

# TRANSPORTATION GUIDE

Share a ride, bike, or take the shuttle for a greener commute to campus.

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## RIDESHARE

### CARPOOL ZONES in Lot A and Rappahannock Parking Deck, Level

Carpool to campus and park in a carpool zone. The carpool zones are available from 7am-11am Mon – Fri to anyone with a General Parking Permit, more info at: [transportation.gmu.edu/lotacarpool.html](http://transportation.gmu.edu/lotacarpool.html)

#### Student Carpool Program

Join a carpool and save up to 40% on the parking permit. Find out more info at

[transportation.gmu.edu/Student%20Carpool%20Program.htm](http://transportation.gmu.edu/Student%20Carpool%20Program.htm)



#### Zimride

Have a car? Need a ride? Zimride is Mason's private rideshare network. Sign up for free with your Mason email address and password at [zimride.com/mason](http://zimride.com/mason). The service will match you with others who are traveling the same way that you are.

#### Zipcar

Need a car? Mason has six Zipcar vehicles on campus which can be rented by the hour or day. Sign up at [zipcar.com/zipgmu](http://zipcar.com/zipgmu), new members will receive \$35 in free driving credit. Gas and insurance are included in the rental rate.

## BIKE PROGRAMS

Mason has over 1300 bike parking spots on campus, bike pumps, fix-it stations and is a "Bicycle Friendly University". To find out more about bicycling to campus and to see a map of all facilities, please visit [bike.gmu.edu](http://bike.gmu.edu).

#### Bicycle Registration

Register your bicycle at [bike.gmu.edu](http://bike.gmu.edu) and receive a free U-lock, registration sticker, and more.



## SHUTTLES & RAIL

Visit [shuttle.gmu.edu](http://shuttle.gmu.edu) for updated shuttle schedules and to learn more about transportation options which save you money and help lower CO2 emissions.

Download the RideSystems app which can also be found on the Mobile Mason app or go to [mason.ridesystems.net](http://mason.ridesystems.net) to get real time information on Mason Shuttles.

### Sandy Creek to Metro Shuttle

The shuttle runs between Sandy Creek Transit Center and Rappahannock River Ln (outgoing)/Finley Lot (incoming) on the Fairfax Campus and Vienna Metro station, including stops at Masonvale, Commerce, and Fairfax Circle (at Lee Highway & Circle Woods Drive).

#### Schedule (from Sandy Creek)

6:00am – 11:45pm Monday – Thursday  
6:00am – 1:15am Friday  
8:00am – 1:15am Saturday  
8:00am – 11:15pm Sunday

#### Global Center to Metro Shuttle

The shuttle runs between Mason Global Center, the RAC, Rappahannock River Ln (outgoing)/Finley Lot (incoming), Commerce, Fairfax Circle (at Lee Highway & Circle Woods Drive) and Vienna Metro.

#### Schedule (from Global Center)

7:10am – 10:10pm Monday – Thursday  
7:40am-9:40am & 2:40pm-7:40pm Friday  
No weekend service.

### Burke Centre VRE Express – FREE GARAGE PARKING

The shuttle runs between Burke Centre VRE train station and Finley shuttle stop on the Fairfax Campus. The shuttle only runs when the VRE train is in service (weekdays only). **Free garage parking is available at the train station.**

#### Schedule (from Burke VRE)

7:10am – 11:10am Monday – Friday  
3:05pm – 10:35pm Monday – Friday

#### Schedule (from Finley at Mason)

7:30am-10:50am Monday-Friday  
2:45pm-10:15pm Monday-Friday

### West Campus Shuttle

The shuttle route runs between West Campus, Rapidan River Rd, Field House, the RAC, Mason Pond Dr/Patriot Circle, Presidents Park, Masonvale (Patriot Circle & Staffordshire), Rappahannock River Lane, and returns by the RAC, Field House, Rapidan River Lane, to West Campus. Departures every 15 minutes.

