

Transportation Options for Car Free Living at Riderwood – June 2026

The Car Free Living Group at Riderwood is dedicated to assisting residents who no longer have, or wish to reduce their reliance on, personal vehicles. Our group encourages and supports more transportation opportunities to off-campus destinations. Our group activities include the following:

- 1.** Helping Riderwood residents learn what transportation services are available.
- 2.** Supporting the improvement of Riderwood campus transportation opportunities to off-campus destinations.
- 3.** Educating residents about programs, such as ride hailing apps (LYFT and UBER) and ride assist programs (METRO ACCESS).

Please Note: The group does not arrange trips for individual residents.

Riderwood Operated Transportation Services

Residents at Riderwood who do not have or wish to access a personal vehicle can utilize several transportation options provided by the community.

These services are intended to facilitate convenient and safe travel both within the campus and to local destinations.

On-Campus Shuttle Services

Riderwood offers Express and Local Shuttle services, operating daily from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. These shuttles provide regular transportation throughout the campus, making it easy for residents to move between buildings and amenities. All vehicles provide accessible transportation by means of a lift; drivers will assist residents.

The Local Shuttle will stop at each clubhouse (the same six stops at the Express Shuttle) and when requested at designated residential building

connectors. The scheduled stop locations are located at the doors by the building links that connect to the residential buildings as listed below.

Residents may request a special pick up by using the courtesy phone located at each request to stop or by asking Local Shuttle driver.

- Park View / Walden Court
- Canterbury Court / Victoria Place
- Charles Terrace / Kings Court
- Berkshire Gardens / Hampton Sq.
- Madison Green / Garden View
- Fox Run / Calvert Landing

- Forest Crossing / Orchard Point
- Meadowbrook Square / Hunter Glen

The Express Shuttle also operates from 8:00 AM to 10 PM Monday-Sunday, making the stops in the order as listed below. The Express Shuttle will not stop at any other location.

- Arbor Ridge
- Lakeside Commons
- Town Center
- Montgomery Station
- Wellness Center
- Village Square

Private Bus, Sedan, and Van Services

For trips outside the Riderwood campus, private bus, sedan, and van services are available for a fee for Riderwood residents. Call the Transportation Department for rates (301-572-8358). Residents can travel within a 10-mile radius for non-medical appointments and up to 15 miles for medical appointments, ensuring easy access to nearby services and healthcare facilities.

Weekly Shopping Shuttles and White Oak Medical Center (WOMC) Service

Shopping shuttles operate from Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with pickups scheduled between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Trips to/from the shopping will board and alight passengers at Targets Kohl's, Aldi and Giant. The last pickup of the day is at 1:00 PM. All trips are scheduled to stop at WOMC (tell driver when boarding if going to WOMC). These shuttles help residents conveniently shop for essentials each week. Trips to White

Oak Medical Center are also available on Monday and Wednesday, with departures from Riderwood at 8:30 AM and 12:00 PM, and return trips at 12:30 PM and 4:40 PM. Have the transportation office phone number handy to call them if needed.

Wednesday Mall Trips and Glenmont Metro Service

On Wednesdays, transportation is provided to local shopping centers and malls. On the fourth Wednesday of each month, service is provided to the

Glenmont Metro station. Residents interested in these trips should call 301-572-8358 to make an appointment.

Excursions and Special Events

Through the RWV Local Trips program, Riderwood arranges transportation for local excursions and special events.

These outings allow residents to participate in community activities beyond campus. You can find information at each clubhouse entrance and on MyErickson. These Monthly

Excursion sheets provide information on each excursion's details including destination, date, times, and cost.

Non-Riderwood Operated Transportation Services

Private Transportation Services

- **LYFT & UBER** - Lyft and Uber are transportation network companies with ride-hailing apps. Both offer innovative alternatives to taxis and long-established private transportation services. Both give passengers direct,

door to door service. Each provides an easy way to request and pay for rides using a resident's smartphone. Each company's drivers are independent contractors with varying vehicle types. Even if you consistently use the same service, making the same trip between the same locations, each trip may likely be provided by a different driver. Residents can call or use the app to schedule a trip directly with each firm or use a service such as GOGO Grandparents who schedule trips through both. Typically, the cost of the

trip is based on a base fare plus time and distance and sometimes based on vehicle type. Costs will vary depending on distance, traffic conditions, and vehicle type. A trip to Takoma Park, for example, is often around \$25 one way.

