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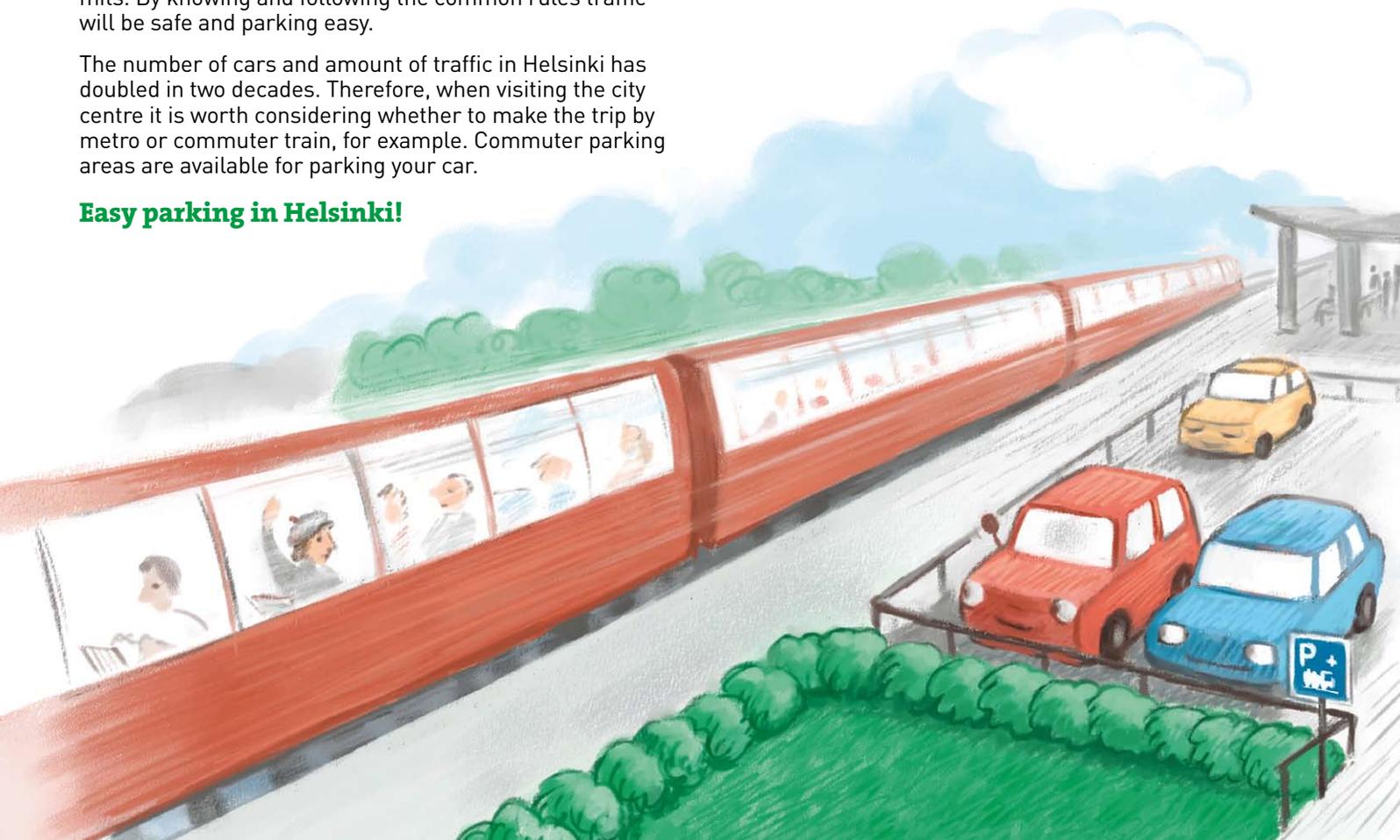
# Parking in Helsinki



**T**his guide informs you how to park in Helsinki, why parking is controlled, and where to get parking permits. By knowing and following the common rules traffic will be safe and parking easy.

