

Field Trip Parking at Morehead for Buses

The parking lot in front of Morehead Planetarium & Science Center is owned and operated by UNC Chapel Hill, and is not available for parking buses or oversize vehicles. Buses and large vehicles are able to pull into the parking lot and drop off guests, but must park off site.

For schools and groups that require their bus drivers to be chaperones:

UNC Chapel Hill has designated a limited amount of space along Skipper Bowles Drive on south campus for bus parking, where we can shuttle drivers back to the planetarium. If your school/group requires the driver to help chaperone the group, please request a shuttle from our reservations team at least a week in advance.

Parking for groups that have requested this shuttle service is available along Skipper Bowles Drive in the right-most travel lane between Tar Heel Boulevard/Carolina Basketball Museum and Kenan Drive, in front of the Dean E Smith Center. Buses may not block driveways/vehicle entrances, crosswalks, or the Chapel Hill Transit bus stop in front of the Smith Center. Printable directions to this parking area are listed on the following pages, and available as a google maps link [here](#).

For all other schools and groups:


Because parking along Skipper Bowles drive is limited, and shared between other UNC organizations that serve field trips, schools and groups whose drivers will not be chaperoning should plan to park off campus rather than on Skipper Bowles Drive.

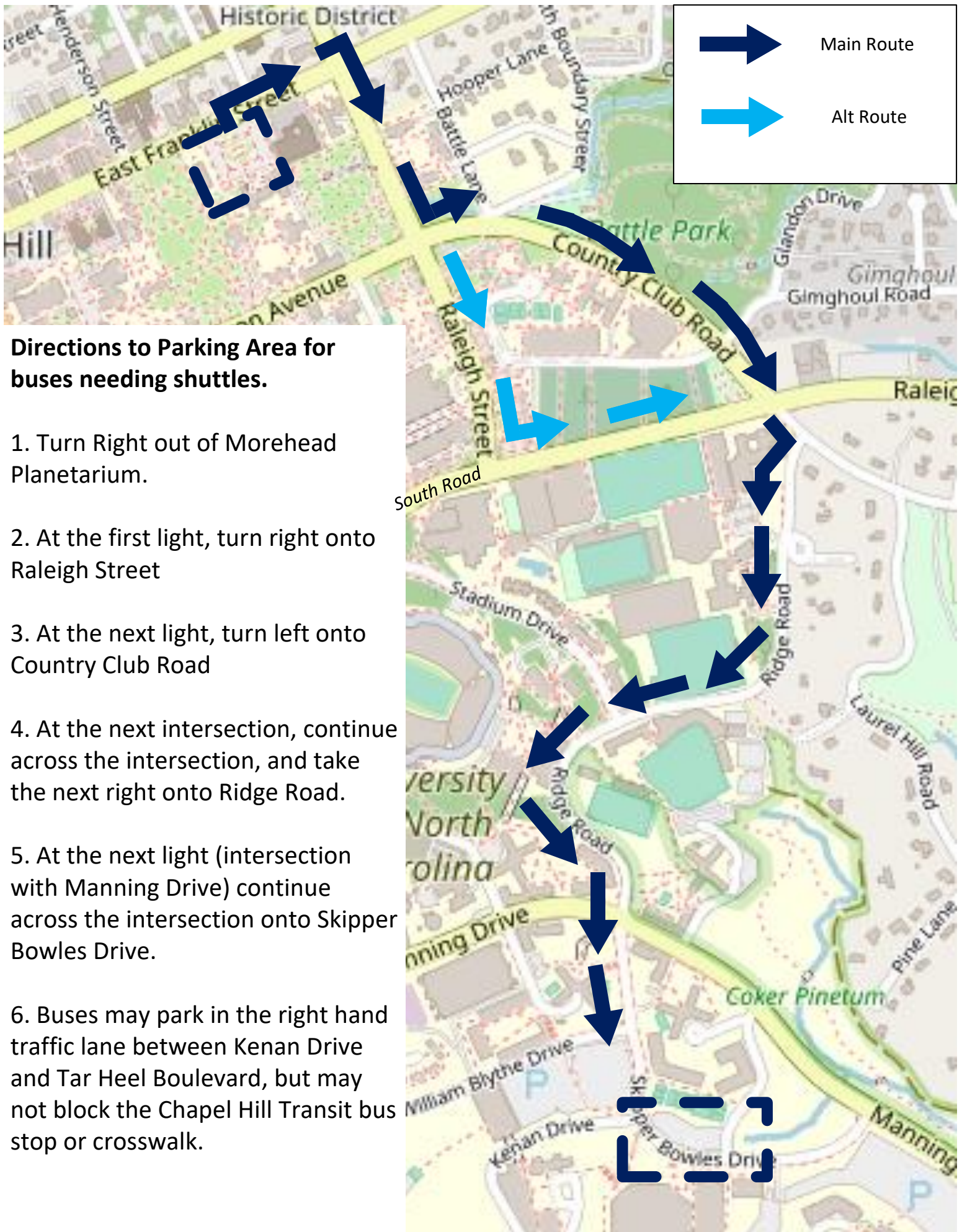
Morehead recommends buses park off-site at New Hope Commons shopping center, about 5 miles off campus. You can find directions to the shopping center from Morehead [here](#). It's located directly down Franklin Street and Hwy 15/501, just past the intersection with Interstate 40.

