Chapter 7

Dining and Entertainment
Ithaca and Tompkins County hosts various restaurants featuring many ethnicities as well as a wide range of entertainment from theatres to discotheques. Our hope is that this section will help in familiarizing you with the entertainment offerings in Ithaca and will often be referenced throughout your duration at Cornell.

### 7.1 Restaurants

What follows is a list of many of the restaurants in the area, divided by location and then alphabetically within each location area. The source for some of the information below is 14850 Dining, a publication of Public Communications, Inc. For further information, including detailed material on local eateries, please visit their website at <http://dining.14850.com>.

Note that restaurants do come and go, so you may see some restaurants on this list close and new ones that aren’t listed open during your time here.

Each restaurant is also assigned to one or more food type categories. We’ve tried to give you an idea of the price of a dinner entree at each restaurant. Below is the key:

- $ “too tired to cook” $ < 7
- $$ “out with friends” $ 7 – 12
- $$$ “fancy Friday night” $ 12 – 18
- $$$$ “parents in town” $ > 18

We’ve also included quotes of what “grads say” about some of these restaurants. If you’ve got an opinion, or we’ve missed your favorite place to eat, e-mail us at egsa@cornell.edu and let us know!

#### 7.1.1 Collegetown

**ABC Cafe**
Vegetarian, $$
308 Stewart Ave. near Chapter House, 277-4770
Wide selection of vegetarian and vegan food in a completely relaxed setting. Live music and/or open-mic many nights. Great Sunday brunch. Check out the famous “burger and fries night” on Fridays. Grads say: “Their sweet potato french fries are really good.”

**Aladdin’s Natural Eatery**
Middle Eastern, $$
100 Dryden Rd., 273-5000
One of Collegetown’s most popular cafes and restaurants, with a wide assortment of salads, sandwiches, soups, and hot dishes. Many vegetarian dishes. Look for glass case near entrance with a multitude of delectable desert treats. Spacious environment. Outside patio service during warmer weather. At times, the staff can be unpleasant!

**Banfi’s**
American, $$$
Statler Hotel (C5), Cornell, 254-2565
Located in the Statler Hotel just a few steps from the engineering quad. Nice dining, convenient location, and a great view — what more could you want! A great place to go with faculty — especially if you can get them to fund it. Be sure to check out the lunch buffet which features an assortment of fresh salads, vegetables, fruits, breads, and soups.

**The Chariot**
Italian, $
420 Eddy St., 273-0081
Ithaca’s only underground pub since 1976. Serves pizza, and a variety of entrees and sandwiches. Round pizza is definitely their forte. Check out the specialty pizzas and cashew chili. A fair selection of beer on tap at the full bar. Be sure to check the Chariot out since some claim that their pizza is better than that of the Nine’s. Grads say: “Really good Mexican pizza.”

**Collegetown Bagels (aka CTB)**
American Cafe, $
415 College Ave., 273-0982
Very convenient being a few steps from the footbridge connecting Collegetown and the Engineering Quad. Variety of bagels made fresh daily, a multitude of sandwiches, soups, baked items, and good coffee. Live music many nights. Serves beer. Outside seating during the warmer months. Great spot for people watching.

**Collegetown Cafe**
Japanese/Korean, $$
321 College Ave., 277-8899
Offers a Korean and Japanese menu. Delicious lunch box served at a reasonable price. Good food and service.

**Dino’s Cosmopolitan Restaurant**
American, $–$$
313 College Ave., 273-4563
Attached to Dino’s Collegetown Bar. Full menu, but best known for their breakfast fare. Inexpensive diner food, but don’t come if in a rush.

**Four Seasons**
Korean, $$$
404 Eddy St., 277-1117
Best Korean food in town. Their chige is amazing! Try the Dik Sot Bim Bim Bop as well as the Champong. Discounted lunch menu on weekdays. Bring a friend and try something new.

**The Greek House Restaurant**
Greek, $–$$
119–121 Dryden Rd., 272-7207
Serves Greek salads, souvlakis, gyros, traditional diner fare, and breakfast anytime. Quick service. For more of Greek family atmosphere see the Souvlaki House below.

**Hong Kong Restaurant**
Chinese, $
120 Dryden Rd., 277-7595
Great for a quick and extremely cheap hot lunch. Choose from pre-prepared selections or special orders menu. Large portions. Look for the free self-serve soup. Grads say: “Really cheap!” “It’s cheap food. I wouldn’t go so far as to say it is good food.”

**Jasmine’s**
Coffeehouse/Cafe, $
114 Dryden Rd., 273-9900
Coffeehouse associated with Aladdin’s (see this section above). Features a good selection of desserts and coffees. Fine place to sit and chat. For a thick milkshake, this is your place!

**Kayuga Restaurant**
Thai, $$$
416 Eddy St., 277-7967
Offers an array of freshly made sushi from its skillfully run sushi bar as well as a broad selection of
traditionally cooked Japanese dishes such as tempura, grilled salmon shioyaki, and beefsteak teriyaki. Closed on Mondays. “Kayuga” reflects the nearby lake, but also can be written as three Japanese characters representing flower, grace, and elegant beauty.

**Lemon Leaf Thai Restaurant**  
Japanese, $$  
408 Eddy St., 277-1338  
A slightly more expensive Thai restaurant, but the food is worth the price.