The number of cars and amount of traffic in Helsinki has doubled in two decades. Therefore, when visiting the city centre it is worth considering whether to make the trip by metro or commuter train, for example. Commuter parking areas are available for parking your car.

### **Easy parking in Helsinki!**



## Parking in Helsinki

Parking in the city centre is allowed only in marked parking spaces, and parking is usually subject to a charge from Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., and in certain places at the weekend. Parking time is restricted. Places for parking are divided into three payment zones. Inner city parking is the most expensive. Private parking facilities are also available in the city centre.

### Park-and-ride facilities

Commuter parking (park-and-ride) is a convenient way to avoid traffic jams in the city centre. The areas reserved for parking are situated near public transport stops and stations where you can park your car and continue by metro, bus, tram or commuter train. Parking is usually free of charge. For up-to-date information on commuter parking please visit the Helsinki Region Transport (HSL) website at [www.hsl.fi](http://www.hsl.fi)

### Suburban parking bans

In suburban areas parking is usually free of charge, but parking times may be restricted. No waiting zones are used to restrict street-side parking especially in new residential areas. These regional parking bans may apply to the entire area or an individual street. See the traffic sign spread for further details of suburbs with parking bans.

The driver is always responsible for following parking regulations. Drivers contribute to the safety of traffic through their behaviour; smooth and safe traffic means a more enjoyable city. Illegal parking causes inconvenience to everyone.





## Payment methods

Parking fees can be paid by coin, in-car parking meter or mobile phone, and in some places also by credit card.

- Ticket machines accept 20 and 50 cent coins; most machines also accept 1 and 2 euro coins. Parking meters accept 20 cent coins, as well as 1 and 2 euro coins. The machines do not give change. Some inner city ticket machines accept credit card payment.
- Parking fees may be paid using a mobile phone or in-car parking meter at all public parking places in Helsinki. Using these methods only the actual parking time will be charged. Low-emission cars get reduced parking fees with these payment options.

Parking payment methods are under constant development. More information on mobile phone services, in-car parking meters and other payment methods can be obtained at [www.hel.fi/parking](http://www.hel.fi/parking)

## Parking permits

### Residential parking

Car-owners living in the inner city area can obtain a residential parking permit, which entitles them to park free of charge in the residential parking spaces in their area. Parking places are marked separately by traffic signs, as not all parking places are reserved for residential parking.

### Corporate parking

Companies can obtain a corporate parking permit for their cars, entitling them to park free of charge in the residential parking spaces in the area.

### Parking for the disabled

A parking permit for the disabled entitles the holder to park in spaces reserved for the disabled, and to free parking in paid parking spaces. The permit also allows parking for longer periods than indicated by traffic signs, and parking in zones where parking is banned by traffic signs and in residential areas if no inconvenience is caused to traffic. Permits are issued to disabled persons or for the transport of disabled persons.

### Veterans' parking

Front veterans who live in Helsinki can obtain a free parking permit. The veterans' parking permit entitles the holder to park free of charge in parking spaces which are subject to a parking fee in the city of Helsinki.

Residential, corporate and veterans' parking permits are issued by the Public Works Department, and parking permits for disabled persons by the police. For the latest information, visit [www.hel.fi/parking](http://www.hel.fi/parking)

