

FAQs

Where can I park?

City of Pittsfield parking options include multi-spaced metered parking for on-street and off-street throughout the downtown area, two parking garages, several parking lots and side streets.

What are my options for metered on-street and off-street parking?

Metered on-street parking can be found on North, South, School, Federal, Fenn and Wahconah Streets, and Park Square during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Metered off-street parking is available in the Depot Lot (located next to the McKay Street Parking Garage) and First Street Parking Lot (across from the First Street Common) and is available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

What are the costs?

For both on and off-street metered parking the first 30 minutes are free. For on-street parking, the cost is \$1 an hour. For off-street parking, the cost is 50 cents an hour. **Free parking is available after 5 p.m. and weekends.**

Is there still free parking downtown?

Absolutely! There is free timed parking for nearly 400 spaces in downtown. They can be found on Pomeroy Avenue, Bartlett Avenue, Wendell Avenue, Church Street, West Street, Eagle Street, Depot Street, Summer Street, Melville Street, Union Street, Bradford Street, Linden Street, Madison Avenue, and Kent Avenue.

Also there are numerous parking lots throughout the downtown that offer free parking with time limits. These include the Showplace Lot, 436 North Street; Melville Street Parking Lot, across from the Boys & Girls Club of the Berkshires; Gateway Parking Lot, located on South Street next to the Colonial Theatre; and **free parking is available after 5 p.m. and weekends.**

How to use a multi-space parking meter?

As the name suggests, this particular type of meter will provide parking accommodations for multiple vehicles. The solar-powered meters are located every eight to ten spaces within a city block. This will typically amount to one kiosk per block.

To get started, enter your license plate number in the meter. Once you have entered your license plate number, follow the prompts for your expected time of stay and form of payment. The meter technology is connected with the city's License Plate Recognition (LPR) system allowing city parking attendants to scan license plates to monitor parking compliance throughout the city.

You can pay by coin, credit card or smart phone application. You will receive a receipt and then your transaction is complete. There is no need to display a ticket in your car.

Do I have to pay at the nearest meter?

No, if you are parking on street, you can pay at any on-street parking multi-space parking meter. If you are parking off-street in a parking lot, you can pay at any multi-space meter in that lot.

What about the McKay Street Parking Garage?

The McKay Street Parking Garage serves as a primary location for business and residential permit parking holders. The garage is accessible via Depot Street and McKay Street. Permitted daytime parking is available 7 a.m.-5 p.m. **Free parking is available to the public after 5 p.m. and on weekends.**