**Little Thai House**  
Thai, $  
202 Dryden Rd., 273-1977  
Tiny, casual eatery for take-out or eat-in service. Choose from the menu or better yet select two already-prepared entrees from the steam table as a combo (or one large portion) for $5.25. Recommend fare is the Pad Thai and the tofu duck noodle soup. Some dishes are deliciously spicy, and there’s good chili sauce if it’s not hot enough.

**Mama Teresa Pizza**  
Italian/Pizza, $  
139 Dryden Rd., 272-6262  
Pretty expensive for pizza. Those who have tried it say it’s good. Garlic knots rated better than pizza by some.

**The Nines**  
Italian/Pizza, $–$$  
311 College Ave., 272-1888  
Inside a converted firehouse, the Nine’s has a unique atmosphere — with the seating downstairs and the kitchen above. Entrees lean toward an Americana theme. Also, choose from a good selection of beer on tap at the full bar. The square deep-dish pizza is its forte, with a broad array of toppings and a thick crust. The four slices easily feed two or three people. If you’re not in a pizza mood, try the astonishingly good ribs or the roast chicken. Outside seating available during warmer months.

**Pita Pit**  
American, $  
143 Dryden Rd, 277-8748  
A great place to grab a quick, filling, low cost meal. They stuff their pitas with a variety of fillings for both vegetarians and meat lovers.

**Plum Tree**  
Japanese, $$$  
113 Dryden Rd, 256-8081  
This space at the “kneecap” bend of the lowermost block of Dryden Road has housed several restaurants, and the last few have had an Asian theme. This new Japanese restaurant offers good sushi and sashimi and a plentiful variety of cooked meals with very nice presentation. Some say that the sushi is much better than that of Kayuga.

**Rulloff’s**  
American with a Mexican flare, $$  
411 College Ave., 272-6067  
Rulloff’s is a popular place for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Serving a variety of sandwiches, pastas, and entrees. Note only chips and not French fries are served with your sandwich or burger.

**Sangam Indian Cuisine**  
Indian, $$
424 Eddy St., 273-1006
The closest Indian Restaurant to the Cornell campus. Come to Sangam’s for a quick lunch or relax and try every sumptuous item at the lunch buffet. A full menu is also available for dinner. Grads say: “Their lunch buffet is a yummy, filling, affordable deal.”

**Souvlaki House**
Greek, $–$$
315 Eddy St., 273-1650
Souvlaki House represents the best combination of good food, reasonable prices, and good service. In fact, Souvlaki House offers both Greek food and Italian food, with the area’s best souvlaki, Greek salad, and stuffed grape leaves, plus very good chicken, veal, or eggplant parmigiana. Inexpensive lunch choices include subs, souvlaki and gyros, and Greek-style pizza. Friendly and family-style atmosphere. Grads say: “Get the carbonara there; it’s very good.”

**Stella’s**
Coffeehouse/Bar, $$
403 College Ave., 277-1490
One side is a coffeehouse, and the other is a wine bar and jazz lounge. Both serve food. The coffeehouse serves sandwiches and salads. A complete menu can be found at the wine bar.

**Subway**
Fast Food, $
Dryden Rd. Check out the $2.99 foot long sub special on Tuesdays.

**Vietnam Restaurant**
Vietnamese, $–$$
208 Dryden Rd., 273-5030
Specializing in authentic fine Vietnamese Cuisine, homemade soups and salads. The duck served at room temperature is excellent. Grads say: “Pretty good!”

### 7.1.2 Downtown Ithaca Commons Area

The restaurants in this section are all located within one or two blocks of the Commons. Note that all of the restaurants in the Center Ithaca mall are arranged in a food-court layout and share seating.

**Capital Corner**
Chinese, $$
118 W. State St., 272-7350
Continental Cantonese in a relaxed atmosphere.

**Cafe Dewitt**
Cafe/Vegetarian, $
215 N. Cayuga St. in DeWitt Mall, 273-3473
Primarily vegetarian food in a comfortable, but no-frills environment.

**Collegetown Bagels**
American Cafe, $
203 N. Aurora St. in downtown, 273-2848
Similar to CTB in Collegetown, but without the music and beer. A popular spot to catch lunch while running errands downtown, or to read the paper on the weekends.

**Diamond’s Bar and Restaurant**
Indian, $$
106 W. Green St., 272-4508
Great food. They offer a lunch buffet and can accommodate large parties. It’s a good idea to make reservations for dinner. Grads say: “Much better than Sangam for Indian food.”

**D.P. Dough**

Pizza, $  
108 W. Green St. by the Commons, 277-7772  
Calzones, calzones, calzones — mainly a delivery operation, but you can order at the store also.

**Geppetto’s Pizzeria**

Italian/Pizza, $  
404 W. State St., 272-1950  
Primarily a take-out/delivery place, Geppetto’s serves pizza, subs, and what some consider the best calzones in Ithaca. The best gourmet pizza found in Ithaca.

**Gino’s New York Pizzeria**

Pizza, $  
106 N Aurora St., 277-2777  
Grads say: “Excellent pizza. Very, very cheap.”

**Hal’s Diner**

Diner, $  
115 North Aurora St., 273-7765  
A Jewish-style deli with good hot and cold deli sandwiches, burgers, salads, soups, and breakfasts that include bagels and lox. The triple-decker sandwiches are named after Hal (the deli’s late founder) and assorted relatives and regulars; the “Ron Mack Special” is a plate of potato pancakes and corned beef named after the late Cornell professor of psychology. The food’s not fancy and the service is friendly and well-meaning, if not expert, but sometimes you just gotta have a Reuben and a knish.

