

Visiting the Department of Physics

How to get to Oxford

From London airports

From London Heathrow and Gatwick airports, take [The Airline coach](#) service, which runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can also get to Oxford by train from Heathrow via London, and from Gatwick via Reading.

From London Stansted airport, take the [Stansted Express train service](#) to London Liverpool Street and then take the tube to either Paddington or Marylebone for direct trains to Oxford. Alternatively, there is a [National Express 737 coach service](#).

Trains

Direct services run from [London Paddington \(serving Oxford station\)](#) and [London Marylebone \(serving Oxford and Oxford Parkway stations\)](#). Other services operate from the north via Birmingham New Street; from the south via Reading; and from the west via Didcot or Reading.

For details and to plan your journey, see contact [National Rail Enquiries](#).

Oxford Railway Station is a 5–10-minute walk from the centre of Oxford. Please use [Google Maps](#) or our [interactive map](#) to find your way from the station to the part of the University you are visiting.

Coaches

The [Oxford Tube](#) offers a direct service between Oxford and London, running a frequent timetable on a virtually 24-hour basis, Monday to Sunday.

For information on coaches from other major cities and airports, visit [National Express](#).

The central coach station is at Gloucester Green in the city centre. Please use [Google Maps](#) or our [interactive map](#) to find your way from the station to the part of the University you are visiting.

Parking in Oxford

Many Oxford streets are closed to traffic and parking is severely limited. Visitors are encouraged to use the five Park and Ride bus services.

Please refer to Oxfordshire County Council's up-to-date traffic information for details of all local road works and any disruptions likely to delay your journey.

Park and Ride

There are five Park and Ride sites which serve Oxford City Centre.

Oxford Parkway (north). For satnav use OX2 8HA. Take the Stagecoach 7 bus to and from the city centre. ***(Alight from the Keble Road stop for the Department of Physics)***

Pear Tree (north). For satnav use OX2 8JZ. Take the 300 bus to and from the city centre. ***(Alight from the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter stop for the Department of Physics)***

Redbridge (south). For satnav use OX1 4XG. Take the 300 bus to and from the city centre. ***(Alight from the Oxford City Centre stop for the Department of Physics)***

Thornhill (east). For satnav use OX3 8DP. Take the 400 bus to and from the city centre. ***(Alight from the Oxford City Centre stop for the Department of Physics)***

Seacourt (west). For satnav use OX2 0HP. Take the 400 bus to and from the city centre. ***(Alight from the Oxford City Centre stop for the Department of Physics)***

The Oxford Bus Company has information on [Park and Ride services 300 and 400](#). The latest timetable for [Stagecoach 7 is available here](#).

[Oxford City Council](#) has further information on Park and Ride sites.

Parking in Oxford city centre

Parking in Oxford city centre is limited and can be expensive. For information on car parks, on-street parking and costs of parking, see [Oxfordshire County Council's website](#).

Please note, there is no parking available at the department. If you are a blue-badge holder, please contact Leanne leanne.odonnell@physics.ox.ac.uk to book a space in advance.

Taxis

There are taxi ranks at Oxford Railway Station, Gloucester Green Coach Station and St Giles' in the city centre.

How to find the Department of Physics

The Department of Physics is spread across several buildings on two main sites: Parks Road and Keble Road. You can use the [University of Oxford Interactive map](#).

Parks Road (OX1 3PU):

- Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics
- Beecroft (Rudolf Peierls Centre for Theoretical Physics)
- Clarendon Laboratory (Atomic and Laser Physics, Condensed Matter Physics and professional and support services)
- Robert Hooke building (Atomic and Laser Physics)

Keble Road (OX1 3RH):

- Denys Wilkinson building (Astrophysics and Particle Physics)

An access guide to all buildings is located [here](#).

Accommodation

Oxford is always busy, so it is strongly recommended to book your accommodation before you travel. You can sample Oxford life by staying in one of the colleges, or there are hotels and B&Bs.

[University Rooms](#) provides a booking service for rooms and colleges and other university owned accommodation at reasonable rates, particularly during the University vacations.

Bookings may be made directly with hotels or through companies such as [booking.com](#), [hotels.com](#) etc.