**Parking Regulations**

**Introduction**

Bates College welcomes you to campus. The College recognizes the use of motor vehicles as a convenience, and it is not obligated to provide parking for all vehicles entering campus. It will, however, make an attempt to provide a reasonable number of parking spaces for properly registered vehicles within the scope of resources and available sites. In order to ensure an orderly flow of motor vehicle traffic and to maximize utilization of the limited parking facilities on campus, all members of the College community must accept the obligation to observe these policies. The regulations are designed to maximize our limited parking space and to avoid detracting from the natural beauty of the campus. Please read these rules and regulations carefully, as they apply to all faculty, staff, students, their guests and visitors. Furthermore, it is understood that the operation of a motor vehicle on campus and utilization of any Bates College Parking facility constitutes an acceptance of these rules and regulations.

**Registration Process**

All vehicles parked on campus (this includes motorcycles, mopeds and vehicles belonging to students who live off campus) must have a valid parking permit. Distribution of permits is determined by means of a student lottery conducted by the Representative Assembly (RA). Parking permits are distributed by Security. Parking decals are $75.00 and will be billed directly to student accounts.

The parking decal must be properly affixed to the rear driver’s side window. If the decal is improperly placed, the owner of the vehicle is in violation of the parking policy. Should there be a question about the placement of a parking decal, call Security and Campus Safety. Any vehicle with an altered parking decal is in violation of the College policy and the owner of the vehicle is subject to being fined and/or towed from campus property.

**Visitors**

A visitor is any person not employed with or enrolled at Bates College who occasionally has business or another reason to be on campus. Students living off campus are NOT visitors to the College and are required to have a valid parking permit. Visitors who receive five parking tickets will lose their parking privileges and may be towed without warning or notice.

**Lost, Stolen or Damaged Permits**

If a vehicle is sold or involved in an accident which will prevent its return to campus, the permit must be removed and returned to Security for a replacement. Lost or stolen permits must be reported to Security immediately.

**Temporary Registrations**

Due to limited parking and the allocation of permits through the lottery process, the only temporary permits that will be issued are to those who already have a parking permit. Temporary permits will be issued in instances where a student is forced to bring another vehicle to campus. The student should go to Security to request a temporary registration. It will be verified that the owner has a parking permit and a temporary permit will be issued.

Registering a Visitor’s Motor Vehicle

All visitors desiring to park their motor vehicle on Bates College property must register their vehicle with Security upon their arrival. A temporary parking permit will be issued to the visitor. There is no cost for this temporary permit. Visitors must comply, however, with the College parking regulations. For this reason it is the responsibility of any member of the Bates College community who has invited visitors to the campus to inform them of the parking regulations.

Registering a Faculty/Staff Motor Vehicle

All faculty and staff of Bates College must register their vehicle(s) as described above if they plan to park on campus at any time. Upon registering, they will be issued a Bates College parking permit. There is no fee for a faculty/staff decal. If you already have registered your vehicle and received a parking permit after September 1, 1993, your registration is still valid and you do not need to reregister.

**Important Registration Note**

Any unregistered vehicle found parked on campus is subject to being fined and/or towed and stored at the owner’s expense, without warning or notice. If for some reason, you cannot properly register your vehicle or the vehicle of a visitor, contact the Security Officer. Parking privileges are not transferable and may be revoked in the event of any application, permit or vehicle misrepresentation.

**Parking Enforcement**

The enforcement of these regulations is the responsibility of Bates College Security Officers. These officers may require identification of any person on campus. Refusal to comply may result in the issuance of a citation as well as the appropriates to the municipal police department being notified. Parking regulations are in effect 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and are constantly enforced. Vehicles that are not parked in designated spaces or their allotted group location (i.e. faculty/staff parking, student parking, etc.) will receive a parking ticket and/or be towed without warning or notice. In addition to this, parking is prohibited (whether it is posted or not) in driveways, walkways, building exits, fire lanes, on the grass or any place that would inhibit the access of emergency vehicles. In such cases, the vehicle will be towed and stored at the owner's expense. The fine for parking tickets vary depending upon the violations. Fines range from $10 – $75.

