Housing and Transportation Resources

UT doesn't offer on-campus housing for visitors. You will ultimately be responsible for finding your own housing and means of transportation. Use the links below to visit sites with information you might find helpful about finding living and travel accommodations in Knoxville. Please email aherrel4@utk.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Housing

1. Airbnb - Some Airbnb hosts in the area could be willing to let you have an extended stay. Some of these will be close to campus, and are usually people renting out rooms in their house. Choose “Knoxville, TN” as your location and filter by move-in and move-out dates to find places with your exact time frame. This is the option I most recommend for visiting externs.

2. Extended Stay Hotels - This website has a list of the few extended stay hotels that Knoxville has to offer. You can filter with your exact dates and find a few options. It charges per night, so this would be a reliable option, but can get very expensive.

3. UTK Off Campus Housing - This website has a list of many rentals in the area that you can filter by flexible lease, short term lease, or month-to-month lease. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select “View All Rentals.” These will mostly be sublease listings by students here at the university and would likely require you to live with roommates. Keep an eye on this site as listings are always changing and usually become available in late summer / early fall.

4. Facebook Marketplace - You'll need a Facebook account to view this, but you could also look on Facebook Marketplace and search for “sublease.” Many students are looking for someone to take over their lease for them. Leases for the fall semester will begin in August, so you could look for subleases around that time. Keep looking throughout the summer and definitely in August/September. However, it could be difficult to find somewhere willing to lease to you for such a short period of time. I usually recommend this option for visitors coming for a full semester or longer rotation period.

Some apartment listings will require you to contact the leasing office directly. If you find a place you like, I recommend reaching out to explain your situation to see if you can come to an agreement.

Transportation

1. Car Rentals - In some cases, you can get an International Driver's Permit if you have a driver's license in your home country. Be advised that this is a very expensive option.

2. KAT Bus - Here you can find information about Knoxville's public transportation options and the routes that they offer. If you aren't renting a car, I would recommend looking for housing within close proximity to a KAT Bus stop.

3. "The T" Transit - If you are staying somewhere close enough to campus, UT's transit system could have a route stop nearby. Download the app to see the tracking map, route stops, and updates.

4. UT Bike Rentals - UT offers bike rentals at a day/semester rate. If you can find housing within biking distance to UTCVM, we have plenty of bike racks for you to use around the building.

5. I BIKE KNX - Here you can find info about biking in Knoxville with maps, local bike shops, and other resources.

If you have any questions or concerns about location, distance, reliability, or safety of anything that you find, we will be happy to offer advice. Knoxville is generally a safe city, but there will always be areas that are better than others when choosing where to stay.

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