## Parking in the city centre

Payment zone 1

Payment zone 2

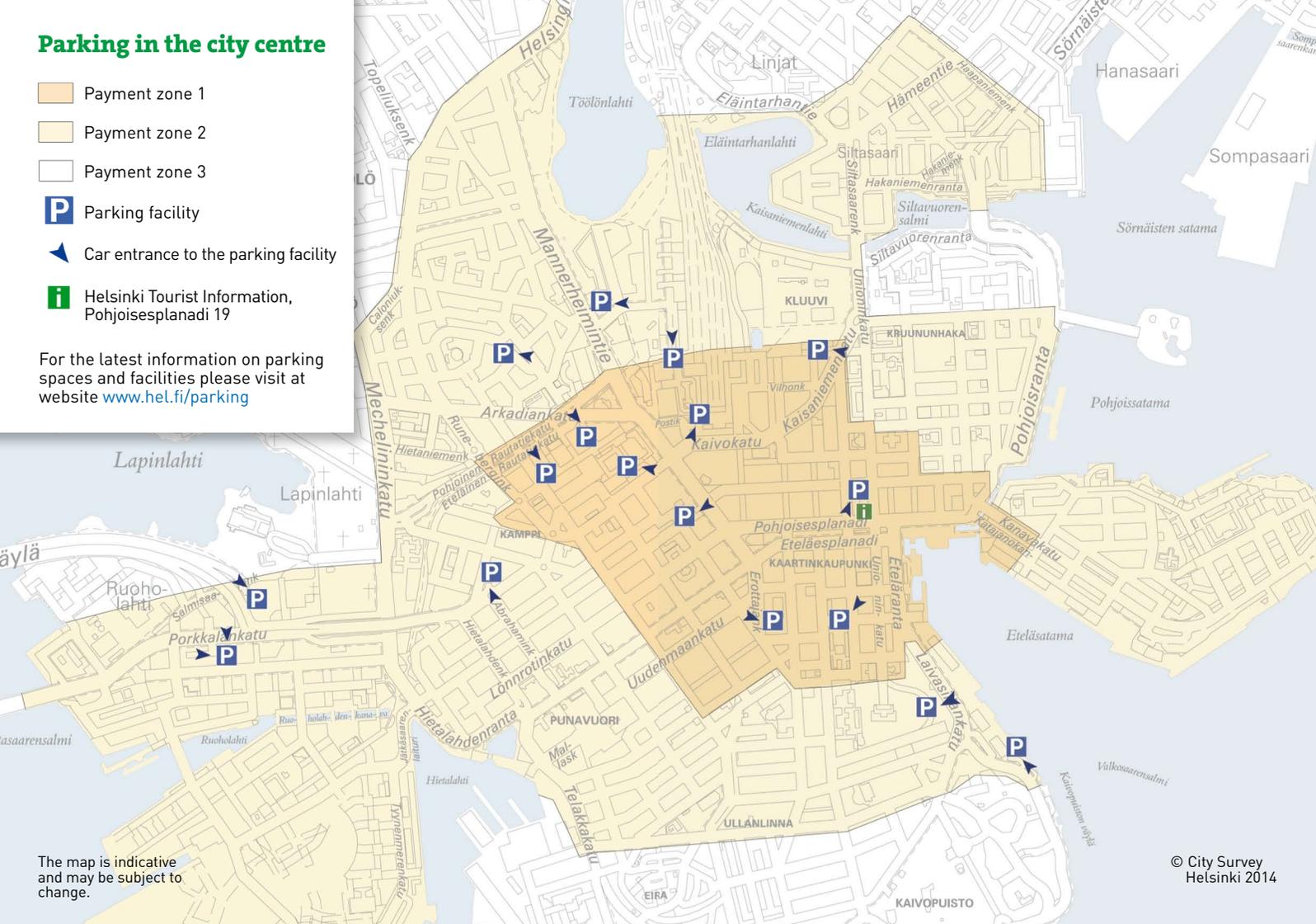
Payment zone 3

**P** Parking facility

**▶** Car entrance to the parking facility

**i** Helsinki Tourist Information,  
Pohjoisesplanadi 19

For the latest information on parking spaces and facilities please visit at website [www.hel.fi/parking](http://www.hel.fi/parking)



The map is indicative and may be subject to change.

# Traffic signs regulating parking



## Parking place

A parking area outside the carriageway or separated from the carriageway by road markings. Vehicles must be parked completely within marked spaces.



## Park-and-ride

Parking spaces are reserved for vehicles whose drivers continue their trip using public transport. A train, bus, metro train or other similar means of transport may be pictured on the sign.



## Residential area (left)

## End of residential area (right)

Parking or waiting allowed only in marked parking spaces.



## Pedestrian street (left)

## End of pedestrian street (right)

Stopping and parking or waiting are prohibited on pedestrian streets. Service vehicles are permitted only at the times shown on the sign.