**Parking Signs**

Parking signs have been kept to a minimum to preserve the beauty of the campus. Consequently, signs primarily will designate where you are allowed to park, rather than where you may not park. It is the responsibility of each student, faculty and staff member of Bates College who desires to park on campus to obtain a copy of these regulations and campus parking map. The map clearly designates where faculty, staff, students and visitors may park, and it will be each person’s responsibility to be familiar with the map and the locations on campus where parking is permitted.

**Revocation of Student Parking Privileges**

Upon accrual of five or more parking tickets, parking privileges are revoked for the remainder of the academic year and the student’s vehicle (all vehicles owned by the student) are placed on a BANNED VEHICLE list and may not be parked anywhere on campus. Each time the vehicle is found on campus, a ticket will be issued and a $75 fine will be charged to the student’s account.

**Revocation of Faculty/Staff Parking Privileges**

Faculty/staff members are expected to pay their tickets within 14 days. Outstanding fines that are 30 days overdue will result in the suspension of parking privileges and automatically place the vehicle(s) in improperly of being towed. Parking privileges will be reinstated upon payment of all outstanding fines.

**Parking Appeals**

If an individual wishes to appeal a parking enforcement action, he/she may do so by picking up an appeals form at the Security Office. This form must be submitted within seven calendar days of the enforcement action to the Parking Appeals Board at the Security Office. (Note: Appeals are received and reviewed at the next meeting.) If an individual is notified of the board's decision, following the next meeting. The decision of the Parking Appeals Board is final. The fact that there was no sign indicating you could not park in a particular location is not a valid excuse and will not be accepted by the Parking Appeals Board.

**Special Circumstances**

**Loading and Unloading Vehicles**

Vehicles may be parked temporarily in driveways close to the buildings for up to 15 minutes for the purpose of loading or unloading the vehicle, provided that the emergency flashers are activated and the driver is available to move the vehicle. Vehicles parked for more than 15 minutes will be ticketed and/or towed without warning or notice. Keep in mind that the driveways are fire lanes and must be kept open at ALL times for emergency/rescue vehicles.

**Evening and Weekend Parking**

Parking in faculty/staff parking areas is open to students with permits from the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. during weekdays and from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Monday, weather permitting. Students may park in the Nichols Street lot during weekday evenings and Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the next morning (weather permitting). Parking is prohibited on Bardwell Street and in the Olin lot between the hours of midnight and 7:00 a.m. This includes weekends. Parking on Bardwell Street is available to students, faculty/staff and visitors. Students living off campus are NOT visitors to the College and are required to have a valid parking permit.

**Parking During Vacations**

Merrill Lot will be used for parking during College breaks. Students who wish to leave their vehicles on campus over any break must contact Security with information dealing with their vehicles, as well as where they may be contacted in case of an emergency. Students who are on campus during break may park in other designated spaces on campus during the day (weather permitting), but must park their vehicles in Merrill Lot at night. Vehicles left in any other lots on campus after these times will be ticketed and/or towed without warning or notice.

**Snow Removal and Maintenance Needs**

Any person using campus parking areas shall cooperate during periods of snow removal or required maintenance by moving his/her vehicle promptly when required. Notices will be placed in all dorms and in the Bates Daily stating the dates and times of snow removal or required maintenance. Any vehicle impeding snow removal or required maintenance will be towed without warning or notice, and the owner will be responsible for all related expenses.

**Parking Map/Notices and E-mail**

General parking announcements will be sent to the particular campus group such as faculty, staff or students on an annual basis. All persons with vehicles or who plan to have a vehicle on campus are responsible for all information in parking e-mails. E-mail should be checked daily.

**Parking Map**

The parking map located on the reverse side indicates the designated areas where faculty, staff, students and visitors may park. Please review the map carefully and park only where indicated. In areas not specifically indicated, there may be no parking. Please note that the colors on the map indicate who may park in a certain area and do not indicate individual parking spaces. It is the responsibility of each motorist to be parked within a clearly marked College-designated parking space. Keep the map handy and refer to it when necessary.

**WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL BATES SECURITY AT EXT. 6254 OR USE A SECURITY PHONE AND CHECK BEFORE YOU PARK! Thank You.**