

# Cornell & Ithaca Resources: A Practical Guide

*Start exploring Ithaca! These pages provide but a sample of the wide array of local businesses and services. For updated information, conduct an Internet search or check the yellow pages of a local telephone book.*

## Services

### Banking

The following is a glossary of banking terms as well as a list of banks that can be found on campus and around Ithaca. When choosing a bank, consider its location. For convenience, consider a bank located near where you live, work, or study. Before visiting to open an account, call the bank or check its web site to see what you will need to open an account (ID, minimum deposit, etc.)

**Checking account:** With a checking account, you can use checks to withdraw money from the account, pay bills, purchase products and services, and send money to friends and family. You may also be able to withdraw or deposit funds at an automated teller machine (ATM) or to pay for purchases at stores with an ATM card (see below).

Typically, you can make deposits into the checking account as often as you choose. Institutions may impose various fees on checking accounts, in addition to a charge for the checks you order. Be sure to review all of the terms and conditions of having an account with a particular institution before you sign up.

**Automated Teller Machine (ATM) and debit cards:** Your bank may be able to issue you a basic Automated Teller Machine (ATM) card that lets you obtain 24 hour access to money in your bank account through ATM cash machines, or a more sophisticated debit card that you can use to make purchases directly.

When you use a debit card, funds come directly out of your bank account (just like writing a check). Because ATM withdrawals and purchases are listed on your monthly statement, you can track your spending. Reconcile all ATM receipts with bank statements as soon as possible.

Certain debit cards may have the logo of a familiar credit card company on them. These cards are designed to provide you the convenience of making purchases wherever such credit cards are accepted (millions of businesses worldwide), but the purchase amounts are subtracted directly from your bank account and listed on your monthly statement. Debit cards do not extend you credit or generate separate bills. They also do not help you build a credit record, which may be important if you intend to purchase a car or home.

When you withdraw cash, some ATMs charge a fee if you are not a member of their network or are making a transaction at a remote location. ATMs must disclose the fee on the terminal screen or on a sign next to the screen.

Report a lost or stolen ATM or debit card to the issuer immediately or you may be at least partially liable for fraudulent purchases. (Adapted from <http://www.foreignborn.com>)

**Savings account:** With savings accounts you can make withdrawals, but you do not have the flexibility of using checks to do so. You can typically transfer funds from your savings account to your checking account (assuming both accounts are with the same institution). A savings account accrues a modest amount of interest over time.

**Safety deposit box:** A safety deposit box is a safe place to store your valuables at a bank. It is protected by a personal key.

### Banks (in alphabetical order)

- **Alternatives Federal Credit Union** (<http://www.alternatives.org/>)  
125 N Fulton St, (607) 273-4611
- **Bank of America** (<http://www.bankofamerica.com>)  
409 College Ave (ATM); 306 West Ave (ATM)
- **CFCU Community Credit Union\*** (<http://www.mycfcu.com>)  
The Cornell Store, (607) 255-5111  
Other locations: Triphammer Mall; East Hill Plaza; 409 N Meadow St
- **Citizens Bank** (<http://www.citizensbank.com>)  
408 Elimira Ave, (607) 272-3731  
Other locations: 2300 N Triphammer Rd; 710 S Meadow St
- **First Niagara** (<https://www.firstniagara.com/home.aspx>)  
300 N Tioga St, (607) 273-1431  
Other location: 2315 N Triphammer Rd
- **M&T Bank\*** (<http://www.mtb.com>)  
118 N Tioga St, (607) 274-8948  
Other locations: Willard Straight Hall (ATM); Robert Purcell Union (ATM); 406 College Ave; East Hill Plaza; The Shops at Ithaca Mall; The Commons
- **Tompkins Trust Company\*** (<http://www.tompkinstrust.com>)  
The Cornell Store, (607) 257-1909  
Other locations: The Commons; East Hill Plaza; Community Corners; The Shops at Ithaca Mall; 2251 N Triphammer Rd

\* indicates campus branch or ATM

### Haircut, Barber and Salon Services

- **Acute Style**, 147 Dryden Rd, (607) 277-4969
- **Alta Spa**, 308 E State St, (607) 233-4960
- **Gayle's Uptown Salon**, 206 W Green St, (607) 273-6461
- **Hair Etc.**, 920 N Cayuga St, (607) 257-7910
- **Hairy Canary**, 116 N Cayuga St, (607) 273-2221
- **Renaissance Hair Styles**, 210 Dryden Rd, (607) 273-1337
- **Satori Day Spa & Salon**, 840 Hanshaw Rd, (607) 266-0130
- **Studio 108 Hair Design**, 108 Dryden Rd, (607) 277-4852
- **Talking Heads**, 215 Dryden Rd, (607) 277-7778

