Places to Visit on Campus

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Campus Tours
The Information and Referral Center offers guided walking tours of the campus throughout the year. Virtual tours, live campus images, campus maps, and walking tour schedules are available online.
cornell.edu/visiting
cornell.edu/visiting/ithaca

Cornell Chimes
The Cornell Chimes, housed in historic McGraw Tower, are the university’s oldest musical tradition. Climb up the tower’s 161 steps to watch the chimesmasters work out, using both hands and a foot to manipulate the clavier that drives all 21 bells. Enjoy the 15-minute concerts as well as the 360 degree view of campus and the surrounding community. During the academic year, there are three daily concerts on weekdays and two daily concerts on weekends.
chimes.cornell.edu

Cornell Events Calendar
Website visitors can find daily university event listings from athletics to theater and dance, museum collections, department sponsored events, and more.
cornell.edu/events

Cornell Lab of Ornithology*
The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a nonprofit organization supported by 45,000 friends and members. It is a world leader in the study, appreciation, and conservation of birds. Its vibrant community includes 200,000 citizen-science participants and 5 million bird enthusiasts who connect with the lab online. The Lab of O features Sapsucker Woods—a beautiful place to visit in any season.
birds.cornell.edu

Cornell Orchards
The Cornell Orchards, established in 1910, is a primary research and education facility in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Cornell operates two orchards that produce several varieties of fruits. The Ithaca orchard features cider and grape pressing operations, a teaching winery, a post-harvest lab, and a retail store where visitors can sample free cider and find an assortment of specialty food and gift items.
hort.cals.cornell.edu/cals/hort/about/cornell_orchards.cfm

Cornell Plantations*
Cornell Plantations occupies 200 park-like acres including an arboretum with a magnificent collection of trees and 14 botanical gardens that display herbs, heritage vegetables, poisonous plants, rhododendrons, wildflowers, winter plants, and more. Plantations also cares for more than 4,000 acres of natural areas.
cornellplantations.org

Cornell’s Wilder Brain Collection
Assembled by Cornell’s first biology professor, Burt Green Wilder, the collection contains the “pickled” brains of the brilliant and the criminal, 70 in all. Professor Wilder studied them and others to see if he could correlate brain size with intelligence (he couldn’t). Among the most notable brains in the collection is that of Edward Rulloff, a brilliant linguist and local murderer.
cornell.edu/collections

Fuertes Observatory
The observatory is named for Estevan Fuertes, dean of the Engineering School in 1873. This building is no longer used for research, but it is open to the public on clear Friday nights.
astro.cornell.edu/facilities/fuertes

Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art*
The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art houses Cornell’s art collection, which consists of more than 30,000 works of art. Cornell’s first president, Andrew Dickson White, began the collection in the 1880s. The Johnson Museum has one of the finest collections of art in New York State and is recognized as one of the most important university museums in the country.
museum.cornell.edu

Libraries
Cornell University has 17 libraries on its Ithaca campus. Staff may use their Cornell University identification card as a library card to borrow materials. The libraries house several special collections on topics such as South and East Asia, agriculture, witchcraft, human sexuality, the history of science, and more. Olin, Kroch, and Uris Libraries, the main libraries on central campus, hold 3.5 million volumes—almost half of Cornell’s collections.
library.cornell.edu

Minns Garden
Minns Garden wakes the campus to color each spring, with a kaleidoscopic display of tulips and daffodils. As the season progresses, these are replaced by a riotous procession of perennials and annuals.

Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility (SPIF)
Browse through more than 10,000 pictures and slides taken by NASA spacecraft including Voyager, Viking, Apollo, Galileo, and Magellan. See radar images and videos of the surface of Venus, photos of the asteroid Gaspra, and images of Saturn, Jupiter, and other planets.
astrosun2.astro.cornell.edu/facilities/SPIF.php

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