- TAXI Services - There are multiple taxi firms in the area. The Riderwood Transportation Department lists the telephone numbers for several firms that serve Riderwood. These are also direct door-to-door services with the

costs of this service based on the individual firm and nature of the trip.

Public Transportation - WMATA Metro Services

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) commonly referred to as Metro, is a tri-jurisdictional public transit agency that operates transit services in the Washington metropolitan area including Northern Virginia, Washington DC and

Montgomery and Prince Georges
Counties.

Trip Planner

The Trip Planner is available on
WMATA's (METRO'S) Website providing
an easy-to-use travel planner.

Plan a trip on Metro or METRO RAIL
SIMPLY by entering your starting and
ending location, and when
you plan to travel.

[https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-
planner/](https://www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/)

Metrobus Routes

Metrobus operates fixed route bus services throughout the greater Washington DC Metropolitan area. Six transit bus routes serve the bus stop near Adventist Hospital, offering access to a variety of destinations both within and beyond the local area:

- Route M42: North Bethesda to College Park by way of Randolph and Cherry Hill Roads serving White Oak.
- Route M44: Operates between Hyattsville Crossing Station and North Bethesda Station. This route links

Randolph Road, Glenmont Station, Calverton, and College Park, and provides services near John F. Kennedy High School, White Oak Medical Center, and Hollywood Shopping Center.

- Route M52: Runs from Burtonsville Park & Ride to Silver Spring Station, making stops at Briggs Chaney Road, White Oak, and Four Corners.
- Route 60: Travels from Plum Orchard to Fort Totten via New Hampshire Avenue, stopping at Hillandale

Shopping Plaza and Takoma Langley
Crossroads Transit Center.

- Prince Georges County Bus Route P16 operates between Adventist White Oak Medical Center and Fort Totten Station. This route serves the neighborhoods of Calverton, Adelphi, Langley Park, and Chillum, as well as Calverton Shopping Center, High Point High School, Metzerott Plaza, and Adelphi Plaza.
- Montgomery County RideOn Route 27 provides service between Hillendale,

Adventist Healthcare White Oak Medical Center (WOMC) and Tech Road Park & Ride operating over Columbia Pike, Plum Orchard, Cherry Hill Drives to Powder Mill Road.

Metrorail

The Metrorail system offers safe, clean, and reliable transit for more than 600,000 customers each day. As the nation's second busiest rail system, it serves 98 stations across Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, and is organized into six color-coded

lines: Red, Orange, Silver, Blue, Yellow, and Green. The system's design allows passengers to travel between any two stations with no more than one transfer. The closest Metrorail lines to Riderwood are the Green (Yellow) line and the Red line. The Red Line runs from Glenmont, Wheaton, and Silver Spring into Washington, DC, then continues north and west to Bethesda, Rockville, and terminates at Shady Grove. The Green (Yellow) Line, which may alternate its route due to construction, serves Greenbelt and College Park before

entering DC. From there, the line splits, with one branch heading south into Virginia and the other into southeastern Maryland.

MetroAccess Service Overview

MetroAccess

(<https://www.wmata.com/ride/accessibility/metro-access.html>) is a shared-ride, door-to-door transportation service designed for individuals who are generally unable to use public transportation due to a disability. Service is available 7 days a week, 365 days a

year. Service operates Monday through Thursday, 5:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m.

Friday, 5:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m.

Saturday: 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m.

Sunday: 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m.

Riders must schedule their MetroAccess trips no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day before their intended travel. This advance scheduling helps ensure that the trips requested are scheduled for service pick-up within thirty minutes of the requested time for all passengers. Individuals who are conditionally certified for MetroAccess are eligible to

ride free of charge on Metrorail, Metrobus, and Ride On services. most Riderwood residents are likely to qualify for MetroAccess, eligibility is determined by completing an application and participating in an in-person interview.

