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. Take a left onto Quincy Street, then take your first right onto Cambridge Street. Take a slight right onto Mass Ave/Massachusetts 2A W. Go through one set of lights; at the second set, take a right onto Everett St. Take a right at Oxford St. 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. Merge onto Cambridge St. Take a slight right onto Mass Ave/Massachusetts 2A W. Go through one set of lights; at the second set, take a right onto Everett St. Take a right at Oxford St. See drop off instructions below. 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). Turn left onto Everett St. at the corner. Follow Everett St. to the end. Turn right onto Oxford St. 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:
Due to construction buses will not be allowed to drop off students in front of the museum on Divinity Avenue. They are asked to stop a 5-minute walk away at one of two marked stops within sight of each other on Oxford Street. Please do not drive down Divinity Avenue.

On Oxford Street, pass the Harvard Museum of Natural History on your left, and locate a bus drop off area to your right, as well as a second set further down next to the Science Center. THESE ARE FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP ONLY- Please do not block traffic on the street or turn into the driveway. (See bus parking for directions to the bus parking area). Use the crosswalks to cross over to the museums. Look for a marked path to the Peabody Museum on your right. The path will take you between the buildings to the main museum entrance at 11 Divinity Ave.

BUS PARKING INFORMATION:
From Museum Drop-Off (Oxford Street) to Parking Site (at Harvard Stadium)
1. Drop off passengers on right side of Oxford Street.
2. Be sure to arrange pick up time with lead teacher.
3. Go south on Oxford St. toward Kirkland St. (for 0.1 miles)
4. Turn left onto Kirkland St. (for 0.1 miles)
5. Turn right onto Quincy St. (for 0.1 miles)
6. Turn right onto Cambridge St. (for 0.2 miles). Get in left lane.
7. Turn left onto Massachusetts Ave. (for 0.3 miles). Stay in left lane.
8. Turn left onto Elliot St. (for 0.1 miles)
9. Turn right onto JFK St. (for 0.5 miles). Stay in right lane.
10. JFK St crosses Anderson Bridge and becomes N Harvard St.
11. Turn right at far end of Harvard Stadium into stadium parking lot (at Gate 6 – may not be labeled).
12. Park bus in spaces on left at far end of stadium. Look for signs labeled "Team Bus Parking".

From Parking Site (at Harvard Stadium) to Museum Pick-Up (on Oxford Street.)
Note: It takes about 20 minutes to get to Oxford Street – please plan accordingly.
1. Leave stadium parking lot (at gate 6) and turn left onto N Harvard St.
2. Travel north on N Harvard St. (for 0.6 miles). Stay in right lane.
   N Harvard St. crosses Anderson Bridge and becomes JFK St.
3. JFK St merges into Massachusetts Ave (for 0.1 miles). Stay in right lane.
4. Follow up past Harvard Yard, bearing left as it merges with Cambridge St (0.4 miles).
5. Turn right onto Massachusetts Ave/Massachusetts 2A W (for 0.1 miles).
6. Turn right onto Everett St. (for 0.2 miles).
7. Turn right onto Oxford St. (for 0.1 miles).
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 $6 (weekend or weeknight) or $15 (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.