

WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

2026 PALMER (OFF-SITE) PARKING PERMIT AGREEMENT

I hereby apply for a 2026 Off-Site parking permit from the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority (the "Authority"). In applying for my parking permit, I understand and agree to the following terms and conditions upon which the Authority is issuing the permit:

1. **Term:** The 2026 Off-Site Parking Permit shall be valid only for the period from Jan. 1, 2026, through Dec. 31, 2026. The Winter / Student Permit is valid from January 1st, 2026, through May 14th, 2026.
2. **Price:** The price of the parking permit is \$950.00* for an Off-Site parking permit and is not refundable under any circumstances. (* Paid in full price at renewal). The price for a Winter/ Student Permit is \$400.00 and is not refundable under any circumstances.
3. **Permit Good for One Vehicle Only:** The parking permit shall be in the form of a decal issued by the Authority which shall be affixed to my vehicle by the Authority's parking lot personnel, along with an affixed radio transponder that will now replace the old gate cards to enter and exit the lot. If I do not have my gate card / radio transponder with me when I arrive at the lot, I understand that I may not be able to enter the lot. Further, even if I am to enter the lot without my gate card /radio transponder, I will be required to take a ticket and pay for my parking like any other member of the public when I exit the lot with my vehicle. The parking attendant will not have access to a gate card or a remote access button that will allow me to leave the lot with my vehicle without making payment. The permit shall be good for one vehicle only, which is identified by me below. I certify that this vehicle is registered in either my name, or the name of another person residing in my household, or the name of my business.
4. **Transfer of Permit or Radio Transponder:** I understand that a parking permit is not transferable from one person to another. Only the permit holder who is named on the Parking Permit Agreement may transfer a permit from one vehicle to another. However, a permit holder may transfer his or her permit to a vehicle that he or she does not own, provided that the vehicle is owned by a person residing in his or her household. But, again, the permit holder himself or herself, not the other person in the permit holder's household, must sign the Transfer Agreement, and the permit remains in the permit holder's name. I also understand that in those circumstances when the Authority allows the transfer of a permit, a \$15.00 fee will be imposed. Customers will be issued new radio transponder decals that will be affixed to the permitted vehicle's windshield. These transponder decals will replace the old gate cards for parking access and egress. These radio transponders are to be affixed by Steamship Authority parking lot personnel only.
5. **Limitation of Liability.** I understand and agree that my vehicle is accepted for parking only upon the condition that neither the Authority nor any of its employees are responsible for the vehicle or its contents or accessories. Parking in the Authority's parking lots shall be at my own risk. Neither the Authority nor any of its employees shall be responsible for any personal injuries or for damage to, or theft of, my vehicle or its contents or accessories. I understand and agree that by issuing a parking permit to me, the Authority is granting me only a license to park in its parking lots and that no bailment is created.
6. **Revocation of Permit.** I understand and agree that if I alter my permit or transfer it from one vehicle to another, or if I allow my gate card to be used for parking any vehicle other than the one identified by me below, or if I willfully violate any of the Authority's rules, regulations or procedures regarding permit parking in the Authority's parking lots, my permit will be revoked and confiscated without any refund, and I will be prohibited thereafter from participating in the Authority's parking permit program.
7. **Woods Hole Parking.** I understand the Off-site parking permit that I purchased is valid only in the Palmer Avenue Lot, the Thomas Landers Lot and the Cataumet Lot. I agree that for any reason and at any time of the day, my permitted vehicle is parked in the Woods Hole Lot, I will pay the posted daily fee.
8. **Partial Payment Option.** Current 2025 permit holders will have the choice of purchasing their permits with a two-payment option or paying the entire fee when they renew. For Off-site (Palmer) permits, a payment of \$500.00 will be due on January 1, 2026, and the second payment of \$500.00 will be due on May 1, 2026 (totaling \$1000.00).
9. **Garaging of Vehicle.** Permit holders are cautioned that under Massachusetts General Law you are required to report and update to the Registry of Motor Vehicles the jurisdiction in which your vehicle is customarily garaged. There is a block on the registration renewal form which can be updated online. For most permit holders who principally leave their vehicle in Falmouth overnight, Falmouth should be the location reported. This does not change or alter the amount of excise tax that you must pay. There are both criminal and civil penalties for improperly reporting this information.
10. **Entire Agreement.** I understand that no employee of the Authority has the authority to vary any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. I agree that my permit is issued by the Authority and accepted by me upon the foregoing terms and conditions.

Items That Every 2026 Off-Site Permit Holder Should Know

Here is an informational list of answers to commonly asked questions that every “Off-Site” permit holder should know. Hopefully, this list will help you answer any questions or clear up any misconceptions about being an “Off-Site” permit holder.

TERM: This permit is good from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. Renewal applications will be sent out around the beginning of December 2026.