**Harvest Deli**

Vegetarian, $  
Center Ithaca on the Commons, 272-1961  
Creative vegetarian and vegan offerings at a reasonable price.

**Ithaca Diner**

Diner, $  
116 W. State St., 272-6009  
Daily breakfast and lunch specials in an informal atmosphere.

**Jade Garden**

Chinese, $$  
113 N. Aurora St., 272-8880  
Jade Garden offers a small but well-stocked Chinese lunch and dinner buffet right off the Commons, plus tasty food prepared to order for dining in or carry-out service. (No delivery.) The restaurant is clean and casual, and while they don’t compare to the sheer variety at the larger buffets in town, they don’t seem to have to.

**Juna’s Cafe**

American Cafe, $  
146 State St. on the Commons, 256-4292  
Good coffee, sandwiches, desserts, and milkshakes. When it’s warm the front of the cafe will be open to the commons and the musicians, which often play on the second floor, can be heard on the commons.

**Just a Taste**

American, $$$
116 N. Aurora St. near the Commons, 277-9463
Catering to an interesting mix of business owners, college students, and everyone in between, this wine and tapas bar offers an ever-changing menu of creative food, most of which come in appetizer-sized portions to be shared at the table, and a broad array of wines to sample. Since the menu changes every night we can’t suggest a specific dish, but we’ll tell you that if it sounds like an odd combination, it’s probably exquisite. Try the sangria. Outdoor seating is available in the summer on their backyard patio.

**King David**
Middle Eastern, $
Center Ithaca on the Commons, 272-6000
Enjoy a wide range of freshly prepared Middle Eastern food. Hummus, falafel, gyros and greek salad are available. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner.

**Les Duces**
French, $$$
113 S. Cayuga St., 277-8942

**Lost Dog Cafe**
American, $$
106 South Cayuga Street, 277-9143
The Lost Dog has a wonderful array of creative flavors which can satisfy any palate both vegetarians and meat eaters alike. Check out the sundried tomato dip with slices of garlic toast, and smoked trout served with crackers and a creamy horseradish sauce as appetizers. Also recommended is the tortellini amore, tricolor cheese tortellini served with a mound of lobster chunks, enormous shrimp, and spinach and mushrooms in a cream sauce. The Lost Dog has several good beers on tap, including Guinness and the fine Ithaca Stout, as well as a wide array of coffee drinks.

**Madeline’s**
American/Asian Fusion, $$$
215 E. State St. on the Commons, 277-2253
A top-notch-for-Ithaca example of American and Asian fusion cooking, Madeline’s boasts an excellent selection of seafood along with pasta dishes. The setting is a bizarre mix of art deco and Harlem renaissance. An extensive, but pricey, wine list and an interesting selection of cocktails. The desserts, while long on appearance, can be a bit short on taste. Also a nice place to go just for dessert and a cup of coffee. They often feature live music on weekend nights.

**Mahogany Grill**
American, $$
112 N. Aurora St., 272-1438

**Moosewood**
Vegetarian, $$
DeWitt Mall, Seneca St, near the Commons, 273-9610
Ithaca’s famous cooperative vegetarian restaurant, open for lunch and dinner. The menu changes nightly and features a wide range of natural and gourmet foods, often prepared with local produce. Sunday nights feature different ethnic selections. Outside seating is available in the summertime. The Moosewood café which offers coffee and drinks and often live music. Check out the many Moosewood cookbooks and make your own Moosewood food at home. Grads say: “Don’t go here – all of the food is premade that morning and reheated and it seems like something you can make yourself if you have any cooking skills. It’s just the name that everyone is excited about but it’s overrated and overpriced.” “One of my favorites – the menu changes every week, but it is all good.”

**Napoli Pizzeria**
Pizza, $

335 E. State St., 272-3232
Their specialty is pizza slathered in olive oil. Best wings in town.

**Pizza Aroma**
Pizza, $
128 S. Cayuga St. by the Commons, 273-6165
Excellent gourmet pizzas are on sale here, with a variety of unusual toppings.

**Ragmann’s**
American, $
108 N. Aurora St. near the Commons, 273-5236
Casual sit-down sandwich place. One of the best places in Ithaca to get a “real sandwich.” Reasonable prices and convenient location.

**Sangam Indian Cuisine**
Indian, $
Center Ithaca on the Commons, 273-1006
This location serves a subset of the menu of the main restaurant in Collegetown that is extra quick and convenient.

**Simeon’s on the Commons**
American, $$–$$$
224 E. State St., 272-2212
The restaurant can be a bit crowded, but the variety of pan-ethnic specialties on the menu make Simeon’s worth checking out. Long-time Simeon’s fans will be pleased to see the menu still has most of the old favorites, and we’re also pleased at the variety of creative and tasty dishes added to the specials board nightly. The “sandwiches with a history” are a good fallback if you don’t need lots of food, and the generous salads are a good choice as well. Or, dive in with garlic bread with cheese, a crock of French onion soup, and Jamaican Jerk chicken or pork. The good wine selection should have more local choices, but the scotch and bourbon offerings are without peer.

**The State Street Diner**
American Diner, $
428 W. State St., 272-6189
A friendly and dynamic atmosphere open 24 hours. Breakfast and lunch are served all day. Their home fries are highly recommended, as is their bottomless cup of coffee. It’s a bit greasy, but it is a diner, after all! A Cornell experience not to be missed.

