

PARKING IN THE CENTRE OF RAYNES PARK

For those wanting to park for up to 2 hours in the shopping area around the Railway Station, the news is good! Although the Car Park is often full, there are now many places for kerbside parking, some free and some for a moderate fee (30p per hour, minimum fee 10p). Parking to use the shops and other business premises on either side of the railway line should not be a problem at any time of the day provided you are prepared to walk up to 100 yards and pay a small fee: furthermore, there is now adequate parking around the new Library. Whilst the peak travel hours of 7 to 10am & 4 to 7pm will always have reduced availability, 2006 has seen an increase in spaces available even at these times.

A word of warning, however, as some Pay & Display meters indicate free parking for unlimited periods outside the "charged for" restricted hours: this information is both inaccurate and misleading (and has accordingly been reported to Merton Council). Remember - always look at the information plates on the posts adjacent to marked parking areas as well as the information on the payment machine: - rest assured that where there is conflict between the two, the one which gives you the LEAST opportunities for free & unlimited parking is the one that will be used by Wardens and the Council.

BEST BET for finding a space is to go for the Pay & Display bays: these are all restricted to short-term parking (some for a maximum of 2 hours but others for 1 hour only) and as there is the need to indicate when you arrived by displaying a ticket, a rapid turn-over is generally assured. New bays in the recent CPZ areas have yet to register with many people and the recently extended hours in Coombe Lane (Blockbusters to the main Bus Stop) have similarly not yet registered with everyone. A further under-used length of kerbside parking is in the Bus Lane and on the other side of Pepys Road

HINTS

- A. If you can visit the Town Centre between 10am and 4pm, or after 7 in the evening, there are more options. Sundays give almost complete freedom (unlike Kingston).
- B. Newly established parking bays are less likely to be filled
- C. P & D bays are more likely to have a proper turn-over

WHEN & WHERE TO PARK

North of Railway

ALL DAY, EVERY DAY (some times for a fee, some times free).

COOMBE LANE (Blockbusters to Bus Stop) Pay & Display.

TREWINCE & TOLVERNE Roads new P&D.

The 3 or 4 restricted time bays outside the Post Office in AMITY GROVE tend to be fully occupied (possibly because they are not P&D).

The CAR PARK is usually full.

ANYTIME FROM 10 AM to 7AM (Mon to Fri), ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Single yellow line, WORPLE ROAD south side, Lambton to Pepys - but usually full.

FROM 10AM TO 4PM, AFTER 7 PM (Mon to Sat) AND SUNDAYS

P&D bays in WORPLE RD. (north side) just before Filling Station and also just past Pepys Road:

WORPLE ROAD (northside) between Lambton & Tolverne bays with no time limits or fee.

P&D in COOMBE LANE (north side) near Mans Chinese Restaurant:

Further P&D bays on both sides of COOMBE LANE between Arch and Boots.

Lower part of PEPYS ROAD - on both sides (where part of the one-way system and including Bus Lane) single yellow line, parking with no time limit during the permitted hours as above.

N.B. The bays in Lambton Road (east side) and Worple Road (north side) are restricted to 1 hour of parking during controlled hours.

B. South of Railway.

ALL DAY, EVERY DAY (sometimes free and sometimes for a small fee)

APPROACH ROAD outside Station entrance. Space for about 3 cars with no restrictions at all BUT usually full and somewhat vulnerable to heavy vehicles using industrial estate.

New P&D bays at top of GORE ROAD, CLIFTON PARK AVE., ASTON ROAD AND PRINCE GEORGE ROAD (2 hrs max in controlled hours).

For Library users only there are 3 free unlimited time bays behind Library (entrance under arch in Aston Road)

RAYNES PARK ASSOCIATION CAMPAIGN TO IMPROVE PARKING IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF RAYNES PARK

This information has been produced by the Raynes Park Association as part of their campaign to improve parking in the central area of Raynes Park. The association is an alliance of local business and Residents' Associations: it will shortly be preparing a more comprehensive guide to parking in this area which will appear on this web site. Whilst efforts have been made concerning the accuracy of the information, it is not guaranteed. Efforts to improve parking and make it less complex have been in progress for some years the major achievement so far has been the extended hours for Pay & Display in parts of Coombe Lane. More improvements are being sought and some inaccuracies in signing have been brought to the attention of Merton Council. More news as the matters progress.