

Avoiding Parking Citations in Capitola

Always check for parking signs and respect all posted time limits

Before parking a vehicle, check the block from corner to corner in both directions for any parking signs. Also check the curb for signs and color curb markings. Many streets have parking time limits, including Residential Parking Permit areas. The parking spaces located nearest to the Capitola Village have two hour maximum parking limits. This means a vehicle must be moved to another space every two hours. The two hour parking limit is in addition to paying to park at the blue pay stations located throughout the area. If time expires for a parking space and you park longer than the two hour maximum, you could be subject to two parking citations.

Pay stations and parking meters

When parking, check to see if you have a parking meter or if you need to pay at a blue pay station. If you park at a parking meter, the law requires the meter to be fed immediately upon occupying the space. If you park in a space that uses a pay station, remember your space number and immediately go to the nearest pay station. Follow the printed instructions on the pay station and DO NOT forget to print your receipt. If a receipt is NOT printed, the transaction is not complete, no time has been recorded and the space will show "expired". If the pay station you go to is not functioning, other pay stations are available and located throughout the area.

Correct use of disabled placards

The State of California issues disabled placards or license plates that exempt vehicles from parking time limits (on public streets only) as long as the person to whom the placard is issued is being transported and is within a reasonable proximity of the vehicle. Exempted time limits include: signed parking time limits, residential parking permit areas, regular parking meters, pay stations and green zones. It is illegal to park in a red zone, yellow zone, white zone or the crosshatching of a disabled parking space, regardless of having a valid disabled placard or license plate. If you park in the crosshatching you may be subject to a \$380.00 parking citation.

If someone displays a disabled placard that is expired or has been reported lost or stolen to the DMV, the vehicle/person may be cited and the vehicle towed.

If someone displays a disabled placard and the placard holder is not within a reasonable proximity to the placard, they may be cited (\$1100 Fine) for misuse of a placard.

Correct use of yellow zones

Yellow zones are in effect as indicated by signage and/or yellow curbs (not necessarily both). Yellow zones are in effect seven (7) days a week, every day of the year from 8:00AM-1:00PM. These spaces are for loading/unloading and not short term convenience parking. They are designed for vendors to service the village businesses and are strictly enforced.

Correct use of green zones (24 Minute Maximum Parking)

Green zones have a maximum of twenty-four (24) minute parking and are enforced daily, from 8:00AM-8:00PM. Green zones are NOT free and the space must be paid for. If you park longer than the twenty-four (24) minutes allowed and have expired time, you could be subject to two citations.

Correct use of white passenger loading zones

White passenger loading zones have a limit of three (3) minutes. In addition, the vehicle must not be left unattended. You may be subject to a citation if you park longer than the three (3) minutes allowed and/or leave the vehicle unattended.

Do not park for more than 72 hours

The maximum on-street parking time limit in the City of Capitola is 72 hours (3 days). This rule also applies to vehicles with residential parking permits. Vehicles must be driven at least one mile every 72 hours (3 days), or the vehicle could be cited and towed. In addition, emergency street construction and other unforeseeable special events can sometimes require removing parking from a street with as little as 24 hours notice. It is a good idea to check your vehicle every day to ensure that no temporary restrictions have been posted on the street.

Curb your wheels

If the grade of a street is more than three percent (3%), a motor vehicle's wheels must be curbed so that if the vehicle were to roll it would not roll into the street and would stop at the adjacent curb.