## Information & Referral Centers

- **Cornell University**, Day Hall Lobby, (607) 254-4636
- **Tompkins County**, Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County, call 2-1-1 (within Tompkins County) or (607) 273-8686

## Lost & Found

- **At Cornell**: University Police, G-8 Barton Hall, (607) 255-7197, [lostandfound@cornell.edu](mailto:lostandfound@cornell.edu)
- **On a TCAT bus**: call (607) 277-7433
- **In Ithaca**: try Ithaca Craigslist (<http://ithaca.craigslist.org/laf/>)

## Photocopy and Fax Services

- **The Cornell PostMarket**, The Cornell Store, (607) 255-3907  
Open from 8 am -4:30 pm.
- **Gnomon Copy** (<http://www.gnomoncopy.biz/>), 722 S Meadow St, (607) 273-3333
- **Kinko's of Ithaca** (<http://fedex.com/us/office/>) 605 W State Street, (607) 272-0202
- **Olin Library Copy Operations**, B41 Olin Library, (607) 255-4700
- **Staples** (<http://www.staples.com/>), 742 S Meadow St, (607) 275-0240

## Postal/Mail, Shipping and Courier Services

- **United States Postal Service (USPS)** (<http://www.usps.com/>)
  - **The Cornell PostMarket**, The Cornell Store, (607) 255-3907
  - **Main Office**, 757 Warren Road, 1 (800) 275-8777
  - **Downtown**, 213 N Tioga St, 1 (607) 266-0570
- **Big Red Shipping and Storage** (<http://www.bigredboxes.com/>) 409 College Ave, (607) 272-2000
- **Federal Express (FedEx)** (<http://www.fedex.com/us/office/>) 747 Warren Rd, 1 (800) 463-3339; 605 W State St, (607) 272-0202
- **The UPS Store** (<http://theupsstore.com>) 407 College Ave, (607) 319-0248

## Solid Waste Removal

### (garbage/trash, recycling, compost)

*Note: If you are living off campus, you are responsible for disposing your trash according to Ithaca regulations and the provisions of your lease.*

*First, check with your landlord to determine the trash removal procedures for your residence. You may be personally responsible for the costs, or this may be included in your rent. You may be required to purchase "trash tags" to label your trash for collection (removal), or asked to place your trash in a specific location.*

*In any case, you are required to separate recyclable items (metal, glass, paper) from your regular trash.*

- For information about separating your recyclables, trash and recycling **collection schedules**, and how to purchase **trash tags**, visit <http://www.cityofithaca.org/168/Trash-Yar-Waste-Collection-Tags>.
- For information about general solid waste management, and **recycling and reuse programs** visit <http://www.recycletompkins.org/>.
- For information about large scale **composting** of food scraps and plant materials, visit <http://www.cayugacompost.com/>.

## Telephone and Internet Services

*When thinking about what kind of telephone service you'd like, you should consider wireless (cell/mobile), landline, digital cable, and VoIP. Don't forget to ask about international calling plans! Note: you can also purchase pre-paid calling cards to make international phone calls using your regular phone service.*

*If you are not sure about a cell phone plan, you can sign up for the **campusSIMs** mobile app designed specifically for international students*

*Telephone and Internet services are often integrated or bundled together, and you can sometimes add cable television service as well.*

*Some popular local providers:*

- **Time Warner Cable** (<http://www.timewarnercable.com>)  
Digital cable phone, broadband Internet, and television  
519 W State Street, (607) 272-3456
- **Verizon** (<http://www.verizon.com/>)  
Landline and wireless phone, DSL and FiOS Internet, FiOS television (FiOS may not be available)  
720 S Meadow St, (607) 216-0075
- **AT&T** (<http://att.com>)  
Discount for Cornell Students  
Landline and wireless phone, dial-up Internet  
748 S Meadow St, (607) 273-0400
- **Sprint** (<http://www.sprint.com>)  
Wireless phone, mobile Internet  
40 Catherwood Road, 607-257-0050
- **Skype** (<http://www.skype.com>)  
VoIP (Voice over Internet Provider)
- **Vonage** (<http://www.vonage.com>)  
VoIP
- **Clarity Connect** (<http://clarityconnect.com>)  
DSL and dial-up Internet  
200 Pleasant Grove Road, (607) 257-8268
- **Light Link** (<http://www.lightlink.com>)  
Broadband and dial-up Internet  
25 Fairview Square, (607) 277-0959

