

Close and Cheap CBA Parking Options

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Politics ain't worrying this country one-tenth as much as where to find a parking space.

— Will Rogers

The chart below summarizes selected parking options, listed in order of increasing walking distance from the Cincinnati Bar Center. The last two columns may help you to compare prices for two typical parking durations. Lower prices are highlighted in yellow. Beware that prices will certainly change.

Other than street parking, the Seventh Street Garage is a close short-term bargain, and relatively reasonable for a longer term if you arrive before noon. The Allpro and ABM lots on Seventh Street, between Main and Sycamore Streets, are close longer-term bargains, but only if you arrive after noon.

If you make a full day of it, note the free shuttle to within two blocks of the CBA from the \$4 daily Eggleston Garage. It runs every 15 minutes, 6 to 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Cheapskate secret: Park for free *without* a meter on ironically-named Van Meter Street. That street wraps around the western edge of Mount Adams, right across pedestrian bridges over Gilbert Avenue and I-71 from the Greyhound station. The half-mile walk to the CBA may be good for your health!

QUICK-GLANCE CHART OF SELECTED CBA PARKING OPTIONS

Parking Location	Distance From CBA	Rates	1.5 Weekday Hours	3.5 Weekday Hours
1,400 street meters, limited to 30, 60, or 120 min; many illegal during rush hours	As close as a few feet from our front door	\$2 per hour, but first 10 min free (free Sun, holidays, & Mon through Sat before 9 & after 5)	\$3	\$7
ABM lot directly across 6 th from CBA	<.1 mile	\$2 per 20 min; \$11 max (\$5 flat after 5 & weekends)	\$10	\$11
Allpro lot at 7 th & Sycamore, just north of St. Xavier Church	<.1 mile	\$3 for 20 min, \$5 for 40 min, \$7 for 1 hour; \$10 max. (\$5 flat weekdays after noon & weekends)	\$10	\$10 (\$5 after noon)
Central lot on Main north of Izzy's Restaurant	<.1 mile	\$5 for up to an hour; \$10 for more than that. (\$5 flat weekdays after 5 & weekends)	\$10	\$10
580 Bldg Garage across Main from Federal Bldg	<.1 mile	\$2 per 20 min up to 3 hours; 3-6 hours \$13; 6-9 hours \$15; \$16 max (\$5 flat weekdays after 5)	\$10	\$16
ABM lots on 7 th between Main & Sycamore (small lot on south side; large lot on north side)	.1 mile	\$3 first 20 min; \$1 second 20 min; \$2 per 20 minutes thereafter; \$10 max (\$5 flat weekdays after 5 & weekends)	\$10	\$10 (\$5 after noon)
7 th Street Garage at N.E. corner 7 th & Sycamore (non-monthly parking permitted on roof, accessed by ramp from Broadway)	.1 mile	\$2 per hour; \$8 max	\$3	\$7
Olympic Garage across 7 th from Aronoff Center	.2 mile	\$1 per 15 min; \$7 max	\$6	\$7
URS Tower Garage on 7 th between Vine & Walnut	.2 mile	\$1 first 30 min; \$1 second 30 min; \$2 per 30 min thereafter to \$10 max	\$4	\$10
Fountain Square Garage, under square, north of 5 th	.2 mile	\$1 first 30 min; \$2 per hour; \$16 max for 24 hours (\$5 flat weekdays after 4 & weekends except special events)	\$3	\$7
Fountain Square South Garage, under Star Bank Bldg & Westin Hotel	.3 mile	\$1 first 59 min; \$2 per hour after that; \$15 max. (evenings \$1 per hour; \$5 max)	\$3	\$7
Macy's Building Garage on 7 th between Race & Vine	.3	\$1 first 30 min; \$2 second 30 min; \$1 per 30 min thereafter to \$10 max for up to 12 hours; \$12 max for up to 24 hours	\$4	\$8
Garfield Garage on 9 th between Race & Vine	.4 mile	\$1 per hour; \$6 max (\$2 max evenings & weekends)	\$2	\$4
Van Meter Street	.5 mile	Free	\$0	\$0
Eggleston Garage, 4 th & Eggleston, behind Taft Museum	.5 mile (Free shuttle to 5 th & Main.)	\$4 daily	\$4	\$4
Tower Place Garage, on 4 th between Race & Elm, behind Hyatt Hotel	.5 mile	\$5 daily with CBA validation (otherwise \$1 per 20 min up to \$8; \$12 for 3 to 12 hours; \$15 for 12 to 24 hours; pay \$1 extra on "retail side of garage")	\$5	\$12 (\$5 w/ CBA validation)

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