#### Schedule (from West Campus)

7:00am – 11:45pm Monday – Friday  
**No Service on Saturday**  
2:00pm – 11:30pm Sunday

## Parking 101 – Some Tips to Help Get You Started

- Parking lots fill up fast. Allow extra time, especially the first few weeks of class to find a space.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays (including the evenings) are the busiest days on campus.
- On the busiest of days, it is recommended that those arriving to campus later in the morning park in back of Lot K or at the Field House, a 15 minute walk to the Johnson Center, as the lots on east campus will often fill. Also, don't forget that general lot permits are valid on Levels 1-2 of Rappahannock River Parking Deck (but not in the visitor area).
- Parking permits are required to park in any lot on Mason property.
- Always read the signs to know if a lot or area is restricted to a certain type of permit. Do not park in reserved, service/repair, state vehicle, faculty/staff and administrative spaces.
- Parking lots are enforced all year round, including the 1st week of classes and even when classes are not in session. Don't believe the myths and rumors about a grace period.
- Check the parking website [parking.gmu.edu](http://parking.gmu.edu) for the latest information regarding hours of enforcement and other important news affecting parking on campus and even when classes are not in session.
- Visitor parking is available in Mason Pond, Shenandoah, and Rappahannock River Parking Decks as well as metered lots, including \$4/day at the Field House and \$2/day at West Campus lot (online permit only).
- Pay attention to your Mason email as students are often emailed about temporary lot closures. Also, check [building.gmu.edu](http://building.gmu.edu) for updates on events and construction.
- Information about permit sales, online citation appeals, and payment options is available online.
- Always contact Parking Services if you have questions or concerns! We're located in the Parking Services building next to the Sandy Creek Transit Center. **You can also call us at 703-993-2710 or email us at [parking@gmu.edu](mailto:parking@gmu.edu).**

### Fairfax-SciTech Campus Shuttle

The SciTech Campus shuttle runs seven days a week between the Fairfax and SciTech campuses. On Mon-Thu, the shuttle runs every thirty minutes during the day. The shuttle also stops at Manassas Mall enroute to the Fairfax Campus.

#### Schedule (from SciTech - Colgan)

6:25am – 11:40pm Monday – Friday  
9:00am – 7:00pm Saturday – Sunday

#### Schedule (from Fairfax-Sandy Creek)

6:25am – 11:10pm Monday-Friday  
8:00am – 6:00pm Saturday-Sunday

### Gunston's Go-Bus

The Gunston Go-Bus picks up at Sandy Creek shuttle stop and provides service from Fairfax Campus to University Mall, Fair Lakes Center, Fair Oaks Mall, Ridge Top Road, and Fairfax Corner.

#### Schedule: Mason Route

6:40am – 11:00pm Monday – Friday  
First departure from Sandy Creek at 7:20am  
Last departure from Sandy Creek at 9:45pm

#### 3:05pm – 11:00pm Saturday – Sunday

First departure from Sandy Creek at 3:45pm  
Last departure from Sandy Creek at 9:45pm

#### Schedule: George Route

3:00pm – 11:00pm Monday – Friday  
First departure from Sandy Creek at 3:05pm  
Last departure from Sandy Creek at 10:25pm

#### 3:00pm - 10:00pm Saturday/Sunday

First departure from Sandy Creek at 3:05pm  
Last departure from Sandy Creek at 9:05pm

### Metro Rail

The closest Metro stop in Fairfax is the Vienna Metro station on the Orange Line. The Orange Line also goes to various locations in Washington, DC and connects to the Silver Line that serves Reston, Tysons Corner, and East Falls Church.

To visit the Arlington campus, take the Orange Line to Virginia Sq-GMU Metro station.

Metro Rail Map: [wmata.com/schedules/maps](http://wmata.com/schedules/maps).

### CUE Bus

**All City of Fairfax CUE Buses are FREE with Mason ID.** The CUE Bus picks up on Fairfax campus at Rappahannock River Lane and can take you to various places in Fairfax City with all routes winding up at the Vienna Metro Station: [cuebus.org](http://cuebus.org).