## Television (cable)

- **Time Warner Cable** (<http://www.timewarnercable.com>)  
519 W State Street, (607) 272-3456
- **DIRECTV** (<http://www.directv.com/>)
- **Dish Network** (<http://www.dish.com/>)  
1(866)417-9922

## Transportation

- **T-CAT Bus** (<http://www.tcatbus.com/>)  
T-card also available for purchase at The Cornell Store

## Utilities (electricity, natural gas, water & sewer)

*For off-campus residents only! Note: landlords may pay for part, all, or none of your utilities. Check your lease or ask your landlord directly. Residences may be heated with natural gas, electricity, oil, propane, or wood stoves. It is important that you understand how your apartment is heated and powered, and who pays for the energy. If you are responsible for setting up and paying for your own electric and gas bill, you should contact NYSEG (see below). Your landlord will also tell you whether you are connected to the municipal water supply and who is responsible for paying the water and sewer bill for your residence.*

- **New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG)** (<http://www.nyseg.com>) 1-800-572-1111 (offers interpreter services on phone calls if needed)
- **City of Ithaca Water & Sewer Division**, (607) 272-1717 (<http://www.cityofithaca.org/291/Water-Sewer>)

## Shopping

### Books and Office Supplies

*Tip: Ithaca has a terrific **Friends of the Library Book Sale** each fall and spring. Thousands of used books are available in every subject. Prices get progressively cheaper over the three-week sale period. See <http://booksale.org/> for more information.*

- **Alphabet Soup** (kids' books), 133 Ithaca Cmns, (607) 272-6885
- **Autumn Leaves** (used books), 115 E State St, (607) 273-8239
- **Barnes and Noble Booksellers**, 614 S Meadow St, (607) 273-6784
- **The Bookery** (rare books), 215 N Cayuga St, The DeWitt Mall, (607) 273-5055
- **Buffalo Street Books**, 215 N Cayuga St, The DeWitt Mall, (607) 273-8246
- **The Cornell Store**, (607) 255-4111
- **Colophon Books Inc.** (specialty), 205 N Aurora St, (607) 277-5608
- **Comics For Collectors** (comic books, manga), 207 N Aurora St, (607) 272-3007
- **Kraftees** (text books), 313 College Ave, (607) 269-0510
- **Race Office Equipment Co Inc** (office supplies), 12 Reach Run, (607) 273-1011
- **Staples** (office supplies), 742 S Meadow St, (607) 275-0240
- **When looking for textbooks, you can also check online!**
  - [www.store.cornell.edu](http://www.store.cornell.edu) (personalized Cornell booklist)
  - <http://www.amazon.com/>
  - <http://www.ebay.com/>
  - <http://www.half.ebay.com/>
  - <http://www.ecampus.com/>
  - <http://www.textbooks.com/>
  - <http://www.abebooks.com/>

### General Shopping (clothes, home & more)

#### Malls, Shopping Plazas, General Shopping Areas

- **Cayuga Mall**, 2309 N Triphammer Rd
- **Collegetown**
- **Community Corners**, N Triphammer & Hanshaw Rd
- **Downtown Ithaca & The Commons**, E State St
- **The DeWitt Mall**, 215 North Cayuga St
- **East Hill Plaza**, Pine Tree Rd
- **South Meadow Square**, Elmira Rd & S Meadow St
- **Ithaca Shopping Plaza**, Elmira Road, Route 13
- **The Shops at Ithaca Mall**, 40 Catherwood Rd
- **Triphammer Marketplace**, 2255 N Triphammer Rd

#### "Super" Stores

- **Bed Bath & Beyond** (housewares), 131 Fairgrounds Memorial Pkwy, (607) 257-0329
- **Home Depot** (building supplies, home & garden), 410 Elmira Rd, (607) 272-1093
- **Lowes** (building supplies, home & garden), 130 Fairgrounds Memorial Pkwy, (607) 254-2000
- **Target** (clothing, housewares, personal care, electronics), The Shops at Ithaca Mall, (607) 257-3387

- **Walmart** (clothing, housewares, personal care, electronics), 135 Fairgrounds Memorial Pkwy, (607) 277-4510

### Pre-owned Housewares and Clothing

*Purchasing pre-owned or used items is better for the environment and your wallet. Check these places first before you buy new!*

