



New Student Orientation 2025

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Your Connection to Success

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Welcome Freshman Commuters!

We are here to:

- Connect you to campus resources
- Answer your questions
- Provide you with a campus community
- Provide support during your first year





Freshman Residency Requirement



[https://housing.uark.edu/
live-here/for-incoming-
students.php](https://housing.uark.edu/live-here/for-incoming-students.php)

Freshman Residency Requirement

All single freshmen under 21 years of age are required to live on campus in a residence hall unless they live in a parent or legal guardian's permanent home. That home must be within 70 minutes of campus.

- **Living with Parent Form**

You must complete the Living with Parent form in the Housing Portal to ensure your eligibility

- **Freshman Residency Exemption Form**

In certain situations, a freshman may not be required to live on campus. Complete the Freshman Residency Requirement Exemption Request form to request an exemption from living on campus your first year.



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We also support students through outreach:

- Phone calls
- Text messages
- In-person mentoring
- University Perspectives class





The Commuter Lounge

Arkansas Union 6th Floor West (ARKU 602)

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

- Meet with friends, study, and relax between classes
- Computer and phone charging hubs
- Refrigerator, microwave, and lockers for daily use
- Connect with one of our peer mentors or staff members





ConnectU

Getting ready for the first day of school

ConnectU 2025 Dates

Thursday August 14

Sunday August 17

Look out for the invitation!



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Commuting to Campus

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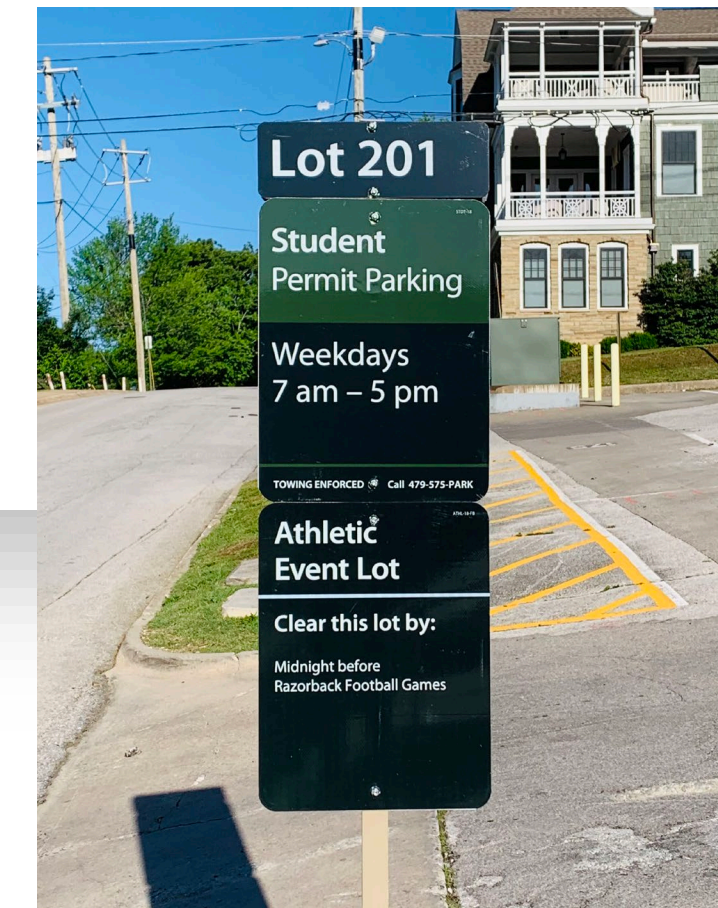


