

Free parking available weekends on UCSD campus

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Weekend parking will be free on the University of California, San Diego campus as one of a number of parking and transportation enhancements which will go into effect with the fall quarter.

The free weekend parking is being initiated to make UCSD more accessible to the community, according to Greg Snee, director of Transportation and Parking Services. Parking fees will not be required from 11 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Monday in metered spaces or

unrestricted red, green or yellow spaces beginning Oct. 4. However, the new policy actually will begin the weekend of Sept. 20-21 because of the annual parking "grace period" for student move-in on campus, Snee said.

The new policy applies only to the general campus; weekend paid parking remains in effect at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the Hillcrest and Thornton medical centers. Arrangements for special events parking on the campus continue to be necessary and may be made with the Special Events parking staff at 534-0274.

Both the Gilman and Northpoint Visitor Information Centers will continue to provide service to visitors from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekends. During the week, the two centers sell a variety of visitor parking permits; additionally, meters are located campuswide for short term visitor parking.

In continuing efforts to encourage the use of public transportation, the free use of San Diego Transit Bus rides has been extended south as far as West Mission Bay Drive. With a validated UCSD photo ID card and free UC/SDT sticker, unlimited free rides are available on Route 5 south to Governor Dr., Route 30 south to Grand Ave., Route 34 south to West Mission Bay, Route 41 south to Balboa and Route 50/150 south to Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

The free UC/SDT stickers may be obtained from the Rideshare Office, 201 University Center.

North Coast residents will find augmented campus shuttles meeting the Coaster train at the Sorrento Valley station, morning and afternoon, and making four campus stops. Shuttles run year round, Monday through Friday.

Newly expanded shuttle runs also will connect the UCSD campus with the UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest. The campus shuttle service runs Monday through Friday. Additionally, UCSD rideshare programs offer variety and incentives to encourage UCSD commuters to utilize alternatives to driving and parking single-occupant vehicles on campus. Information on the various new programs may be obtained by calling 534-RIDE.

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