

# Will Rogers World Airport

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## **Airport Offers One Hour Free Parking**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Beginning Monday, April 7, Will Rogers World Airport will give visitors picking up or dropping off passengers one hour of free parking in the hourly parking garage. The special parking discount will be effective throughout the 42-week duration of the road closures in front of the terminal building.

The one-hour free, was put in place to encourage people to use the hourly parking facility and avoid congestion in the arrival and departure lanes. The free hour will also make it more appealing for people to come in and meet their parties in the terminal building.

“A lot of different factors were making it difficult for our customers to pick up and drop off passengers,” says airport director Luther Trent. “We thought one hour of free parking would not only alleviate some of the traffic congestion but encourage people to come into the terminal to send off or greet their family and friends.”

Several factors have contributed to the increased congestion in the pickup and dropoff areas. A federal security regulation put into place after September 11, prohibits unattended vehicles within 300 feet of the terminal building. As a result more and more people were choosing to wait in their cars for their passengers, causing roadways to be blocked and snarling traffic in and out of the terminal proper.

In addition, construction for the \$110 million terminal expansion/renovation project recently necessitated closing all of the upper and lower roadways immediately in front of the buildings and routing traffic to the new transportation plaza, which is approximately another 100 feet from the building.

The one-hour free parking will only apply to the hourly parking garage. Visitors will then be able to use the new elevator/escalator station to access the underground walkway to the terminal. The walkway provides moving sidewalks and protection from the weather. The cost after the first hour, which is free, is \$1 per hour up to \$23 per day.

Will Rogers also provides excellent long-term parking options. The five-story parking garage provides covered parking for \$5/day, \$25/week. The semi-covered shuttle parking provides awning coverage and the shuttle picks up and drops off at the car. The cost is \$5/day,



\$25/week. The main shuttle parking lot provides shuttle service to and from the car at a cost of \$4/day, \$20/week.



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