Parking on campus

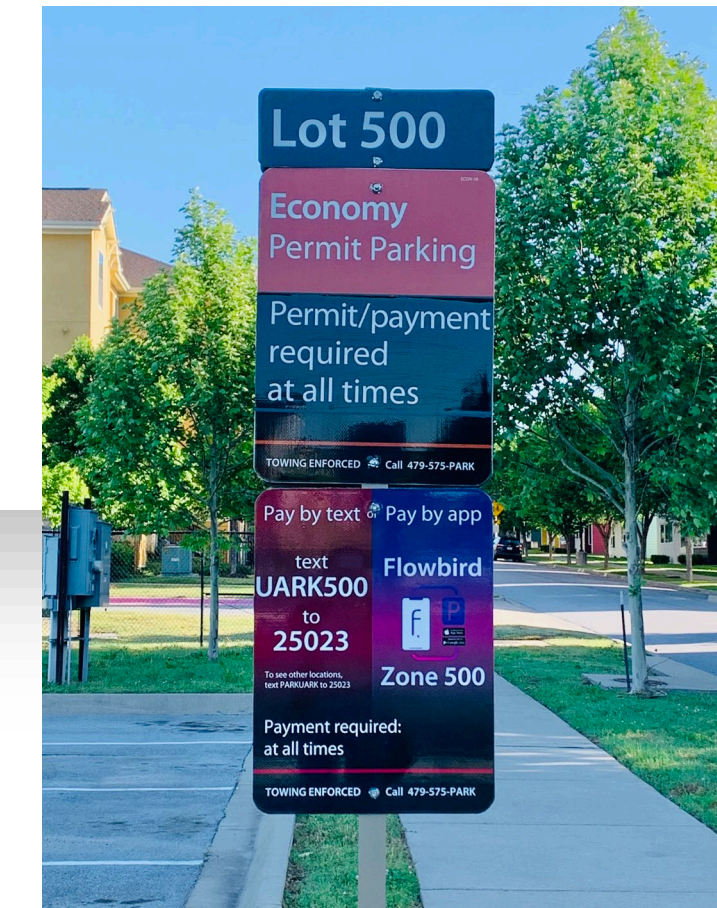
- Commuting students can purchase Student, Remote, Garage, Scooter, or Motorcycle permits
- Most lots are enforced from 7 a.m.-5 p.m., with some core lots and garages requiring a valid permit until 8 p.m.
- Student parking spaces near central campus are sparse

Solutions!

- Park on the edge of campus, take the bus
- 2 bus routes from lots: regular service until 6 p.m., reduced service until 10:30 p.m.
- Move car to central campus after 5 p.m. if necessary



Student



Economy

Parking Permit Fees

Student	\$120.00
Economy	\$25.00
Hourly Fees: Lot 26 (per hour)	\$2.00-5.00
Hourly Fees: Garages, streets, and surface lots (per hour)	\$2.00-5.00
Hourly Fees: Short-term 30-min Max (per hour)	\$1.00
Motorcycle	\$81.00
Parking Garage Reserved 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$1,069.00
Parking Garage One Day Temporary	\$20.00
Scooter	\$81.00
Scooter Reserved	\$230.00