Morehead no longer recommends parking at University Place mall due to ongoing construction and limited ability for buses to navigate parking lots in the area

Morehead Planetarium Reservations Office

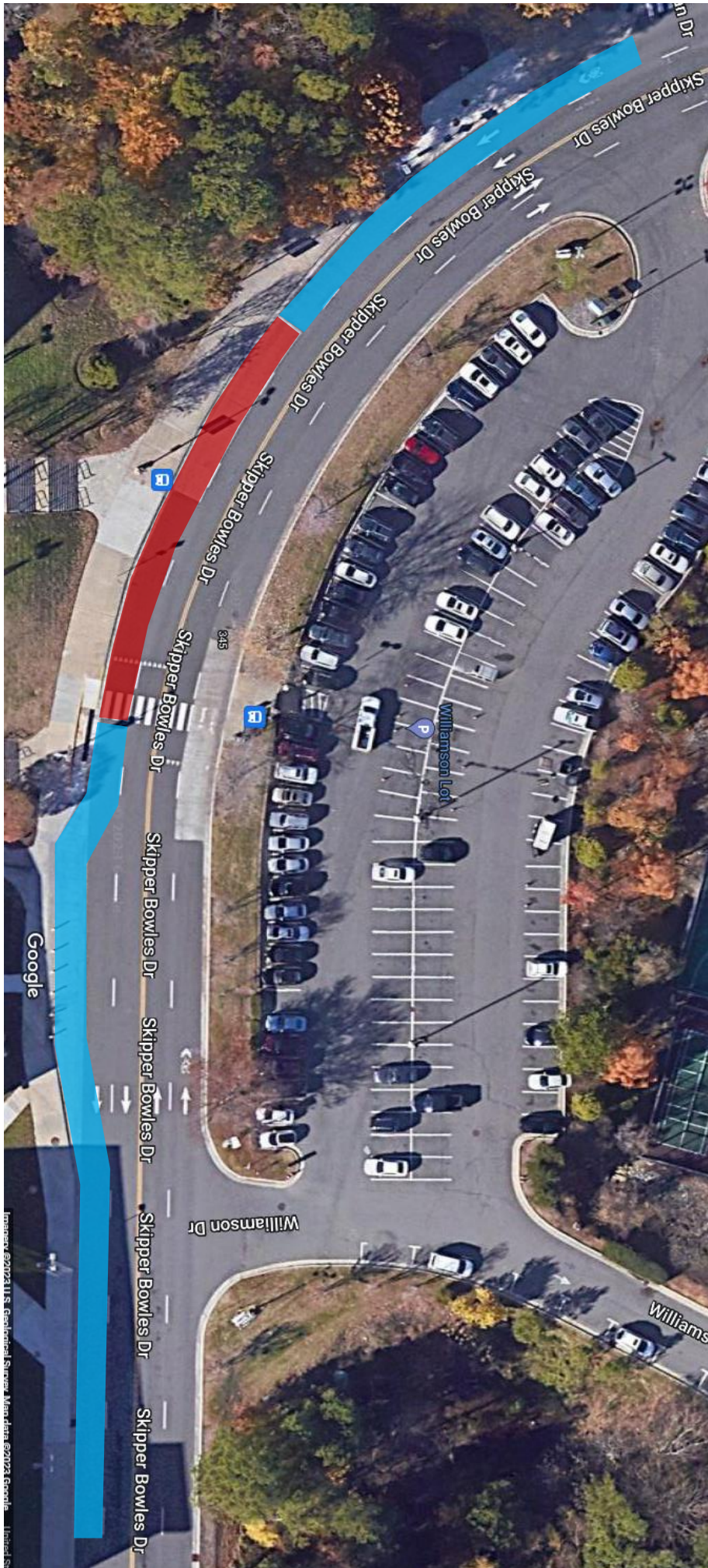
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Directions to Parking Area for buses needing shuttles.

1. Turn Right out of Morehead Planetarium.
2. At the first light, turn right onto Raleigh Street
3. At the next light, turn left onto Country Club Road
4. At the next intersection, continue across the intersection, and take the next right onto Ridge Road.
5. At the next light (intersection with Manning Drive) continue across the intersection onto Skipper Bowles Drive.
6. Buses may park in the right hand traffic lane between Kenan Drive and Tar Heel Boulevard, but may not block the Chapel Hill Transit bus stop or crosswalk.



Bus Parking



NO PARKING

Must leave open for public transit stops

Buses may park in the right hand traffic lane between Kenan Drive and Tar Heel Boulevard on Skipper Bowles Drive, but may not block the Chapel Hill Transit bus stop or crosswalk.



Return Directions

1. Go to the end of Skipper Bowles drive and turn left onto Manning Drive.
2. Continue down Manning drive through 6 lights past the hospitals.
3. Turn right onto South Columbia Street. Keep to the right most travel lane (right most lane is a bus-only lane for transit)
After the bus only lane to the right has ended, get in the right-most lane (before South Road – where the blue dot is)
4. Continue on South Columbia through 4 traffic lights. Turn right onto Franklin Street at the 5th light.

Morehead Planetarium will be on the right after the second light.

