Come explore Downtown Schenectady, New York! You will quickly notice downtown’s mix of new and historic buildings, our wide variety of independent businesses, and the steady flow of visitors, residents, and local businesses. We pride ourselves on constantly evolving to meet the needs of our community and visitors alike. Whether you’re here for a day or a day, there’s something for everyone. From great food and drinks to unique shops and cultural events, Downtown Schenectady has it all. Including some of the best in entertainment, shopping, dining, and more. We are also proud of our storied past, including the Stockade Historic District, a charming neighborhood dating to 1661, and our history of innovation in manufacturing, technology, and transportation. Extend your stay in downtown and delight in the amenities at one of our many attractions, and activities that make downtown special. I invite you to come and see for yourself all that Downtown Schenectady has to offer.

**GETTING TO DOWNTOWN SCHENECTADY**

**BY CAR**

Downtown Schenectady is conveniently located along I-890, just off the New York State Thruway, Exit 10. It’s about a 30-minute drive from New York City, Syracuse, and Utica.

- **From South & East:** Take I-787 south to I-890. Take Exit 10 towards Schenectady.
- **From North & West:** Take I-890 north to Exit 9 (Erie Boulevard). Follow Erie Boulevard for 4 miles to Broad Street, then follow Broad Street for 1.5 miles to Washington Avenue.

**BY BICYCLE**

Schenectady is a bike-friendly community! Schenectady has a bike share program with 332 bike stations and over 2,000 bikes available to rent. You can easily rent a bike at one of our bike share stations, take it for a spin around downtown, and return it to another bike share station. This is a great way to explore the city and get some exercise at the same time.

**BY BUS**

Downtown Schenectady is served by multiple bus routes. You can check the Capital District Transportation Authority’s website for more information.

**BY TRAIN**

Schenectady is served by Amtrak, which provides daily train service to and from New York City, Boston, and other major cities. Check the Amtrak website for more information.

**BY AIR**

Schenectady is a short drive from the nearest airports, including Albany International Airport, which is about a 20-minute drive away.

**ERIE BARRIERS**

Schenectady’s downtown area is surrounded by Erie barriers, which are a set of barriers that were built in the 19th century to protect the city from flooding. The barriers are now a popular tourist attraction and a unique feature of downtown Schenectady.

**GETTING AROUND**

Downtown Schenectady is easily accessible by foot, bike, or car. There are many bike share stations throughout downtown, as well as electric car share stations. You can also take advantage of our free parking meters, which are located throughout downtown.

**PARKING**

- **Free Parking:** Monday-Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays, and Sundays.
- **Paid Parking:** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays, and Sundays.
- **Erie Boulevard:** Paid parking Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays, and Sundays.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

- **The Smith Center for the Performing Arts:** This is Schenectady’s premier performing arts venue, hosting a variety of concerts, dance shows, and other events.
- **Proctors:** Schenectady’s largest theater, with a rich history of hosting Broadway shows and local productions.
- **The Stockade Historic District:** A charming neighborhood dating back to 1661, with a rich history and many historic sites to explore.

**SHOPPING**

- **Armory Studios:** A unique shopping destination featuring local artisans and independent businesses.
- **The De Witt Clinton Center:** A destination for shopping and dining, with a variety of stores and restaurants.

**DINING**

- **Rivers Casino & Resort:** One of the largest casino resorts in the Northeast, with a variety of dining options.
- **Jay Street Market:** A farmers market and community gathering place, featuring fresh produce and artisanal goods.

**ATTRACTIONS**

- **Schenectady Civic Playhouse:** A community theater presenting a variety of productions.
- **Historical Society of Schenectady:** A museum dedicated to preserving the history of Schenectady.
- **SUNY Schenectady County:** A community college offering a variety of educational programs.

**Distance to Downtown Schenectady from:**

- **Albany International Airport:** 15 miles
- **New York State Capital:** 5 miles
- **Saratoga Race Track:** 19 miles
- **Lake George Village:** 23 miles
- **Lake Champlain:** 56 miles
- **Adirondack Trailways:** Provides bus service to and from Schenectady.

**Capital District Transportation Authority:**

- **Bus Plus Red Line BRT:** Operates through the heart of downtown Schenectady.

**Tourist Information:**

- **Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation:** Provides information about downtown Schenectady and its attractions.

**Visit the website for locations and rates.**

**CDGH:**

- **cdgh.org:** The website for Schenectady County's tourism and convention organization.

**Additional Information:**

- **Adirondack Trailways:** Provides bus service to and from Schenectady.
- **Albion Street Station:** Provides rail service to and from Schenectady.

**Check website for routes and fares.**

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BY BUS
• Amtrak/Train
  • Albany Railyard (Broadway – right at end of ramp), Exit 4C (Scotia – straight ahead or right onto Route 5)
  • Trolley (to Union Station)
  • From West:
    - Take I-87 to Exit 6 (Route 7 west). Turn right onto Route 7 west and follow to downtown Schenectady

BY TRAIN
• Albany Railyard
  • Scranton (Route 5)
  • Schenectady (200 Broadway – north side of downtown)
  • Saratoga (below on ramp)
  • To State College of Technology – exit I-87 at Exit 7A (Route 7 east) at the New Scotland exit.
  • Bus shuttle service available.

BY CAR
• Gateway Mobility Center
  • 101 S. Church St. (gatehouse)
  • Monday-Friday 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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  • Individual and commercial permits available.
  • Business permits available.
  • Multiple routes to and from Downtown Schenectady

BY BIKE
• Bike Share
  • CDPHP Cycle!
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  • The new Gateway Mobility Center – adjacent to Gateway Plaza on lower state street – includes access to bike share, including the Capital District Transportation Authority’s re:Ride Plus
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BY FOOT
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• Parking Lot
  • Monday–Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.: $10/month
  • Weekdays after 5 p.m., weekends, and holidays: FREE
  • Parking Permits apply for event parking
  • Parking Lot A: $14/month, Parking Lot B: $20/month, Parking Lot C: $25/month
  • Monthly permit parking rates available.

On-Street Parking
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• Schenectady offers ample on-street parking
  • Weekdays 8 a.m.–6 p.m.: $15/month or $1.00/hour on street
  • Weekdays after 6 p.m., weekends, and holidays: FREE

Parking Payments
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• Downtown Schenectady offers two convenient ways to pay for parking:
  • Passport Parking App
    • Download the free Passport Parking app or use Apple or Android wallets and connect to a personal parking account
    • Use your account to pay for parking
  • Passport Parking
    • Accepted on all ParkIN Schenectady surface lots and co-parking facilities
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