**Taste of Thai**
Thai, $$
216 The Commons, 256-5487
With a fancy Thai restaurant on Route 13, and a great casual Thai restaurant in Collegetown, Taste of Thai offers middle price range menu, but with top-notch food. The Pad Thai was delicious, and not quite what we were used to, and the Khao Pud Supparod, or pineapple and chicken fried rice, with slices of Thai sausage and raisins, was our first experience with sweet fried rice. Nearly all the dishes can be made vegetarian, using tofu, vegetables, or mock chicken or duck in place of meat ingredients. Some even say that it is better than Thai Restaurant.

**Viva Taqueria**
Mexican, $–$$
101 N. Aurora St. near the Commons, 277-1752
This downtown corner eatery features inexpensive and plentiful handmade, fresh Mexican food, focusing on tacos, burritos, nachos, and the like. The fillings include spiced chicken, beef, pork, or bean-based vegetarian mixes. The next-door Cantina offers table service and a bar that mixes (among other things) a
respectable margarita. Grads say: “They have the best super chicken burritos ever, and good nachos. It’s a good $7 quick dinner that you eat real fast and tastes really good. Always get the take-out, because the restaurant is the exact same food on a plate for a few dollars more.”

**Zoupworks**
American, $
109 Cayuga St., 272-3100
Freshly made soup and sandwiches.

### 7.1.3 Other Downtown

**Andy’s Third Street Cafe**
American Diner, $$
425 Third St., 277-0007
Breakfast buffet around $8. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner always available.

**Boatyard Grill**
Seafood, $$$ 525 Taughannock Blvd, 256-BOAT (2628)
The Boatyard Grill located on the tip of Cayuga Lake serves fresh seafood brought daily from Boston. Also, don’t miss the Texas Cowboy Steak, a porterhouse with a chipotle glaze served on the bone, and Boatyard Angus Sirloin smothered with fresh roasted garlic. Come for the hearty food and nautical view by boat or by car.

**Bistro Q**
BBQ $$ Corner of Buffalo & Fulton Streets, 277-3287
The smoked foods are done to perfection in the smokers right by the outside kitchen door, and the fried garlic grits appetizer and the southern salmon chowder were delightful treats. The crab cakes are terrific as an appetizer or in a refreshing variant on Eggs Benedict. Vegetarians are likely to be pleasantly surprised by their options at this carnivore’s bastion.

**Hai Hong Restaurant**
Chinese, $$
602 W. State St., 272-1668
Great food in a traditional setting. They accommodate large parties. A reservation is suggested, especially on the weekends. The bean curd Szechwan is quite tasty. They also offer lunch buffet on weekdays and dim sum on Sundays.

**Ithaca Bakery**
American Cafe, $
400 N. Meadow St., 273-7110
Connected with the CTB chain, they sell the same bagels, sandwiches, soups, and coffee found in the other locations, but with a wide assortment of cold and hot dishes (purchased by weight) and specialty items. It’s also a great place to pick up a delicious desert for a special event. The day-old bread here is a great deal. All that, and they deliver too!

**Papa John’s**
Pizza, $
425 Franklin St., 277-7272
Chain-style pizza at good prices but be sure to bring cash because they don’t take plastic.

**KFC**
Fast Food, $
203 South Meadow (Route 13 North), 273-4169
Maxie’s Supper Club
American, $$$
635 W. State St., 272-4136
It’s worth putting up with the cramped feeling and excessive noise in this marvelous oyster bar and Cajun eatery. The food is almost all spicy, and you’ll need to go again and again to try everything that tempts you on the menu. Happy hour until 6 pm means half-price oysters and clams from the raw bar. For a good sampling, try the Cajun Mixed Grill and a side of fresh corn bread with tasty orange-honey butter. Vegetarian options are limited; go for the veggie jambalaya. Open late. Grads say: “It’s good, it’s fun, it’s a little pricey. It’s a good place to eat dinner and have a few drinks.”

Old Port Harbor
American, $$$ (More expensive for dinner cruises.)
702 W. Buffalo St., 272-4868
Besides their main restaurant serving seafood and other fare, Old Port Harbor operates dinner cruises on Lake Cayuga.

Pangea
American, $$$
120 Third St, 273-8515
Seasonal cuisine, courtyard dining, wood-oven roasted specialties, grilled land and seafood, and an eclectic wine list. Spectacular! A hidden treasure. Grads say: “An excellent restaurant. It’s small, quaint, and out-of-the-way; not a lot of people go there, not a lot of people know about it, but the food is really good. Probably the best food in Ithaca.”

Pizza Hut
Pizza, $
609 W. Clinton St., 277-6777

Roma Pizzeria
Italian/Pizza, $–$$
710 Hancock St., 272-5800
Family style Italian cooking at reasonable prices. Nothing fancy, but good if you want a low-priced tasty meal.

Shortstop Deli
Deli, $
204 W. Seneca St., 273-1030
Open 24 hours. Considered by many to be the best place for sub sanwiches in Ithaca.

The Station
American, $$$
Taughannock Blvd. at the foot of W. Buffalo St., 272-2609
Dining in converted railway cars — now there’s an experience! Check out their early bird specials for a good deal.

