Parking for and access to the Washington Heights Arboretum entrance (Peony Garden; Shakespeare in the Arb; visiting the Arb)

Structure Parking

Visitor parking is available on Central Campus at the Palmer Dr. parking structure on the west side of Washtenaw Ave. north of Geddes and on the Medical Campus at the Parking A (Taubman) structure on E. Medical Center Dr.

Parker pull a parking ticket upon entering a structure and pay the cashier to exit. The Palmer structure rate is $0.55 per half-hour. The Parking A structure has a stepped rate of $2 for the first hour and $1 for each additional hour.

All of the above lots require a walk to the Arboretum.

Palmer Dr lot – take the pedestrian bridge across Washtenaw Ave., continue north along Zina Pitcher to Ann Street, turn right (east) follow to Observatory turn right (south) and turn left on Washington Heights (east) to the entrance of the Arboretum. (approximately a 15 minute walk).

Medical Campus Taubman A structure – after the car is parked you will need to make your way back to Medical Center Drive. There are stairwells on the Medical Center Drive side of the structure. You can use the stairwell to exit the structure and follow the directions from the street crossing* information forward. If you don’t use the stairwell you will need to go through the Hospital – from floor 1 Taubman Center - exit the hospital at the registration/welcome desk, turn right and follow the walkway to the street crossing. *Cross Medical Center Drive and then turn right and follow the sidewalk along Medical Center Drive to the junction at Washington Heights, turn left and follow this to the Arboretum entrance. (10 to 15 minute walk)

Metered Parking

There are meters on Observatory between Geddes and Washington Heights. Parking fees and maximum hours of use, which vary by location, are posted on the meters or pay machines. From Observatory walk north (the direction the parked cars are facing) and turn right on Washington Heights. Follow the sidewalk to the Arboretum entrance.

After Hours University Surface Parking Lot

On Washington Heights the surface lot owned by the University (M28) is open to the public after 5pm Monday through Friday, and on Saturday and Sunday. This is a short walk to the Washington Heights entrance. It is important to note that any specially marked spaces (Gold, Business, and Handicap) are restricted spaces all the time. Also this lot is adjacent to the permit only parking lot at the Ronald McDonald house.

Public Parking

There is a city parking structure on Forest Ave, near South University. From the parking structure follow Forest Ave across South University it will lead you to the street crossing at Washtenaw Ave. Walk across Washtenaw Ave and the road you are following has changed names – it is now Observatory. Cross Geddes at the intersection of Observatory and Geddes and continue walking north on Observatory to the intersection at Washington Heights. At Washington Heights, turn right and follow to the Arboretum entrance. (15-20 minutes)
**Access via the River Entrance (Riverfront landing, Amphitheater)**

**Structure Parking**

Visitor parking is available on the Medical Campus at the Parking A (Taubman) structure (see above directions). Parkers pull a parking ticket upon entering a structure and pay the cashier to exit. The Palmer structure rate is $0.55 per half-hour. The Parking A structure has a stepped rate of $2 for the first hour and $1 for each additional hour.

All of the above lots require a walk to the Arboretum.

Medical Campus Taubman A structure – after the car is parked you will need to make your way back to Medical Center Drive. There are stairwells on the Medical Center Drive side of the structure. You can use the stairwell to exit the structure and follow the directions from the street crossing* information forward. If you don’t use the stairwell you will need to go through the Hospital – from floor 1 Taubman Center -exit the hospital at the registration/welcome desk, turn right and follow the walkway to the street crossing. 

*Cross Medical Center Drive and turn left to the stairwell leading to a lower parking lot. At the bottom of the stairs turn right and walk to the end of the parking lot to the Arboretum entrance.

**After Hours University Surface Parking Lot**

On Nichols Drive the surface lot M29 owned by the University is open to the public after 5pm Monday through Friday, and on Saturday and Sunday. This is a short walk to the River entrance. It is important to note any specially marked spaces (Gold, Business, and Handicap) are restricted spaces all the time.

**Access via the Geddes Entrance (Centennial Shrub Collection and Main Valley)**

**Street Parking**

Very limited street parking is available on the residential streets on the south side of Geddes Ave. The entrance to the Arboretum is on the north side of Geddes Ave.

**Public Parking**

There is a city parking structure on Forest Ave, near South University. From the parking structure follow Forest Ave across South University it will lead you to the street crossing at Washtenaw Ave. Walk across Washtenaw Ave and the road you are following has changed names – it is now Observatory. At the intersection of Observatory and Geddes turn right and follow Geddes to the Arboretum entrance on the north side of the street. (10-15 minute walk).

You may also choose, when you arrive at the intersection of Observatory and Geddes, to continue walking north on Observatory to the intersection at Washington Heights. At Washington Heights, turn right and follow to the Arboretum entrance.