

Travel by alternative transportation

Local transportation alternatives can relieve the stress of travel, support a green economy and save on gas expenses.

By Mapquest calculations it takes approximately 24 minutes to traverse the 12.77 miles between the Allendale and Pew campuses.

Both time and distance are short for a one-way trip, but traveling round trip three or more times a week may get costly or troublesome. Many alternative forms of transportation are available to make the trip easier.

The Rapid

The primary public transportation system for Grand Rapids' metro area, The Rapid operates 26 fixed routes, including those to Grand Valley State University's Allendale Campus.

GVSU students, faculty and staff can ride on any Rapid route for free with a student or staff I.D.

Five routes serve GVSU's Allendale and Pew campuses as well as its buildings along Grand Rapids' Medical Mile.

Route 50 – Campus Connector

Route: Provides service between the Allendale and Pew campuses with various stops at apartment complexes and retailers, such as Meijer, along Lake Michigan Drive.

Schedule: Monday through Thursday – 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. New this year, the Weekend Connector route begins weeknights at 6 p.m. Friday – 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekend Connector times begin after 6 p.m.

Route 50 – Weekend Connector

Route: Provides service among the off-campus apartments, Pew Campus, Center for Health Sciences and the Downtown Transit Center to connect all Rapid routes.

Schedule: Friday – 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday – 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Route 37 – Off-campus Apartments / North Campus Express

Route: Provides service between the Allendale area apartments north of West Campus Drive and the Kirkhof Center.

Schedule: Monday through Thursday – 7 a.m. to midnight. Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekend Connector times begin after 6 p.m.

Route 48 – Off-campus Apartments / South Campus Express

Route: Provides service from the Kirkhof Center in Allendale to the south off-campus apartments.

Schedule: Monday through Thursday – 7 a.m. to midnight. Friday – 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekend Connector times begin after 6 p.m.

Route 51 – CHS Express

Route: Provides service between the Pew Campus and the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences on the Michigan Street Hill

Schedule: Monday through Thursday – 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday – 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekend Connector times begin after 6 p.m.

Taxi Services

Long after The Rapid Campus Connector has stopped running, taxi cab companies in Grand Rapids continue to transport individuals and groups throughout the downtown area. Save a few of these numbers in your cell phone before heading out for the night and allow the taxi to be your designated driver.



Calder City Taxi
Phone: (616) 454-3774 or (616) 454-8080

American Taxi Cab
Phone: (616) 776-7272

My Taxi Service
Phone: (616) 456-8222

Veterans & Yellow Cab
Phone: (616) 459-4646

Davis Blaine
Phone: (616) 734-8276

Metro Cab
Phone: (616) 827-6500

For the Grand Rapids area, fares are \$3.30 on the meter to start and \$1.80 per mile to passengers' destination.

Airport

Gerald R. Ford International Airport is West Michigan's largest commercial airport and the second busiest in Michigan. The airport is served by nine passenger airlines and offers almost 120 daily departures and arrivals – 18 of which are nonstop to major U.S. cities, including New York and Washington, D.C.

Passengers departing from Ford Airport are encouraged to arrive at the airport 90 minutes prior to scheduled departure and visit <http://www.flygrandrapids.org> before leaving home to check flight times.

The airport is served by The Rapid Route 17, taxi and hotel shuttles. Express-Shuttle parking and long-term parking are \$2 per hour, \$8 a day and \$48 per week with the seventh day free. Valet parking is \$17 per day.



Amtrak

Daily train service from Grand Rapids and Holland to various cities in Michigan and the U.S.

Grand Rapids: 431 Wealthy St. SW

Holland: 171 Lincoln Ave.

For \$20, college students can sign up for a Student Advantage Discount Card that provides a 15 percent discount on the lowest available adult fare on most Amtrak trains for one year.

For fares and schedules call (800) 872-7245 or visit <http://www.amtrak.com/>.

Greyhound

Local stations in Grand Rapids and Holland provide bus service to various cities in Michigan and throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Grand Rapids: Central Station – 250 Grandville Ave. SW

Holland: Bus & Amtrak Station – 171 Lincoln Ave.

For fares and schedules call (800) 231-2222 or visit <http://www.greyhound.com/>.

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