Transportation Information for Groups

DIRECTIONS:

FROM THE NORTH VIA ROUTE I-93
Follow signs to Expressways N-S Rt. 28. Stay in the left lanes. Follow signs to: McGrath/O’Brian Highway (Museum of Science) and exit onto Route 28 South (in Medford). This is the McGrath Highway. Take a right onto Washington St. and continue through Union Square. In Cambridge, Washington St. becomes Kirkland St. In ⅓ of a mile take a right onto Divinity Ave, then see drop off instructions below.

FROM WEST VIA MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE/ I-90
Exit at Allston/Cambridge on the Turnpike Extension and follow signs to Cambridge. You will be on River St. Follow this to Central Square and cross Massachusetts Ave. where River St. becomes Prospect St. Follow Prospect St. to Broadway and turn left. Turn right onto Quincy St. (fire station will be directly in front of you) then right onto Kirkland St. and first left onto Divinity Ave. See drop off instructions below.

FROM STORROW DRIVE OR MEMORIAL DRIVE
Turn onto River Street at the Charles River; continue as directed for Turnpike travelers above.

FROM WEST VIA ROUTE 2
At the intersection of Routes 2 and 16 go left (north) on Rt. 16/Alewife Brook Parkway. Take a right on Massachusetts Ave. (Route 2A). In 3.7 miles turn left onto Everett St. Follow Everett St. to the end. Turn right onto Oxford St. Oxford St. becomes Kirkland St. Pass through one traffic light then turn left onto Divinity Ave. See bus drop off directions below.

FROM THE SOUTH VIA ROUTE I-93 (Southeast Expressway)
Take I-93 N to exit 20, Mass Pike/I-90 West in downtown Boston. Get off at the first exit, Allston/Cambridge (4.5 miles); pay toll. Follow sign to Cambridge. Cross Storrow Drive and the Charles River onto River Street. Proceed as above for "From the West via Massachusetts Turnpike" directions. (Because buses are not allowed on Storrow or Memorial Drives, we recommend you use I-90/Mass Turnpike.)

WALKING DIRECTIONS:

From the T: Redline subway to Harvard Square stop.
Take the stairs or escalator at the middle of the platform to the second floor and exit through the Church St. exit. Exit left through the turnstiles. Once above ground locate the large metal and brick Johnson Gate on your right and enter Harvard Yard. Locate the statue of John Harvard directly across from you (there are often people congregated there taking pictures) and take the path to the left that cuts diagonally across the yard. Exit through the gates onto the Science Center Plaza and walk towards the Science Center. Take a right at the Center, past the stone fountain, and walk to the end of the path. This is the corner of Oxford and Kirkland St. Cross and turn left. Take your second right at the path marked “Peabody Museum” and walk approximately 150 yards to the main entrance at 11 Divinity Ave.

WALKING DIRECTIONS (CONTINUED:)

From the Bus/Harvard Square:
From Out of Town News, walk up Massachusetts Avenue/Route 2A towards the large columned building along the right to a large set of gates and car entrance into Harvard Yard. Continue using From the T directions above.
The entire walk takes about 7-10 minutes, and easily walked by preschool students and up.
BUS DROP OFF:
The drop-off and pick-up point for the Divinity Ave. museums is directly in front of 6 Divinity Ave. (Harvard Semitic Museum) and marked with a sign. See map “School Bus Route to the Divinity Ave. Museums” at the end of this document. For Peabody Museum programs please use the crosswalk to walk over to the museum main entrance at 11 Divinity Ave.

Once the bus has dropped off the group, the driver should proceed to Harvard’s bus parking area at the Harvard Stadium in Allston (see map below).

Directions from the Divinity Ave. Drop-off area to the Harvard Stadium:
At the end of DIVINITY AVE turn RIGHT onto KIRKLAND ST, then immediately LEFT onto QUINCY ST.

Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto CAMBRIDGE ST., then a SLIGHT LEFT onto MASSACHUSETTS AVE/MA-2A E.

Follow MA-2A E. MA-2A E becomes ELIOT ST.

Turn RIGHT onto JF KENNEDY ST.

JF KENNEDY ST becomes LARZ ANDERSON BRIDGE

LARZ ANDERSON BRIDGE becomes N HARVARD ST.

Stadium entrance is on the right. Park in the area marked on the map below

PLEASE NOTE:
• This area is LIVE parking
• Drivers should stay with their buses
• If the Driver needs to leave for any reason, please leave a return time and if possible a cell-phone number.
• Refreshment and other services are located further along N. Harvard St. & Western Ave.
CAR/VAN PARKING INFORMATION:

- There is no free car parking at the Museum.
- Parking passes for Harvard University lots are available for purchase (see PURCHASING A PARKING PASS).
- Public transportation is available (see Directions page). The estimated walking time to the Museum from the Harvard T stop is 7-10 minutes.
- On-Street Metered Parking: There are a limited number of 2-hour metered spaces available on Oxford and Kirkland Streets, as well as Mass. Ave. (US quarters only).
- Commercial Garages: There are commercial parking garages in Harvard Square. The Museum does not validate parking for these garages.

PURCHASING A PARKING PASS:

- On-Line: To pre-purchase parking for your museum, two weeks before your visit go online to: www.hmnh.harvard.edu/plan_your_visit/directions_and_parking.html, read the instructions and click on the “Harvard University Daily Visitor Parking Permits”. Permits are available seven days a week (some restrictions apply). A limited number of passes are available. Daily permit rates are $7 (weekend or weeknight) or $16 (weekday) per pass.
- By Phone or In Person: You may also purchase a parking pass by telephone from the Harvard University Parking Office at: (617) 495-3772 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) and then pick up your pass at the office located at 46 Blackstone St. in Cambridge. If you have questions, please email the UOS Parking department at parking@harvard.edu.

Handicapped Accessible Parking: This may be available at a nearby location by special arrangement in advance with the Disability Services Office at Harvard University. Please call the office at (617) 495-1859, Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at least two weeks prior to your visit. We may not be able to accommodate last minute requests. The Museum galleries are located on the 1st, 3rd and 4th floors, which are fully accessible from elevators on the first floor. There is a ramp on the street level to access the lobby on the first floor.