Willow
American $$$
202 East Falls Street, 272-0656
Willow a new contemporary American restaurant which replaced Renee’s features creative appetizers, salads, pastas, and entrees. The menu includes several fresh seafood dishes. The menu could use more vegetarian items. The presentation was impressive. The service and decor are top-notch. The food was quality but does not compare to its predecessor.
Ziffy’s Diner  
American Diner $ 309 E. Lincoln St., 216-1616

ZaZa’s Cucina  
Italian $$$ 682 Cascadilla St., 273-9292

7.1.4 Pyramid Mall Area

Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill and Bar  
American, $$  
Standard and predictable American dishes. Full service bar. Décor includes paraphernalia from Cornell University, Ithaca College, and other local schools.

Billy Bob Jack’s Barbecue Shack  
American, $$  
Oakcrest and N. Triphammer Rds., 257-1122  
Founded by three brothers, Steak lovers will enjoy their “Old 49-er” challenger. For a smaller version with a reduced menu, visit Billy Bob Jack’s Too in Collegetown (section 7.1.1).

Friendly’s  
American, $  
Pyramid Mall, 257-2361  
Cayuga Mall, 257-5797  
Table service, but in a fast-food style. Check out the selection of ice cream treats.

Little Thai House  
Thai, $$  
11 Graham Road, 266-8780  
A new Little Thai House, at the Graham Road entrance to Pyramid Mall Ithaca, features tasty Thai food in a more relaxed sit-down setting. The menu still bears a few remnants of the months as Little Pisces Seafood and Grill (the previous restaurant), such as a grilled grouper wrapped in banana leaves, and the Forest & Sea combination of steak and jumbo prawn. Try the massaman chicken curry.

May Lee’s  
Chinese, $  
Pyramid Mall Food Court, 257-1033  
Quick and cheap. Convenient if you just happen to be at the mall.

Peking Restaurant  
Chinese, $$  
Cayuga Mall, 257-4818  
Chinese and Vietnamese restaurant with an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Pizza Hut  
Pizza, $  
2301 N. Triphammer Rd. in Cayuga Mall, 257-2778

The Rose  
American, $$  
Triphammer Mall, 257-5542  
This casual American-style restaurant offers wings and fajitas in addition to an array of sandwiches, steaks, chicken and fish entrees, and salads. The salad bar is a meal in itself. Grads say: “Steer clear of the lasagna.”
Subway
Fast Food, $
15 Catherwood Rd. by Pyramid Mall, 257-1234

Wok Village Restaurant
Chinese, $$
23 Cinema Dr. behind Triphammer Mall, 257-8881
This attractive and casual Chinese restaurant offers lunchtime dim sum on the weekends, and nice dinners consisting of traditional Cantonese, Hunan, and Szechuan Chinese dishes, plus an array of Vietnamese specialties. They have lunch buffets and they offer free delivery.

7.1.5 Route 13 South/Elmira Road

Friendly’s
American, $$
323 Elmira Road on Route 13, 272-0984
Table service, but in a fast-food style. Check out the selection of ice cream treats.

King Buffett
Chinese, $$
720 S Meadow St., 256-3388
King Buffet starts out as a Chinese buffet, but ends up with a much broader array of food. Their fresh and flavorful dishes include plenty of vegetarian dishes, sushi, carve-to-order ham and roast beef, and kid-friendly items like pizza and spaghetti.

Ling Ling Restaurant
Chinese, $$
222 Elmira Rd., 272-0718
Take-out Chinese restaurant. Twenty-eight lunch specials. You can get the standard Chinese dishes here, and they also have a great chow fun. They offer a surprising variety of Szechuan, Hunan, and Cantonese cooking a la carte, with several options available as combo dinners ($7-8 or so for entree plus fried rice and egg roll), and a couple dozen lunch special possibilities, where $4.60 gets you an entree with fried rice, plus soup or an egg roll.

Lucatelli’s Ristorante
Italian, $$–$$$ 
205 Elmira Rd., 273-0777
Lucatelli’s is best known for its plentiful Italian-style entrees, juicy steaks, and extensive antipasto salad bar. The food’s tasty, the parking is easy, the pasta and gnocchi are fresh. Warm family atmosphere with large dining room. Excellent southern Italian cuisine. Good-sized portions at reasonable prices.

Main Moon Chinese Buffet
Chinese, $
401 Elmira Rd. near Buttermilk Falls, 277-3399
Ithaca’s original “Chinese Buffet”, Main Moon has expanded in response to the arrival of competing buffets in town. They’ve added sushi and a more complete salad bar, in addition to the wide array of Chinese food and such kid-friendly offerings as chicken wings and french fries. There are always vegetarian dishes on the buffet. Carry-out available.

Mano’s Diner
American Diner, $–$$
357 Elmira Rd., 273-1173
A family restaurant, owned and operated by the Mano family for the past 32 years. Manos offers the usual
diner fare, from breakfasts 24 hours a day to sandwiches, burgers, and entrees, plus a full bar (and the same 4 page food menu) in the attached Ichabod’s. The whole place can sometimes be smoky, even in the no-smoking area. Manos is perfect for an inexpensive but filling breakfast. Later in the day, try the fries with a side of gravy, and if you’re in the mood for a big meal, the turkey dinner can’t be beat.

