

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

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To: Students
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Subject: PARKING POLICY

Bowdoin College Safety and Security welcomes you back to the Bowdoin College campus.

Last winter and spring, Safety and Security worked with Student government to reassess and reevaluate student parking on campus. Student government proposed a number of recommendations, and many of these proposals have been incorporated in this year's student parking management. Those recommendations were designed to maximize our limited student parking space and to avoid detracting from the natural beauty of the campus. Please read this year's rules and regulations carefully, as they apply to all students, and their visitors. Furthermore, it is understood that the operation of a motor vehicle on campus and utilization of any Bowdoin College parking facility constitutes an acceptance of these rules and regulations.

The current parking policy goes into effect -- in earnest -- on September 4th, the first day of classes.

What follows are some frequently asked questions -- along with their answers.

Where do students park?

Students living on the central campus are assigned to the Coffin Street lot, the Farley Field House lot, or the Stanwood St. lot. Students residing in college apartments or in specific college owned residences park at their residence.

All parking lots are marked with color coded signs. A color-coded sign located at the entrance of a lot will correspond to the color-coded parking permit designated for that lot. The exceptions to this are Coffin St. lot, Farley lot, and the Brunswick Apartments lot, which are split lots. Students must park in the color-coded section of the lot, which corresponds to the color of their permit. Campus parking maps (available in the Campus Safety and Security Office) designate areas by color.

How do I get a parking permit?

A permit can be obtained at Rhodes Hall across from North Campus Drive at the Security office. You will need your Bowdoin ID Card, Vehicle registration and Insurance card.

What are your office hours?

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Monday - Friday.

How can I find the Parking and Motor Vehicle Regulations?

Parking and Motor Vehicle Regulations are available from the Safety and Security Office. A copy of the Parking and Motor Vehicle Regulations is sent to every student in August of each year.

Where do First Year Students Park their vehicles?

First year students are assigned parking at the Stanwood St. Lot.

Will I get transportation to and from Stanwood St.?

Students can use the Escort shuttle that runs each day from Dusk to 3:00 AM

How will I get into Stanwood at night after it's locked?

As of this writing this can be achieved by contacting Safety and Security to unlock the gate for you. We plan on monitoring the needs of the lot and will adjust the time the lot is locked based on requests.

The gates will be unlocked at 5:00 AM and locked at 12:00 AM.

What is the \$40.00 fee for?

The fee is intended to establish a revenue stream, which will predictably fund and maintain a parking management system. This is an attempt to help defray costs such as: Maintenance of parking facilities, including surfacing lots, fencing, winter plowing, parking enforcement, lighting, cameras, etc.

Are there any exceptions to the “warning, ticket, tow” process?

Yes. Unauthorized vehicles parked in handicapped spaces, fire lanes, service areas, tow zones, blocking dumpsters or emergency parking zones will be towed immediately.

What about evenings and weekends?

Students are not allowed to park in blue-designated lots between 5:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Burton-Little lot from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Students may park in any blue-designated campus parking lot from 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and on weekends, from Friday at 5:00 p.m. to Monday 5:00 a.m. except Burton-Little lot as mentioned above.

What if I don't register my car?

Unregistered vehicles parked in College lots will get a warning for the first offense, a ticket for the second offense, and will be towed at the owners expense for third and subsequent offenses.

What do I do if I need to unload something and need to park close to a building?

You should contact the Safety and Security office at extension 3314 **prior** to unloading to find a suitable location. After unloading your vehicle, you should immediately move your vehicle to your assigned parking lot. Unloading restrictions are usually 15 minutes. Any vehicle found in any Blue lot without permission will be ticketed and/or towed.

Why did my car get ticketed and the three beside me didn't?

Sometimes vehicles have obtained permission in advance to park in restricted areas. It may also be that enforcement personnel passed through the area prior to the noted individuals illegitimate parking activities.

My permit was lost or stolen, what should I do?

Report it to Safety and Security immediately!

What if I have outstanding tickets?

You will not be able to register your vehicle in 2003-2004 until all outstanding fines are paid. Vehicles that are not registered for the current academic year will receive a warning, ticket, and then towed at the owners expense.

Winter is not far off-- what happens when I am traveling, my vehicle is in a Bowdoin lot, and there is need for snow removal?

Safety and Security must be notified in advance when you will be leaving your vehicle overnight, especially in the winter. We will make allowances for travelers to park in lots to which they are not assigned, and will work around these vehicles to remove snow. Safety and Security will give instructions specific to each circumstance when they are called, but we must know that you are away. Otherwise, your vehicle will be towed.

Why can't I park in Coffin St. as a junior?

Four years ago, Student government recommended that Coffin St. be designated as seniors only. This change was made to accommodate that request and will be monitored throughout the year to examine any impact on the parking plan. Safety and Security does have the discretion to reassign students to this lot if the lot is not being utilized adequately.

Why do I have to move my car from the blue lots at 5 a.m.?

Many dining and facilities employees arrive prior to 6:00AM to begin their workday. This will allow them access to parking spaces in blue lots close to their work site. This will help in alleviating faculty staff parking issues before the peak times of 8:00 and 9:00 AM when the majority of employees arrive on campus. It further allows Safety and Security the ability to address parking complaints earlier when the demand for service competes with building opening requests around campus.

Will there be any security cameras at Coffin St., Farley, or Stanwood?

There already are security cameras in Farley lot. The implementation of cameras in Coffin and Stanwood lots are not utilized at this time. Stanwood lot is fenced in and locked every night.

Will 14 Mckeen St. (Old Beta House) and 38 Harpswell St. (Old Kappa Sig house) lots be used? If so, who gets to use them?

38 Harpswell St. is designated as a blue lot. 14 Mckeen St. will be used as a Teal lot.

Even though the parking policy clearly states that parking outside of designated parking areas will result in towing (with no further notice, etc., etc.), will it be a problem if students park in the visitor designated areas at Farley? The question arises because students are assigned there, and seemingly this creates an accommodation problem.

There are no “visitor” designated parking spaces in Farley. All parking is either designated blue or orange.

Whom do I contact if I have questions or need additional information?

Safety and Security is coordinating the parking policy. E-mail parking@list.bowdoin.edu or contact Amy Dionne at x 3458.

How many parking tickets can I receive?

You can only receive (6) six parking tickets during the entire college year. If you have (6) six tickets during an academic year this may result in the revocation of parking privileges for the remainder of the school year. The vehicle may no longer be parked on campus at any time. If the vehicle is found on campus after this time, it will be towed and stored at the owner’s expense. If your parking privilege has been revoked, you will not be allowed to operate a vehicle on college property during this time.

Can a student park in faculty/staff spaces during the break?

No, the Parking and Motor Vehicle Regulations are the same 365 days a year, including holidays, breaks and the summer. Parking rules and regulations remain in effect throughout the academic year, **INCLUDING THE SUMMER**. Individuals should park only in appropriately designated areas as indicated on their decal. During the summer months students may park in any STUDENT parking lot with any student decal.

If my car is towed, how do I get it back?

Contact the Safety and Security office at Ext# 3314. The fee for the tow must be paid before a vehicle is released. The car must also be registered to be allowed to park on campus again (unless the car has been banned from campus, in which case it must be removed from campus).

Have any policies affecting Park Row changed?

No, the same Brunswick Town ordinance for Park Row are in effect. Please review the Parking and Motor Vehicle Regulations for this information.