## Pedestrian crossing

Stopping and parking or waiting are prohibited on pedestrian crossings and for five metres on either side.



## Pedestrian footpath Cycle path

Stopping and parking or waiting are prohibited on footpaths and cycle paths. However, a vehicle may be temporarily brought to a stop for purposes of loading and unloading, or entering and exiting the vehicle, provided that no inconvenience is caused to traffic and that the driver is nearby.



## No stopping

A vehicle may only be brought to a stop if required by traffic. A vehicle may not be brought to a stop for purposes of loading or unloading, or entering or exiting the vehicle.



## No waiting

Allowing a vehicle to remain stationary, with or without the driver, is prohibited. A vehicle may, however, be temporarily brought to a stop for purposes of loading and unloading, or entering and exiting the vehicle.



## No waiting zone (left)

## End of no waiting zone (right)

Parking or waiting is prohibited within the area indicated by the signs. Spaces where parking is allowed within the area are indicated by separate traffic signs.



## Additional panels



## Regulation begins (left)

## Regulation ends (right)

The sign above the panel indicates where regulation begins and ends.



## Distance over which the sign applies

Distance to which the sign above the panel applies.



## Hours during which the sign applies

- Monday to Friday (left)
- Saturdays (centre)
- Sundays and holidays (right)

The hours during which the sign above the panel applies.

30 min

## Time limit

Maximum duration for parking in minutes or hours.



## Obligatory use of parking disc

Maximum duration for parking. The time of arrival must be indicated using a parking disc.



## Parking against fee

Parking is subject to a charge only during the hours indicated on the sign. Stopping and parking in areas governed by the  sign is allowed only if the parking fee has been paid. In areas governed by the  sign, stopping is allowed free of charge but parking is subject to a charge.

## Parking or waiting is always prohibited

- at road junctions
- within five metres of the edge of an intersecting carriageway
- if causing inconvenience or hindrance to traffic
- in parks and other green areas and on so-called idle land

## Parking or waiting is also prohibited

- on private property without the owner's permission
- on the access road or in the gateway to a building

## Summer cars in good storage for the winter

We may be forced to change the traffic arrangements, particularly during winter due to snow ploughing. The City arranges car hotel services for long-term winter storage of cars.

## Parking control

Compliance with parking regulations in Helsinki is supervised by traffic wardens. Their work promotes the safety and smoothness of traffic. The purpose of parking control is to prevent illegal parking.

Traffic wardens provide information on proper parking. They provide assistance with obtaining a parking permit, the various payment methods, and any parking difficulties.

Illegal parking is subject to a parking ticket. If the ticket is not paid by its due date, the amount of the fine is increased.

The police also monitor parking. If illegal parking causes serious danger or inconvenience, traffic wardens will notify the police of illegal parking.



# Contact information

## Parking planning

The City Planning Department's Traffic Planning Division is responsible for planning the parking arrangements in Helsinki, such as the location and number of parking spaces and the location of traffic signs.

- kaupunkisuunnittelu@hel.fi, tel. 09 310 1673 (exchange)
- [www.hel.fi/ksv](http://www.hel.fi/ksv)

## Permits and control

The Public Works Department's Parking Control grants residential, corporate and veterans' parking permits, controls parking in Helsinki and tows away illegally parked vehicles.

- Customer service, Elimäenkatu 5, Vallila  
rakennusvirasto@hel.fi, tel. 09 310 39000
- [www.hel.fi/parking](http://www.hel.fi/parking)

The police grant parking permits for disabled persons and supervise compliance with parking regulations.

- Helsinki Police Department, Pasilanraito 11  
permit affairs (Mon–Fri 9–11) tel. 0295 417 911
- [www.poliisi.fi](http://www.poliisi.fi)

A temporary traffic arrangements permit can be obtained from the Public Works Department if it is necessary to allocate a street area for a construction site or an event.

- Land-use monitoring, Elimäenkatu 5, Vallila  
luvat@hel.fi, tel. 09 310 39000
- [www.hkr.hel.fi](http://www.hkr.hel.fi)