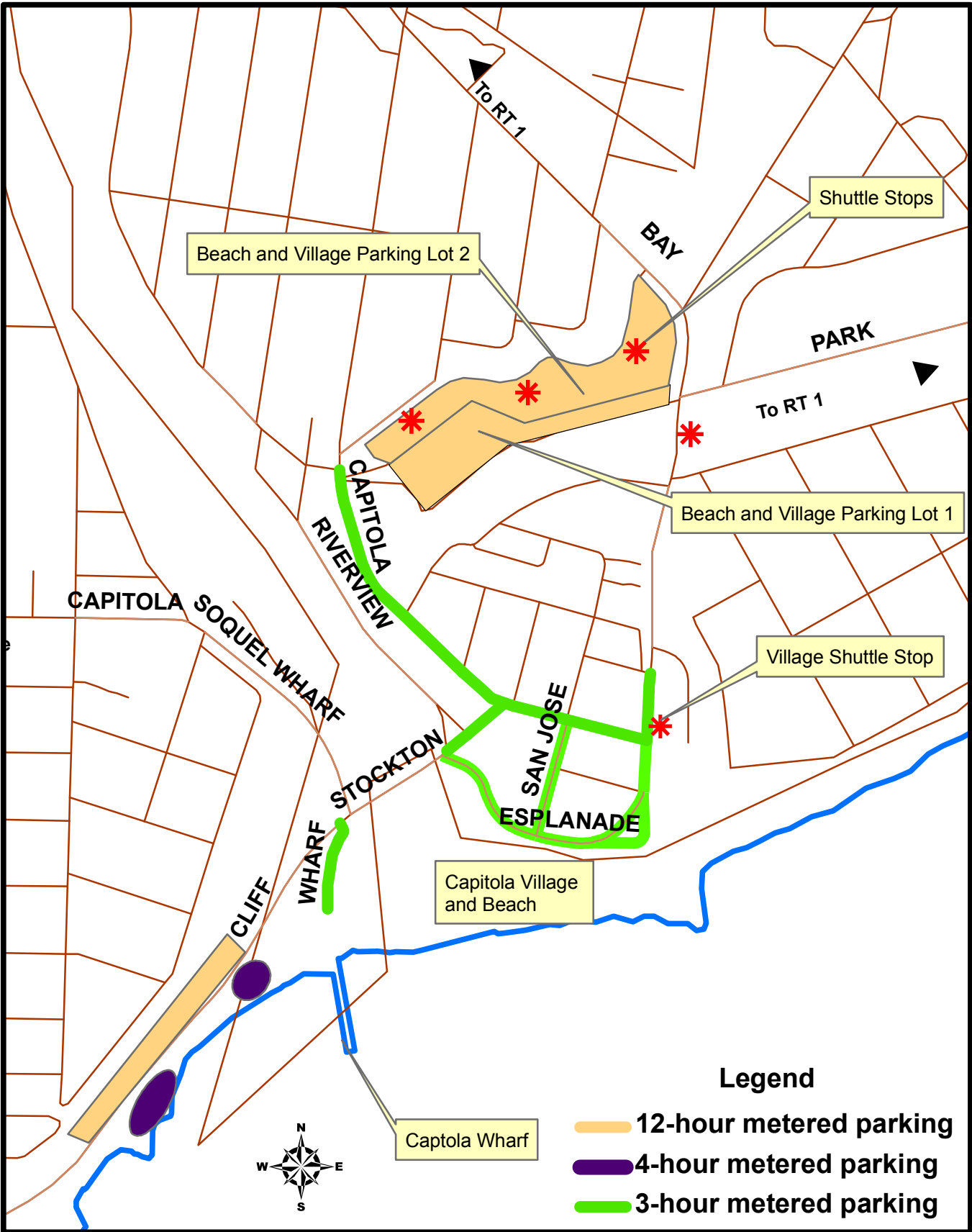
Do not block driveways

Make sure your vehicle is not blocking a driveway. If you block a driveway, you could be subject to a citation and the vehicle towed at the owner's expense.

Diagonal parking, parallel parking and parking space lines

It is the driver's responsibility to park within the parking space provided. How others have parked awkwardly or incorrectly does not mitigate parking outside of these lines. Diagonal parking spaces require that the front bumper of a vehicle be within six (6) inches of the curb. Parallel parking requires that the passenger side of the vehicle be within 18 inches of the curb when parking on a two way street and the vehicle must NOT be facing against the direction of the flow of traffic. Vehicles must also be parked within 18 inches of the curb when parking on a one way street.

Capitola Village Public Parking Map



Note: Capitola Beach Shuttle operates out of the Beach and Village Parking Lot 2 on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through mid-September