Costs for WMATA Public Transportation

- WMATA Regular Route Bus and Rail service- Riderwood residents over 65 years of age or who have disability are entitled to use regular route public transportation at half the cost of a trip simply by showing their METRO ID

Card. This includes all WMATA Metro regular bus route service and Metrorail services.

- [Senior SmarTrip Card \(click link\)](#) a discount Metro card for the seniors (where and how to get it and use it)
- WMATA Metro Access Paratransit Fares are calculated based on twice the fastest Fixed route equivalent for the service provided. MetroAccess customers will not be charged more than \$4.50 a trip. MetroAccess customers who are certified as eligible and who and show a valid white

MetroAccess ID, may ride for free on Metrorail, Metrobus, and both Montgomery County and Prince Georges County bus routes. This also applies to a single companion riding with the Metro Access customer.

Additional Transportation Services for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities

Montgomery County Transportation
Services

Montgomery County service - Seniors and Persons with Disabilities ride free on all MCDOT (Montgomery County) and select Metro route buses in Montgomery County (Routes M12, M20, M22, M42, M44, M52, M54, M60, M6X, M70, M82, P30, P31), and MetroAccess busses. One simply needs to present and show the bus operator one of these cards: Senior SmarTrip Card, Reduced Fare SmarTrip Card, Medicare card with a current photo ID or a MetroAccess Card.

Call-n-Ride Program

Call-n-Ride provides discounted taxicab rides for eligible low-income older adults aged 63 and above, as well as adults with disabilities. This program allows participants to travel for any purpose within Montgomery County, and some medical trips may extend beyond the county for qualifying destinations. The service is designed to make transportation more affordable and accessible for those who need it most.

Medical (Medicaid) Transportation Service

The Medical (Medicaid) Transportation Service offers free rides for Medicaid recipients who need to attend medically necessary appointments. This service is available when no other suitable transportation options exist, ensuring that eligible individuals can access vital healthcare services without financial or logistical barriers.

Eligible seniors and residents with disabilities in Montgomery County have

access to specialized transportation programs:

- [Senior Connection Volunteer Transportation](#): Volunteer drivers assist seniors with transportation to appointments, errands, and social activities.

<https://www.seniorconnectionmc.org/seniorrides/>

- JCA Jewish Council [Connect-A-Ride Transportation Resource Center](#) (CAR) offers a free information and referral service. Contact CAR at 301-738-3252, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5

p.m., or

email ConnectARide@AccessJCA.org.

This service is funded by Montgomery County and serves to link people with public, private, and volunteer transportation services that they may be eligible for including escorted transportation. The program also helps callers apply for transportation programs like Call-n-Ride and Metro Access.

- Escorted Transportation Service:
Seniors and adults with disabilities receive personalized transportation,

including an escort for safety and support.

Email ConnectARide@accessjca.org.

Prince George's County Transportation Services

Prince George's County offers a variety of transportation services specifically designed to support eligible residents traveling within the county. These programs provide accessible and affordable mobility options, with special consideration for seniors and people

with disabilities. The following services are available:

[Call-a-Bus](#)

Call-a-Bus is a demand response, curb-to-curb transportation service intended for residents who do not have access to existing bus or rail services. This program gives priority to seniors and individuals with disabilities. If a resident with a disability requires an escort, they must provide their own.

[Call-a-Cab](#)

Call-a-Cab offers reduced-cost transportation for seniors aged 60 and older as well as people with disabilities. Participants receive coupon books for use with participating taxi companies, making the service particularly helpful when other transportation options are unavailable.

[Senior Transportation Services](#) (STS)

This service provides regular curb-to-curb transportation throughout Prince George's County. This program is available for medical and nutrition-

related trips and serves county seniors aged 60 and older, as well as persons with disabilities.

Medical (Medicaid) Transportation Service

The Non-Emergency Medical Assistance Transportation (NEMT) Program provides non-emergency transportation to Medicaid covered medical services for eligible medical assistance residents who have no other means of getting to their medical appointments. Services are provided

after a thorough screening process for new clients. Current clients are also screened periodically.