- **Cornell Dump & Run Sale**, <http://living.sas.cornell.edu/live/movingin/dumpandrun>
- **Finger Lakes ReUse, Inc.** (dishes, furniture, electronics and more!), Triphammer Shopping, (607) 257-9699
- **Ithaca Antique Center** (vintage and antiques), 1607 Trumansburg Rd, (607) 272-3611
- **Mama Goose** (baby/toddler clothes, cloth diapers, toys and equipment), 430 W State St, (607) 269-0600
- **Mimi's Attic** (household items), 430 W State St, (607) 882-9038
- **Petrune** (vintage clothing), 126 The Commons, (607) 277-1930
- **The Salvation Army** (dishes, furniture, clothing, games, toys), 381 Elmira Rd, (607) 273-3872
- **Service League Shop** (clothing), 104 W Seneca St, (607) 272-2120
- **Sew Green** (reclaimed sewing materials) 112 N Cayuga St, (607) 319-4106
- **Significant Elements** (reclaimed building and architectural elements), 212 Center St, (607) 277-3450
- **Trader K's** (clothing, children's clothing), 119 E State St, (607) 272-4011 & **Trader K's 2**, 15 Catherwood Rd, (607) 266-9600
- **Ithaca Freecycle** (free stuff!), <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IthacaFreecycle/>
- **Ithaca Craigslist** (online classifieds), <http://ithaca.craigslist.org/>
- **Garage, Tag, Yard, and Rummage Sales**
- **Classified Ads in newspapers**
- **Auctions**, <http://cnvauctions.com/>

### Grocery and Ethnic Food Stores

*Tip: Try a "Shopper's Club" (Wegmans) or "Bonus Card" (Tops) to make sure you get all of the advertised specials.*

- **ALDI** (low prices on the basics), 505 3<sup>rd</sup> St, <https://www.aldi.us/>
- **Collegetown Mini Mart: Indian Grocery**, 155 Dryden Rd, (607) 277-3300
- **GreenStar Cooperative Market** (natural, local), 701 W Buffalo St, (607) 273-9392 (satellite location, Oasis, in Dewitt Mall) soon to be location on the 300 block of College Ave
- **Ithaca Bakery** (sweets, condiments, cheeses), 400 N Meadow St, (607) 273-7110
- **Ithaca Farmer's Market** (seasonal, Saturday and Sunday), 545 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Steamboat Landing (off Rt 13), (607) 273-7109, <http://www.ithacamarket.com/>
- **Ithaca Tofu** (Asian/Chinese groceries), 23 Cinema Dr, (607) 266-0336
- **Tops Friendly Market** (large, all-purpose grocery), 710 S Meadow St, (607) 275-8041; Other location: 2300 N Triphammer Rd, (607) 257-4952
- **Universal Deli Grocery** (Asian/Indian), 428 Eddy St, (607) 273-1213
- **Wegmans** (large, all-purpose grocery), 500 S Meadow St, (607) 277-5800
- **Win Li Supermarket** (Asian/Chinese groceries), 374 Elmira Road, (607) 277-6790

## Recreation and Entertainment

Visit <http://events.cornell.edu> for more things to do at Cornell and in Ithaca. Visit <http://www.goswarthout.com/tours/find-a-tour-4.html> to see trips offered by the Swarthout Bus Company.

### Athletics & Fitness

- **Cornell Athletics** (<http://www.cornellbigred.com/>)  
Team Sports, Game Schedules, Education
- **Cornell Fitness Centers** (<http://recreation.athletics.cornell.edu/fitness>)  
Centers: Helen Newman Hall, Teagle Hall, Appel Commons Friedman Fitness Center, Noyes
- **Cornell Outdoor Education** (<http://www.coe.cornell.edu/>)  
Outdoor activity instruction, equipment rental
- **Bowling**, Helen Newman Hall, (607) 255-4200, (<http://recreation.athletics.cornell.edu/bowling>)
- **Lindseth Climbing Wall**, Bartels Hall, (607) 254-8255
- **Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding**: Greek Peak Resort (<http://www.greekpeak.net/>), (607) 218-8714
- **Robert Trent Jones Golf Course** (<http://bigred2.athletics.cornell.edu/golf/>)  
Warren Road, (607) 254-6531
- **Horseback Riding**, Oxley Equestrian Center, (607) 272-0152
- **Ice Skating at Lynah Rink** (<http://bigred2.athletics.cornell.edu/lynah/>), (607) 255-3793
- **Ithaca League of Women Rollers** (<http://www.ithacarollerderby.com/>)
- **Grumman Squash Courts**, Teagle Hall, (607) 255-1318
- **Swimming Pools**, Helen Newman Hall, Teagle Hall, (<http://recreation.athletics.cornell.edu/hours-facilities/pool-hours>)
- **Reis Tennis Center**, Pine Tree Road, (607) 254-8922, (<http://www.reistenniscenter.com/>)
- **Student Organizations** (<http://orgsync.rso.cornell.edu/>)  
Dance, martial arts, etc.

