Off-Campus Living Transportation Transcript

Leaving your car home instead of bringing it to Flagstaff is more economical for you and more sustainable for the environment. As an alternative, Flagstaff and the university offer a number of transportation options for getting to campus and getting around campus once you're here.

The Mountain Line bus service offers several routes that go through Flagstaff, providing a reliable transportation option for students living off campus. In addition, you can ride Mountain Link (Route 10), free of charge with your JacksCard. This route connects the campus with the Woodlands Village corridor (think Wal-Mart and Forest Meadows), and downtown Flagstaff. Students wishing to access other Flagstaff routes have several options for purchasing a Mountain Line pass, including the affordable semester and annual college student passes. These passes give you access to any route at any time, which gives you flexibility to attend any of the off-campus activities that Flagstaff has to offer.

A great tool to use if you are riding the Mountain Line bus service is the Transit Mobile App. You'll be able see the bus' exact location, and receive reliable arrival information for each stop. Each bus is also equipped with a bike rack, and your bike rides free when you pay your fare! Once you're on campus, you can use Mountain Link or the Campus Shuttle service to get around.

Mountain Line Bus Service Transit Mobile App

NAU is recognized as a bike friendly university. Ditch the car and parking fees and use a bike instead. Biking on campus is convenient and easy. Bike racks are located close to most buildings and there are designated lanes just for bike users. If you want to protect your bike from snow or rain, you can take advantage of bike lockers and enclosures located throughout campus.

We strongly encourage you to register your bike, as this is essential in locating your bike if it is lost or stolen, or if you are requesting your lock to be cut. You can register at the University Transit Services office at no cost; just take your bike and your JacksCard. Registration services are also available at the Flagstaff Police Department.

There are hundreds of dedicated bike lanes or rideable shoulders in Flagstaff, including the Flagstaff Urban Trail System. However, remember that bicycles, on or off campus, must follow the same traffic laws as vehicles. Please signal your turns with your left arm and always wear a helmet. The City code requires a strong headlight and a red reflector or red taillight on the back when riding at night.

If your bicycle needs maintenance, visit the Bike Hub on the south side of the Health and Learning Center. The HUB is designed to be a resource for students to educate themselves about bicycle maintenance, and to promote cycling as a form of healthy and sustainable transportation.

Finally, if you do not own a bike, the NAU Yellow Bike Program provides free bike rentals to students for up to seven days and includes a lock, key, and helmet.

Flagstaff Urban Trails System (FUTS)
NAU Bike Hub
NAU Yellow Bike Program

If your house is close to campus, walking can be a great option to get to class and stay fit. While Flagstaff is considered a safe city, be aware of traffic and your surroundings when walking around town.

If you have to drive to campus, be sure to carpool with your roommates, friends, and neighbors to save on the cost of parking and gas. A university-parking permit is required to park on campus and you can purchase the permit online through University Transit Services. You would be eligible to purchase one of two Commuter parking permits, either the North Commuter or the South Commuter; or you may purchase a permit for either the Knoles or San Francisco parking garage. Evening-only permits are also available to students who live off campus and may use short-term parking options during all other hours.

University Transit Services

Limited pay-to-park on-street parking is available off campus and is managed by ParkFlag. You can pay at any kiosk with a credit or debit card, online, or by downloading the Flowbird app on your mobile phone. The app will notify you if you are running out of time on your parking and allows you to remotely pay for extended parking time.

Please check parking and street signs before attempting to park. Some streets require a residential parking permit and some zones are limited to 20 minutes or two-hour parking increments. Seasonal restrictions are also in effect during the winter months.

ParkFlag Flowbird App