**McDonald’s**

Fast Food, $

372 Elmira Road on Route 13, 273-6030

**Pizza Hut**

Pizza, $

344 Elmira Rd., 272-7600

**Subway**

Fast Food, $

401 Elmira Rd., 273-7770

**Taco Bell**

Fast Food, $

282 Elmira Rd., 275-0193

**Thai Cuisine**

Thai, $$$

501 South Meadow St. across from Wegman’s, 273-2031

Known for having “the best Thai food in New York State,” Thai Cuisine has fantastic food with tastes ranging from mild to jumping hot. Note that if you order a dish jumping hot, they will make you sign a waiver form. The deluxe pad thai makes a wonderful shared appetizer, and we recommend the duck as an entree. Very appropriate for special occasions. They will accommodate large parties but you should probably make reservations. Don’t forget dessert! On the weekend, try the dim-sum style brunch. Grads say: “They are delicious.” “They have great desserts.” “A fantastic restaurant.” “The best.”

### 7.1.6 Other Locations

**The Antlers**

American, $$$

1159 Dryden Rd., 273-0802

Mostly a steak-and-potatoes place. Very competitive prices. Some say that its the best steak place in the Ithaca area!

**Collegetown Bagels**

American Cafe, $

East Hill Plaza, 273-1036

Similar to CTB in Collegetown and downtown, but with less indoor seating.

**Corner’s Deli**

Middle Eastern, $

Community Corners off Hanshaw Rd., 257-4019

This Community Corners institution is a family-owned delicatessen specializing in Middle Eastern specialties in addition to a wide array of fresh American-deli-style foods. The overstuffed sandwiches and pitas barely leave room for the exceptional baklava and other desserts. Great falafel and gyros, and fresh roast beef whose aroma permeates the neighborhood. In the morning, stop by for a pastry or rice pudding and a cup of flavored coffee.
Coyote Loco Restaurant and Cantina
Mexican, $$
381 Pine Tree Rd., 277-2806
Enjoy a wide range of fresh Mexican food with daily regional specials. The Cantina features a full bar, award winning margaritas, Mexican beers, assorted wines and tequilas. In the summer, you can eat and drink outside on their patio.

Franco's
Italian, $$
Route 96B, 277-6666
A nice Italian family restaurant with good pizza and an even better view. They also cater. Franco's menu features the expected array of pastas and sauces, parmigiana entrées, steaks, and subs. A bit farther from the beaten path are the grilled veggies with pine nuts and sundried tomatoes over linguini, the shrimp and feta, and the margherita pizzas with fresh garlic and marinara sauce. We were also intrigued by the "Mixing it Up" dinner selections, presented as a matrix of prices that apply when combining such entrées as prime rib, chicken parm, or London broil with add-ons like grilled salmon, shrimp scampi, or a lobster tail.

Glenwood Pines
American, $$
1213 Taughannock Blvd (toward Taughannock Falls State Park), 273-3709
A common hangout for locals, the Glenwood Pines Restaurant and Bar sports a packed parking lot every weekend night. Featuring better-than-average pub food, the place is worth the drive or bike ride out of town. Try the fresh fish fry dinner or sandwich (depending on how hungry you are) or the infamous Pinesburger, served on French bread. Grads say: “I love the Pines. It’s worth the drive.” “Good atmosphere – it’s kind of quaint and it’s local and there’s not all of these crazy Cornell undergrads there.” “Good hamburgers served with Thousand Island dressing on top.”

Height’s Cafe and Grill
American, $$$
903 Hanshaw Rd. at Community Corners, 257-4144
Elegant dining in an upscale environment. The Heights features elaborate appetizers, a wide range of main courses, a good wine list, and fantastic desserts. Make reservations in advance, since they can easily fill up, especially on weekends. Grads say: “Their menu is so awesome, and their desserts are huge! Oh! And the coffee platter! With the little chocolate chips and the cinnamon sticks and the little things of whipped cream — so good. Definitely my favorite restaurant.” “They have really good cuisine, good sized portions, really nice service, and a good wine list. The prices have gone up, but if you can get somebody else to pay for it, it’s a good deal.”

John Thomas Steakhouse
American, $$$$  
1152 Danby Rd. near Ithaca College, 273-3464
It’s a carnivore’s paradise (though there’s some effort to provide for the vegetarians who occasionally arrive with meat-eating friends) with substantial, top-quality steaks, chops, lobsters, and more. The entree doesn’t come with any side dishes. Try the creamed spinach and roast garlic mashed potatoes, served family style, as sides. John Thomas also has a good wine list and an excellent whisky selection. Its reputation is thought by some to exceed its quality. Rather pricey, but probably the best place in Ithaca for good steak.

Ling Ling Garden
Chinese, $$
East Hill Plaza, 273-1668
Take-out Chinese restaurant. Grads say: “Not so great.”

**Rogan’s Corner**
Pizza, $
n825 Danby Rd., 273-6006
Most widely purchased take-out pizza by those in the know.

**Rogue’s Harbor Steak and Ale**
American, $$$
2079 E. Shore Dr., Lansing, 533-3535
Situated in an old railroad building on the corner of two main Lansing thoroughfares, Rogue’s has a great selection of beers on tap and Finger Lakes wines, and appetizers that fall heavily into the fried category. Known for their prime rib and large portions of everything. Some rave about the Chicken Riggies, a rigatoni and chicken dish with vegetables in a delectable cream sauce. Ask about the building’s past as a station on the underground railroad, and its underground tunnel to Cayuga Lake, and check out the antique maps on the walls.

**Spike’s Barbeque**
American, $$
1654 Trumansburg Road (Route 96), 277-7453
After devouring a generous helping of smoked ribs try the thinly sliced smoked beef brisket and pulled pork, accompanied by a hunk of fresh corn bread and two side dishes. The ribs are meaty and flavorful, and the brisket and pulled pork were tender. Not that hungry? Try one of the sandwiches with fries, just $4.95 or a salad with or without pulled pork or BBQ chicken. Spike’s is less than three miles past the hospital (on the left). Only open Wednesday through Sunday evenings.

