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DCR Traffic, Pedestrian and Parking Advisory: July Fourth on the Esplanade

From Wednesday, July 2, 2025, and continuing through Friday, July 4, 2025, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will implement various traffic, pedestrian and parking restrictions on roadways in the City of Boston to accommodate the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular to celebrate the July Fourth. Any cars that remain on roadways that are closed to parking will be towed.

July 2:

8 a.m.

- Right hand travel lane of Storrow Drive closed
- Esplanade walkway adjacent to the Charles River closed to pedestrians and bicyclists from Community Boating to the Fiedler Footbridge. All pedestrians and bicyclists will be directed to the Paul Dudley White multiuse path adjacent to Storrow Drive until approximately 3 p.m. on July 3.
- No parking on Mugar Way from Arlington Street to Charles Street until 6:00 a.m. on July 5.

3 p.m.

- Mugar Way will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic until 12 a.m. to set up fencing.

July 3:

7 a.m.

- No Parking on Clarendon Street until July 5 at 6 a.m.

9 a.m.

- The right travel lane on Storrow Drive westbound will be closed from the Longfellow Bridge to the Fielder Footbridge.
- No public parking along Storrow Drive.

3 p.m.

- Storrow Drive westbound will be closed to vehicular traffic from Charles Circle to the Bowker Overpass. All Storrow Drive westbound traffic will be diverted to Charles Circle. Storrow Drive westbound traffic may re-enter Storrow Drive via Charles Street to Beacon Street via the westbound entrance at the Bowker Overpass.
- The exit to Arlington Street from the Storrow Tunnel (eastbound) will be closed until 6 a.m. on July 5.
- Mugar Way at Beacon Street will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic until July 5. Pedestrians will be directed to Berkeley Street to enter the Esplanade.
- Berkeley Street at Beacon Street will be closed to vehicular traffic.
- Storrow Drive eastbound will be closed and detoured at the Bowker Overpass until July 5.

11 p.m.

- No parking on Memorial Drive, Cambridge Parkway until 6 a.m. on July 5.

July 4:

7a.m.

- No Parking at Magazine Beach and Magazine Pool, Riverside Boat Club, and the MWRA pumping station (Cottage Farm) until 6 a.m. on July 5 No boat launching in this area.
- Daly boat ramp (Nonantum Road) – ‘Boat Trailer Parking Only’

9 a.m.

- No parking on Memorial Drive (either side) from 450 Massachusetts Avenue to the Longfellow Bridge.
- No parking on Cambridge Parkway.
- Storrow Drive westbound from Leverett Circle to Kenmore Square (Bowker Overpass) will be closed to vehicular traffic.
- Storrow Drive westbound from the Beacon Street on-ramp under the Bowker Overpass will be closed.
- Storrow Drive eastbound will be detoured at University Avenue.
- The inbound bus (right-side) lane on Charles River Dam Road will close from Museum Way to Leverett Circle.
- The Storrow Drive exit ramp in the Tip O’Neil Tunnel will be closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles.
- The Leverett Circle entrance to Storrow Drive westbound will be closed. Traffic will be allowed to travel on Monsignor O’Brien Highway to Cambridge and Martha Road to Boston.
- The Fanny Appleton pedestrian footbridge at Charles Circle going to the Esplanade will be closed.

- The Fiedler Footbridge from Beacon Street going to the Esplanade will be closed.
- The Longfellow Bridge and Massachusetts Avenue (Harvard) Bridge stairs will be closed.

4 p.m.

- Longfellow Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic. Bikes and pedestrians will be allowed to cross the bridge.
- Massachusetts Avenue (Harvard) Bridge will be closed in both directions to vehicular traffic from Beacon Street in Boston to Vassar Street in Cambridge. Bikes and pedestrians will be allowed to cross the bridge.
- Memorial Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic in both directions from Massachusetts Avenue to the Longfellow Bridge.
- Main Street from Third Street to the Longfellow Bridge in Cambridge will be closed to vehicular traffic.
- Ames Street from Main Street to Memorial Drive in Cambridge will be closed to vehicular traffic.
- Wadsworth and Amherst Streets in Cambridge will be closed to vehicular traffic.
- Land Boulevard from Binney Street to Longfellow Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic.
- Hayward, Carlton, Charlotte's Way and Dock Streets in Cambridge will be closed to vehicular traffic.
- Access will be allowed to 1 Memorial Drive only with issued permit.
- Memorial Drive from Massachusetts Avenue to the BU Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic. Vehicular access will be allowed for patrons going to the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Hyatt patrons will be directed to the Vassar Street road closure.
- Vassar Street from Massachusetts Avenue to Memorial Drive in Cambridge will be closed to vehicular traffic. Access will be allowed for residents and Hyatt patrons.
- Cambridge Parkway will be closed to vehicular traffic (it will remain open to vehicles with handicapped placards/plates only). All vehicles must be removed from Cambridge Parkway by 1 a.m. on July 5.

9 p.m.

- The Longfellow Bridge will be closed to bikes and pedestrian traffic until the end of the fireworks. There will be no fireworks viewing from the Longfellow Bridge allowed.
- The Massachusetts Avenue (Harvard) Bridge will be closed to bikes and pedestrian traffic until the end of the fireworks. There will be no fireworks viewing from the Massachusetts Ave (Harvard) Bridge allowed.

All closures subject to change

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