Parking permits

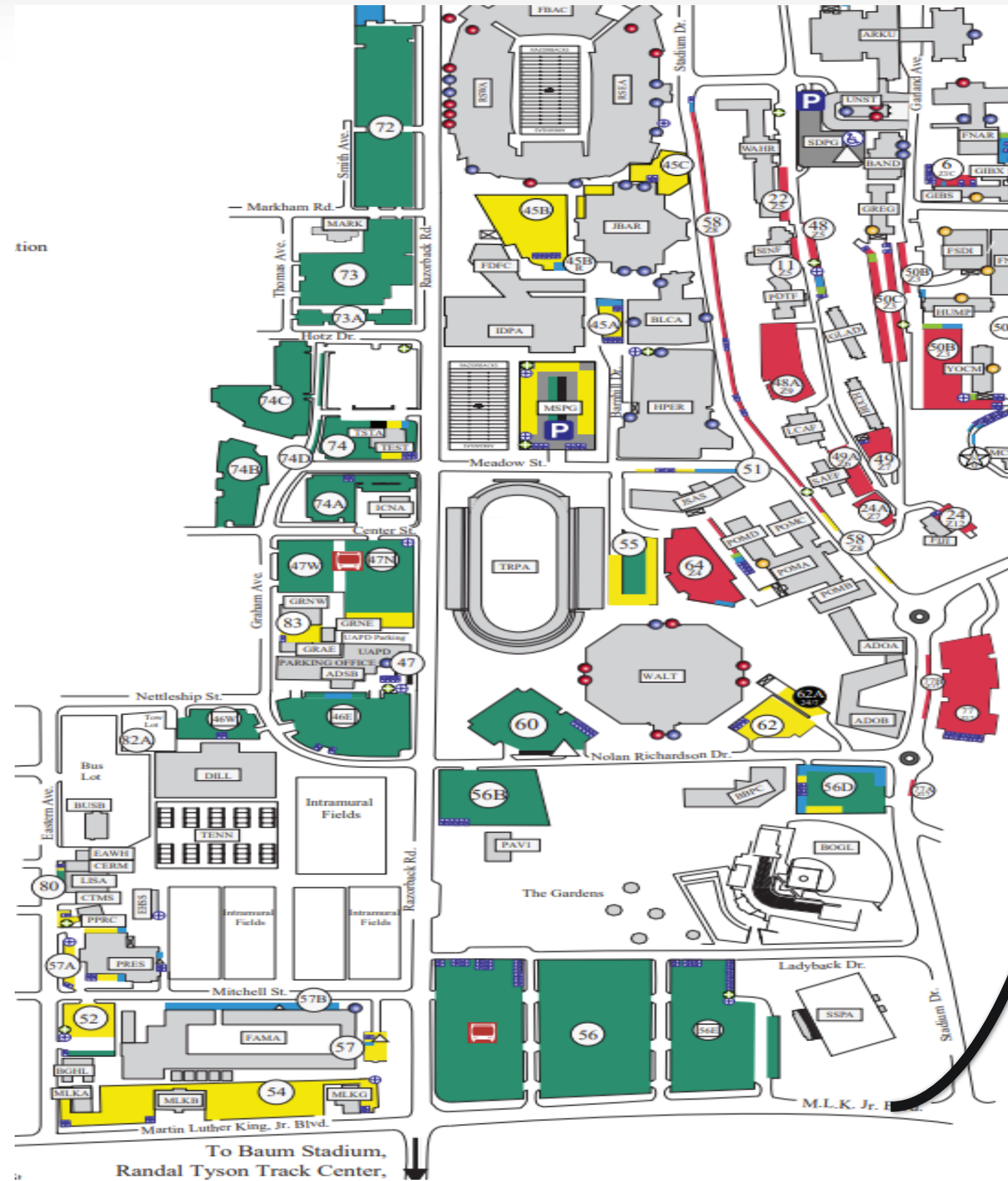
- Visit myparkingaccount.uark.edu
 - Scroll down
 - Click Permits > Get Permits
 - Sign in with your UARK email and password (Affiliated Log-in)
 - Pay with card or add to student account
 - Have car information (make, model, year, license plate #, etc.)

Parking Permits
usually become
available for
purchase in
July/August



UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS

Parking map



Union

Economy
Lot





Razorback Transit

RIDE THE FREE BUSES!

Check [route maps and schedules](#)



TRACK YOUR BUS!

Download Passio GO! App to track buses in real time!

<https://uark.passiogo.com/>



GIVE YOURSELF ENOUGH TIME!

Consider weather or other delays that might affect your commuting plans





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Eating on Campus

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Off-Campus Student Meal Plans

- Meal plans expire at the end of the **semester**
- Plan amounts fit the commuter lifestyle
- **Contract now** at <https://housing.uark.edu/live-here/dining-rates.php>

2025-2026 OFF-CAMPUS RATES

Plan	Block Meal Count	Dining Dollars	By Semester
Off Campus 1	80	\$60	\$1,004
Off Campus 2	25	\$75	\$411
Off Campus 3	50	\$510	\$1,067
Off Campus 4	5	\$310	\$439



Dine on Campus

FOLLOW YOUR FOOD @FOODONTHEHILL

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SCAN ME

PURCHASE YOUR MEAL PLAN TODAY!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE <https://dineoncampus.com/razorbacks>

<https://dineoncampus.com/razorbacks/campus-dining-map>

- Dine on campus website: see which dining locations are currently open, along with their menus and locations
- Gluten free, halal, kosher, vegan, and vegetarian options available on campus



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Connecting to Campus On-Campus Involvement

- Over 400 Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), which are clubs related to major, religion, service, culture, interest, sport, and more
- Recreational and intramural sports through University Recreation
- Volunteer Action Center
- Work on campus: jobs.uark.edu
- Associated Student Government/leadership roles
- Special events such as University Programs
- A-Week Aug 11-17, 2025 (Mon-Sun) aweek.uark.edu





Welcome to the U of A!

Connect with Us

Questions?

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ARKU 602
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<https://orientation.uark.edu/resources/after-orientation.php>