insurance coverage for their vehicles and their contents. You must make a prompt report to Campus Safety personnel if you are involved in an accident, discover vehicle

damage or experience a theft. Campus Safety personnel will file a report for campus use and assist with making a police report if one is required or will be needed for insurance purposes. The Department of Campus Safety does not routinely provide copies of its reports to individuals or insurance companies. Specific information from reports may be requested and will be provided, if available and appropriate to release.

Special Services

1. **Jump Starts** Campus Safety officers will make a reasonable effort to jump start a vehicle with a dead battery. Campus Safety takes no responsibility for damage to the vehicle.
2. **Unlocks** Campus Safety **does not** provide vehicle unlock services. Side air bags and electric locking mechanisms prohibits us from doing unlocks. You will need to call a local garage that will be able to tow or unlock your vehicle.
3. **Flat Tires** Campus Safety Officers **cannot** change a flat tire for motorists because of the inherent dangers and risks. You will need to call a local garage that will be able to assist you.