

Blue Badge (gov.uk)

Where can I park?

Yellow lines

Badge holders may park on single or double yellow lines for up to 3 hours, but in general not where there are restrictions on loading or unloading – indicated by yellow kerb dashes and / or signs on plates. You may wish to check whether a particular local council has chosen to exempt Blue Badge holders from this restriction.

Where local schemes apply, such as those that apply in parts of central London, you should check the rules for that area. You are not entitled to park on yellow lines in off-street car parks.

You must display the Blue Badge and the blue parking clock showing the quarter hour period during which you arrived. You must wait for at least one hour after a previous period of parking before you can park the same vehicle in the same road or part of a road on the same day.

'On-street' disabled parking bays - signs have a blue wheelchair symbol

You may park for free. Unless signs say otherwise, you may park without time limit. You must display the Blue Badge (and the blue parking clock if the bay is time limited). Always try to use these bays instead of parking on yellow lines.

On-street parking areas where all motorists can park for free but only for a limited time

Badge holders may park for free and generally without time limit. However, if signs show there is also a time limit for badge holders, you must comply with the time limit shown and display your parking clock set to show the quarter hour period when you arrived at the bay.

Places where you cannot park

The Blue Badge is not a licence to park anywhere. Like other road users, you must obey the rules of the road, as laid out in the Highway Code. Here is a list of places where you must not park.

Places where a ban on loading or unloading is in force, as indicated above by kerb markings. You may wish to check whether a particular local council has, exceptionally, chosen to allow Blue Badge holders to park where there are loading restrictions.

Parking places reserved for specific users such as resident's bays or loading bays. You may wish to check whether a particular local council has chosen to exempt Blue Badge holders from these restrictions.

Pedestrian crossings (zebra, pelican, toucan and puffin crossings), including areas marked by zig-zag lines.

Clearways (no stopping).

A bus stop clearway during its hours of operation.

An urban clearway within its hours of operation. You may pick up or drop off passengers. All parking is forbidden.

School 'keep clear' markings during the hours shown on a yellow no-stopping plate.

Bus, tram or cycle lanes or cycle tracks. Badge holders are not entitled to drive in bus lanes during their hours of operation.

Where there are double white lines in the centre of the road, even if one of the lines is broken.

Suspended meter bays or when use of the meter is not allowed.

Where temporary parking restrictions are in force, as shown for example by no-waiting cones.

Safe and responsible parking

The Blue Badge is not a licence to park anywhere. If you park where it would cause an obstruction or danger to other road users you could be fined or receive a Penalty Charge Notice or have your vehicle removed.

Do not park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Examples of dangerous or obstructive parking include the following, although there are others:
school entrances, bus stops, on a bend, or near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
parking opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
where it would make the road narrow, such as by a traffic island or roadworks
where it would hold up traffic, such as in narrow stretches of road or blocking vehicle entrances
where emergency vehicles stop or go in and out, such as hospital entrances
where the kerb has been lowered or the road raised to help wheelchair users
on a pavement, unless signs permit it

Dorset Council - Parking response

An email was sent to Dorset Council asking for their advice in regard to installing a drop-off / pick-up area for restricted mobility vehicle users within our parish. The below is the response:

“In general terms, there is no such bays specifically designed for pick up or drop off of blue badge holders.

A way forward however, would be a regular “Disabled Badge Holders Only” bay with a short stay period to encourage rotation and stop badge holders themselves from making it a parking space instead of a pick up/drop off point.”