**Taughannock Farms Inn**
American, $$$
2030 Gorge Rd. at Taughannock Falls State Park, 387-7711
Fine dining — one price includes appetizer, main meal, dessert, and beverage. Worth the trip for the food and the view of the lake. Window seats go quickly, so get there early. Reservations recommended.

**The Tower Club**
American, $$$–$$$$
14th Floor, East Tower, Ithaca College, off Route 96B, 274-3393
The highest dining available in Ithaca (elevation-wise, anyway!) Known for great food and a fantastic view, the Tower Club is open for lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch. Reservations recommended.

**Valentine Cafe**
European, $$$
115 S. Quarry St., 277-9969
A very nice restaurant hidden within the Valentine apartment complex. The menu changes throughout the year and the food looks and tastes delicious.

### 7.2 Dining on Campus

Cornell’s dining halls are popular for graduate students to eat lunch or to grab an evening meal before a late night of homework or research. There are many dining halls located on campus with decent food at reasonable prices.

First, Cornell Dining has two kinds of facilities, “a la Carte” and “meal plan.” An “a la Carte” facility is like a normal restaurant — you pay for the food you select. At a “meal plan” facility, however, you pay
a single price for all you care to eat. “Meal plan” facilities are usually an expensive way to eat — unless you are really hungry.

Some a la Carte facilities near the engineering quad are Sage Dining in Sage Hall (C5), TheEATory on the fourth floor of Rhodes Hall (CD6), The Cafe At Anabel Taylor located in Anabel Taylor Hall (B6), and The Ivy Room in Willard Straight Hall (B5).

Below is a list of the major dining halls and other places to eat on campus (some of the smaller locations are omitted). The letters at the end of each entry indicate for which meals that dining facility is open — B for breakfast, L for lunch, D for dinner, LD for late dinner (usually 8:30–10 PM), and Br for Sunday brunch. Most dining halls are closed between about 2 PM and 5 PM. For more information, including menus and exact hours for each dining hall, check out <http://www.campuslife.cornell.edu/dining.taf>. Finally, note that not all of the locations listed here are affiliated with Cornell Dining, though all are on the Cornell campus.

**Meal plan dining halls:**

**Jansen’s Dining:** located in Noyes Community Center (A5) on West campus, open for B, L, D, Br

**Okenshields:** located in Willard Straight Hall (B5), open for B, L, D, Br

**Robert Purcell Dining:** located in Robert Purcell Community Center (E1) on North Campus, open for B, L, D, LD, Br

**Risley Dining:** located in Risley Hall (one of the undergraduate dormitories, C3) on North Campus, open for B, L, D and is closed on weekends

**A la carte eating establishments:**

**The Big Red Barn:** located in the Big Red Barn (D4), primarily graduate student diners, open for L and closed on weekends.

**The Cafe At Anabel Taylor:** located in Anabel Taylor Hall (B6), open for B, L, and is closed on weekends.

**Cornell Dairy Bar:** located in Stocking Hall (F5) way out on Tower Road, serves good ice cream at reasonable prices. Also has a little bit of more solid food. Right downstairs from the Dairy Store, which has longer hours and sells Cornell ice cream in larger quantities, as well as other Cornell dairy products and some bread products

**Green Dragon Cafe:** located in the basement of Sibley Dome (C3) —baked goods, sandwiches, soup. Neat atmosphere.

**Hughes Dining:** located in Hughes Hall (B6), which is part of the Law School, open for B, L and is closed on weekends

**The Ivy Room:** located in Willard Straight Hall (B5), open for L, D, Br

**Kosher Dining Hall (B6):** located on West Campus, on South Ave between College Ave and Stewart Ave. Open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week during the semester. They have their own meal plans, which are separate from the standard Cornell meal plans.

**Martha’s:** located in Martha Van Rensselar Hall (D4), open for L and is closed on weekends

**The Temple of Zeus:** located in Goldwin Smith Hall (C4), primarily soups and sandwiches, open for B, L, and D on M–Th, B and L on F, closed weekends. <http://www.arts.cornell.edu/zeus>
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TheEATory: located on the 4th floor of Rhodes Hall (CD6), open for B, L and is closed on weekends

Trillium: located in Kennedy Hall (D5), open for B, L and is closed on weekends

Vegetarian options are available at all Cornell Dining facilities. If you have any questions about which items are vegetarian, the staff are generally helpful. In some facilities, the vegetarian options are clearly marked; in others, however, you will have to ask. Vegan options are available at the Ivy Room and The Temple of Zeus; they may be available at other locations, as well.

While the dining facilities on campus are fairly convenient, the meal plans offered by Cornell Dining for graduate students seem inappropriate. Cornell Dining is currently offering a single dinner plan for graduate students. The plan is called “Meals By Design.” This plan is basically a $250 per semester declining balance account. Every time you eat at a Cornell Dining facility, the cost of the meal is subtracted from your account. If you purchase this plan, then you will not have to pay the 8% sales tax when you make a food purchase from a campus dining facility. Unfortunately, in addition to the $500 that you will put into the account for the year, you are also charged a non-refundable $50 administrative fee. In other words, you pay a 10% administrative fee to Cornell in order to avoid paying an 8% sales tax to New York State! If you are searching for the “swipe and go” convenience of a meal plan, then you can always pay for your on-campus meals with a major credit card or even with CornellCard (see the next paragraph). There are other meal plans available, but they are all expensive; the target audience seems to be undergraduate students whose parents, already overwhelmed by the cost of tuition, won’t notice how much they are being charged for a meal plan. If you have questions about meal plans, you can read the web page at <http://dining.cornell.edu/dining.asp>, call Cornell Dining at 255-8582, or stop by their office in 233 Day Hall (C5).