### Dining

Ithaca boasts a large and diverse number of eating establishments, especially for a city of its size. There are simply too many restaurants and dining options to list all of them here. New restaurants open on a regular basis, and menus are constantly changing. We would recommend visiting <http://www.ithacamenu.com/> for an up-to-date, comprehensive listing of Ithaca-area restaurants, pubs, diners, grills, bistros and cafes. You can also find information and recommendations at <http://dining.14850.com/dining> and <http://www.visitithaca.com/dining.html>.

As you explore Collegetown, The Commons, and downtown Ithaca, take a peek at restaurant menus. Ask your friends and co-workers for suggestions about their favorite places to eat. Conduct an internet search for your favorite cuisines. You are sure to find something you'll enjoy!

For information about the local food movement, pick up a copy of *Edible Finger Lakes* or visit their online magazine at <http://www.ediblefingerlakes.com/>.

Ithaca has three coffee roasting companies—Gimme! Coffee, Ithaca Coffee Company, and Cayuga Coffee (Ithaca Bakery), and at least three microbreweries—Ithaca Beer Company, Bandwagon Brew Pub, and The Scalehouse Brewpub. For more information, visit <http://www.visitithaca.com/attractions/breweries.html>.

The Finger Lakes region also features a number of terrific wineries. For information about local wine trails, visit <http://cayugawinetrail.com/> and <http://senecalakewine.com/>.

### Concerts and Plays

- **Cayuga Chamber Orchestra** (<http://www.ccoithaca.org/>)
- **The Cayuga Vocal Ensemble** (<http://www.cayuga-vocal.org/>)
- **Cornell Concert Series** (<http://www.cornellconcertseries.com/>)
- **Dan Smalls Presents** (<http://www.dansmallspresents.com>)
- **The Hangar Theatre** (<http://www.hangartheatre.org/>)
- **Ithaca Ballet** (<http://www.ithacaballet.org/>)
- **Ithaca College School of Music events** (<http://www.ithaca.edu/music/events/>)
- **Ithaca College Theatre** (<http://www.ithaca.edu/hs/depts/theatre/>)
- **The Kitchen Theatre** (<http://www.kitchentheatre.org/>)
- **NYS Baroque** (<http://www.nysema.com/>)
- **The Schwartz Center for Performing Arts** (<http://pma.cornell.edu/schwartz-center/>)
- **The State Theatre of Ithaca** (<http://www.stateofithaca.com/>)

### Movie Theaters/Rentals

- **Cinemapolis** (<http://www.cinemapolis.org/>)  
120 E Green St, The Commons, (607) 277-6115
- **Cornell Cinema** (<http://cinema.cornell.edu/>)  
Willard Straight Hall, (607) 255-3522
- **Regal Cinemas** (<http://www.theshopsatithacamall.com/>)  
The Shops at Ithaca Mall, (844) 462-7342
- **redbox** (<http://www.redbox.com/>)  
redboxes are located in Wegmans, Tops, Walmart
- **Netflix** (<http://www.netflix.com/>)

### Museums

- **Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Fine Art**, Cornell (<http://www.museum.cornell.edu/>), Arts Quad, (607) 255-6464
- **The History Center in Tompkins County** (<http://www.thehistorycenter.net/>), 401 E State St, (607) 273-8284
- **Museum of the Earth** (<http://www.museumoftheearth.org/>)  
1259 Trumansburg Rd, (607) 273-6623
- **Sciencenter** (<http://www.sciencenter.org/>), 60 1<sup>st</sup> St, (607) 272-0600

### Parks and Nature

- **Allan H. Treman State Marine Park**, Rt 89, (607) 273-3440
- **Buttermilk Falls State Park**, Rt 13 S, (607) 273-5761
- **Cascadilla Creek Gorge**, Collegetown to Downtown
- **Cass Park**, 701 Taughanock Blvd, (607) 273-9211
- **Cornell Plantations** (<http://www.cornellplantations.org/>),  
1 Plantation Rd, (607) 255-2400
- **Finger Lakes Trail** (<http://www.fltconference.org/trails/>)
- **Ithaca Falls**, Lake Street
- **Robert H. Treman State Park**, Route 327, 105 Enfield Falls Rd, (607) 273-3440
- **Six Mile Creek Natural Area/Wildflower Preserve**, Giles St
- **Stewart Park**, Route 13
- **Taughanock Falls State Park**, Route 89, (607) 387-6739
- **Watkins Glen**, (607) 535-4511
- Visit <http://nyfalls.com/> for information about NY Waterfalls
- Visit [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trails\\_in\\_Ithaca,\\_New\\_York](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trails_in_Ithaca,_New_York) for information about recreation trails in Ithaca