

Parking choices can ease jams

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When the Huskers come to play, the traffic comes to watch and congestion results.

But football fans can avoid the honking headaches with smart parking at home games this fall.

The university and the city recommend parking in satellite lots with shuttle service to the stadium.

Parking in these outlying lots alleviates congestion downtown and can save time getting to and leaving the stadium, Lincoln police said.

For students with university parking permits, the best plan may be to stay put, Athletic Department Events Coordinator Butch Hug said.

"If you're a student with a parking spot close to campus, don't ever move," Hug said.

For those fans without UNL permits, parking may be a greater challenge.

All campus parking lots require fees or permits, and all of the lots surrounding the stadium are reserved for boosters, Parking Services Manager Tad McDowell said.

Also, Stadium Drive is closed on game days.

Gameday pay lots are located on the north and southeast perimeter of city campus, and include the lots at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Police warn that Nebraska State Fair traffic could interfere with game traffic on the north side of campus.

So the best answer for fans may be the city lots around town with curbside shuttle service to the stadium.

Shuttle service runs every 15 minutes starting two hours before game time, and resumes at the start of the fourth quarter.

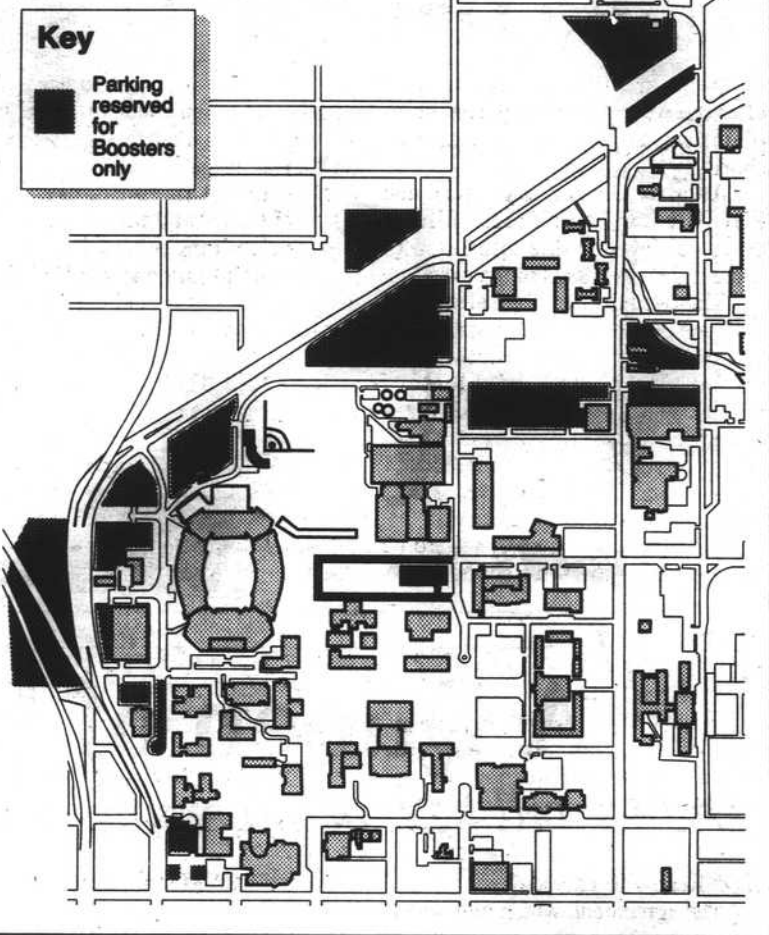
Outlying shuttle rides cost \$2 each way, and downtown shuttles cost \$1 each way.

Downtown parking is available at:

- City-county employee parking

Parking is Precious

Parking around the stadium will be reserved for boosters only for Saturday's football game. Student permit holders can remain in their assigned lots. Lots at the perimeter of campus can be used for a fee.



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lot, 10th and H streets.

■ State Office Building, 14th Street between L and M streets.

Outlying parking is available at:

■ Southeast Community College, 88th and O streets.

■ Holmes Lake, 70th and Van Dorn streets.

■ Sam's Club, 27th and Superior streets.

■ Gateway Mall, 61st and O streets.

■ State Department of Roads, 14th and Burnham streets.

■ Super Kmart, 27th Street and Cornhusker Highway.

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Street onto 10th Street.

As usual, Q Street will be a westbound one-way street before the game. After the game, however, it will be used as an eastbound one-way street to provide easier access to 10th Street.

As with past game days, the stretch of 14th Street north of Vine will be a northbound one-way street.

The pregame traffic changes will go into effect at 1 p.m., two hours before game time. Postgame traffic changes will be in effect for about 45 minutes after the game.

The gameday traffic plans come in the midst of the ongoing conversion of P Street into a two-way street, part of the Market Place and P Street Conversion Projects carried out by the Downtown Lincoln Association to promote business investment in the downtown area.

Even after the pavement cools from gameday traffic, street grief may remain.

The conversion of P Street from an artery to northbound routes out of Lincoln to a more traditional downtown street has annoyed drivers caught in traffic jams.

In place of three lanes to handle traffic turning east from Ninth Street, the stretch of P Street between Ninth and 11th streets now has one lane traveling in each direction and a center turn lane. The reduced traffic flow capacity has led to the bottlenecks.

Lincoln city officials have encouraged motorists to drive three blocks farther south and use M Street as a connection between Ninth and 17th streets.

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