STUDENT / TEACHER PERMITS: Student/teacher customers are allowed to purchase the Off-season permit earlier (and subsequently extended) to correspond with their school year. A letter or a schedule from the school / university verifying enrollment is required. **Please keep in mind, this special rate does not apply to students that are enrolled during the summer months.**

REPAIR PASS: The issued permit and gate card are valid **for the vehicle of record only**. If your permitted vehicle is being repaired, a temporary repair pass can be obtained from the Parking Lot Manager at the Palmer Avenue office or by notifying the exit attendant when leaving Palmer Avenue. **Please be advised if it is determined that another party (that is not the permit holder of record) is using a repair pass (imitating the permit holder of record) as means to access parking illegally, can result in revocation of your permit with no refund forthcoming.**

TRANSFERS: If you purchase a new car or plan to switch to another vehicle on a more permanent basis, you must fill out a transfer form obtainable from the Palmer Avenue Office.

Please include the registration from the new vehicle and most importantly, you must turn in your previously issued decal and radio transponder. There is a \$15.00 transfer fee. **Please be advised, illegally transferring a permit decal or using a gate card with a non-permitted vehicle without notifying the Authority, can result in revocation of your permit with no refund forthcoming.**

2026 PARKING DECALS: This is your only visible proof to the parking staff that you are current with your 2026 parking permit. **When we are parking at a satellite lot during the busy season, you will not be able to gain access to the Palmer Avenue Lot unless your vehicle has the 2026 solid colored RED decal. The 2026 partial payment decal (RED with the white stripe in the center) will not allow you access to the Palmer Avenue Lot post May 15th, 2026. PLEASE MAKE TIME TO PICK UP YOUR 2026 DECAL.**

PEAK SEASON ACCESSABILITY: This Permit does not guarantee you a space at our Palmer Avenue Lot. We reserve the right to redirect your vehicle to a different parking area if necessary. Please keep in mind that we do attempt to set aside enough space to accommodate every permit holder during the peak season.

HOURS OF OPERATION: The Palmer Avenue Lot opens daily at 5 A.M. The lot closes (15) minutes prior to the last scheduled ferry of the day. **The Palmer Avenue Office is open for parking-related business from 7am to 7pm daily (including weekends).**

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE: Shuttle buses depart from Palmer Avenue approximately every (15) to (20) minutes. Departure times may vary due to the incoming volume. However, we guarantee a bus will leave the Palmer Avenue Lot (15) minutes prior to every scheduled ferry departure. The last shuttle bus of the day will depart Palmer Avenue exactly (15) minutes prior to the last scheduled ferry of the day. **When a satellite lot is open, such as the Thomas Landers Lot, only two buses will be assigned to cover the Palmer Avenue Lot. All guaranteed times prior to an outgoing ferry will be met.**

WOODS HOLE PERMIT AVAILABILITY Currently there are no Woods Hole parking permits

available. **We do not anticipate any Woods Hole Permits becoming available in the near future due to the ongoing Woods Hole Terminal construction.** If space does become available, Woods Hole permits will be offered to customers based on their transponder activity. Permit holders that use the parking lot more frequently will be asked first. **There is no waiting list.**

GENERAL PARKING: When parking in any section in our Palmer Avenue Lot we appreciate that you “back-in” your vehicle. This allows a greater margin of safety when you exit your parking space. Many of you prefer to park in a special area of your choice. Please keep in mind, parking attendants/signs will direct you to park where the shuttle buses are loading. This may be more convenient for you as buses fill quickly during peak periods. Also, each light pole is numbered to aid permit holders in locating their vehicles when they park.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: All parking permit holders who are eligible for the vehicle excursion fare will now be able to travel with their permitted vehicle (vehicle must be less than (20) feet in overall length) at the excursion fare for travel originating in Woods Hole and returning within (31) days. Vehicle reservations for such travel must be arranged through one of the Mashpee Reservation Office Supervisors by calling (508) 477-8600 during regular business hours, 7:30am - 4:00pm daily.

PARTIAL PAYMENT OPTION: Current 2025 permit holders will have the choice of purchasing their permits with a two-payment option or paying the entire fee when they renew. For Off-site (Palmer) permits, a payment of \$500.00 will be due on January 1, 2026, and the second payment of \$500.00 will be due on May 1, 2026 (totaling \$1000.00).

RADIO TRANSPONDER DECALS: The radio transponder decals will be affixed to the permitted vehicle’s windshield and be used for parking access and egress. These radio transponders are to be affixed by Steamship Authority parking lot personnel only. **Any unauthorized removal or transfer of the radio transponder decal to another vehicle without properly notifying the Authority can result in revocation of your permit with no refund forthcoming.**

GARAGING OF VEHICLE: Permit holders are cautioned that under Massachusetts General Law you are required to report and update to the Registry of Motor Vehicles the jurisdiction in which your vehicle is customarily garaged. There is a block on the registration renewal form which can be updated online. For most permit holders who principally leave their vehicle in Falmouth overnight, Falmouth should be the location reported. This does not change or alter the amount of excise tax that you must pay. There are both criminal and civil penalties for improperly reporting this information.

QUESTIONS?: Any questions regarding the Authority’s Falmouth area parking lots or policies relating to “Off-site” permit holders, should be directed to parking lot management at 508.548.5011 Ext. 291, or by email at parkingsupervisorssla@steamshipauthority.com