Places to Visit on the Ithaca Campus

Beebe Lake & Gorge Trails
A picturesque 1-mile loop trail around Beebe lake in the heart of campus is beautiful year round. Visit the link below for information and maps about other trails in the gorges and natural areas of Cornell’s campus.
gorgesafety.cornell.edu/enjoy-the-gorges/

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 Botanic Gardens*
Cornell Botanic Gardens 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. The Botanic Gardens also cares for more than 4,000 acres of natural areas.
cornellbotanicgardens.org

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 Dairy Bar
Enjoy Cornell dairy ice cream, milk, yogurt, pudding and Big Red Cheddar, produced right here at Cornell’s very own dairy processing plant. Coffee, sandwiches, and other items make this a popular stop for breakfast, lunch, or a refreshing snack.
dining.cornell.edu/cornelldairybar

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 and 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 is located in the 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 Store
Browse an impressive array of Cornell-branded clothes and merchandise, as well as technology and computers, books, gifts, and sundries. Postal and banking services are also located in the campus store, as well as Cafe Jennie for delicious sandwiches and snacks.
store.cornell.edu

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 for astronomical viewing on clear Friday nights.
astro.cornell.edu/facilities/fuertes

Heasley Mineralogy Museum & Rock Parks
Nestled in the apex of Snee Hall is a hidden showcase of minerals, fossils, lapidary works, and antique instruments. Continue rock hounding outdoors to observe specimens on display in several rock park areas on campus.
ea.s.cornell.edu/about/facilities/museum.cfm
ea.s.cornell.edu/about/facilities/rock_parks

* Member of the Discovery Trail
discoverytrail.com

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Cornell University
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art*
The Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art houses 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. Cornell’s first president, Andrew Dickson White, began the collection in the 1880s. The I.M. Pei-designed building is a Cornell and local landmark. Don’t miss Leo Villareal’s Cosmos, a mesmerizing outdoor light installation on the ceiling of the Sherry and Joel Mallin Sculpture Court, which is an homage to the late Cornell astronomy professor, Carl Sagan.
museum.cornell.edu

Liberty Hyde Bailey Conservatory
Explore plant collections that include Cornell’s titan arums, affectionately known as “Wee Stinky” -- one of the world’s largest flowers which is renowned for its “rotting corpse” aroma. A short stroll leads to Minn’s Garden just outside the Plant Science Building, a picturesque place to savor a quiet moment.
conservatory.cals.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. The A.D. White Reading Room within Uris Library is a historic treasure not to be missed; and the Mann and Law School libraries are also scenic spaces that are enjoyable to visit.
library.cornell.edu

Sage Chapel
Built in 1872, this Victorian Gothic structure in the center of campus features magnificent stained glass and mosaics, as well as a memorial chapel to the university’s founders.
fs.cornell.edu/fs/facinfo/fs_facilinfo.cfm?facil_cd=2005

Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility (SPIF)
Jointly sponsored by NASA and Cornell University, SPIF is a repository of spacecraft data, facilitator of research, and educational hub. Touch a meteorite, see the flag presented to Cornell that flew aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia, and view photos of the solar system.
spif.astro.cornell.edu

Veterans Memorials
Cornellians who have served in the U.S. Military in times of war are honored by a number of memorials across campus. Visit the webpage below for history and information about sites across campus that include Barton Hall, Willard Straight Hall, Anabel Taylor Hall, and the War Memorial at Lyon and McFaddin Halls.
http://veteransmemorials.cornell.edu/

To find out more about Cornell visit: cornell.edu/about