
Press Release

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Take METRO to Hermann Park During Labor Day Holiday *HPARD advises visitors to ride METRO and avoid traffic problems*

Park officials expect Hermann Park to be a popular spot during the Labor Day weekend, August 31 – September 2. Traffic around the park is expected to be heavy, especially from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every day. Visitors are advised to plan accordingly and be prepared to experience delays. They should also be aware that when parking lots become full, HPD may close vehicular entry to the park.

To avoid traffic problems, the Department advises visitors to ride METRO or METRORail to Hermann Park. Visitors can catch METRORail at the Fannin South Park and Ride lot located at 1604 West Bellfort or they can park downtown and catch METRORail at any of the downtown rail stations. Disembarking sites include: Hermann Park/Rice University Station, at Fannin and Sunset; Memorial Hermann Hospital/Houston Zoo, at Cambridge and Fannin; or the Museum District Station, between Ewing and Binz to access all of Hermann Park's amenities.

Visitors are also advised of alternative parking options with the Memorial Hermann Medical Plaza. The current maximum rate for weekends is \$7.00 (prices are subject to change by Memorial Hermann Medical Plaza) and visitors have the option of paying by cash or credit card.

Park patrons are also advised:

- **Be aware that traffic will be heavy, delays are expected and vehicular traffic inside the park will be closed by HPD when parking lots inside the park are full**
- **Be aware on Labor Day, September 2, HPD officers will be enforcing special traffic patterns during peak periods that may vary through the day**
- **Be aware that it is no longer possible to turn left into Hermann Park. Pay attention to the "No Left Turn" signs posted along the light rail track**
- **Check traffic conditions before visiting park. Traffic information is available at www.houstontranstar.org.**
- **For more information on the METRORail system, including a map, schedule and fares, call METROLine at (713) 635-4000 or visit www.ridemetro.org.**

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