For paying for meals, a slightly better option than a meal plan is the Cornellcard. CornellCard is a Cornell-internal charge account similar in operation to most major credit card accounts. In addition to dining, the CornellCard is valid at the Campus Store and several ticket outlets. A non-refundable Cornellcard participation fee of $10.00 is charged each academic year. Students exceeding the $650 credit ceiling on their Cornellcard account will have their credit privileges suspended until the account is paid in full. Payment for all charges appearing on the Cornellcard statement must be received by the billing date to avoid a finance charge of 1.25% per month on any unpaid balance. For more information or to sign up, drop by the Bursar’s office in Day Hall (C5).

7.3 Nightlife

The following section describes Ithaca’s bars, lounges, and nightclubs. For special events check the middle page of the Ithaca Times or see the Thursday “Ticket” section of the Ithaca Journal which lists upcoming weekend events.

ABC Café
308 Stewart Ave., 277-4770
Next to the Chapter House, the ABC Café offers a variety of musical acts and vegetarian food.

Benchwarmers
214 East State St., 277-7539 (Downtown Commons)
For the sports fans this is your place. Multiple televisions and a full bar for your sports enjoyment.

Cayuga Lake Cruises
702 West Buffalo Street, 256-0898
Sail the M/V Manhattan for panoramic views of Cayuga Lake. Private, lunch, dinner and cocktail cruises available which sail daily. The menu features the Bistro Q restaurant.
CASTAWAYS
413-415 Taughannock Blvd., 272-1370 (Downtown)
Every week a different band or DJ is featured. Large open space for dancing and a full bar. Many Cornell ethnic clubs sponsor events that are held at Castaways. Keep a lookout for signs and advertisements. The attendance of these events are excellent.

CHANTICLEER
101 West State St., 272-9678 (Downtown Commons)
Chanticleer caters more to local townspeople, however, on occasion small bands are entertained on the second floor.

CHAPTER HOUSE
400 Stewart Ave., 277-9782 (Lower Collegetown)
“The Chappie”, not too far from the Stewart Avenue bridge, entertains many graduate students any weekend night and is also quite popular Thursday nights. There are a wide selection of beers on tap and house-made root beer and ginger ale for the non-drinkers. It also offers free popcorn and a selection of games including darts, pool, and foosball.

COLLEGETOWN BAGELS
415 College Ave., 273-0982
Collegetown Bagels, which tends to be less overrun by undergrads, features live music on weekends. Also CTB serves a few beers on tap.

COMMON GROUND
1230 Danby Rd., 273-1505
Located on Route 96B past Ithaca College, the Common Ground is Ithaca’s predominantly gay and lesbian bar but has a significant straight following because of its dance music and welcoming environment. The dance club/bar features a wide range of music on different night, from swing to techo to Latin (Tuesdays). In addition, the Common Ground often features live music, small theatre productions, drag shows, a Men’s Night on Thursdays and a Women’s Concert Series early in the evening on Fridays.

DOUBLE NICKEL SALOON
624 W. State St., 273-9682

DUNBARS
409 Eddy St., 216-0904

THE HAUNT
702 Willow Ave., 275-3447
During the week the Haunt features a variety of live shows of local and well known bands. The weekly big event is the “The ORIGINAL 80’s Dance Party” every Saturday evening (cover charge only $3). It’s a good place for grad students who like the nightlife but try to avoid the Collegetown scene. For those who prefer an alternative night life, try The Haunt on Sundays for a Goth/Industrial theme. Grads say: “It’s a great place to meet locals as well as IC students.” “As a TA I love this place, undergrads usually don’t go down the hill.”

MICAWBER’S TAVERN
118 N. Aurora St., 273-9243 (Downtown Commons)
Famous for its Happy 15 Minutes, Micawber’s is a small but friendly place to relax and enjoy a beer. Sign up and they will keep track of all the different types of beer that you taste during your visits. If you complete the challenge of tasting all the beers posted on the wall next to the bar your picture will be displayed and you will receive a prize!

MOONSHADOWS TAVERN
114 The Ithaca Commons, 273-8741
Moonshadows, an alternative to Collegetown nightlife, is a great place to meet IC students. Come to Moonshadows to relax, listen to music, and play a few board games. Full bar.

**Moosewood Café and Restaurant**  
Dewitt Mall, Seneca St., 273-9610 (Near Commons)  
Best known for its vegetarian food and line of cookbooks, Moosewood sometimes features live acoustic and folk music. Full bar.

**The Nines**  
311 College Ave., 272-1888  
The Nines is one of the few establishments in Collegetown that is not dominated by undergrads. Live music every night. Blue Jam every Monday. Full bar.

**Rongovian Embassy to the USA**  
1 West Main St., Trumansburg, 387-3334  
Not so far afield, “The Rongo” often has high-quality musical acts including string jam and jazz bands which may be worth the 20-minute drive.

**Republica**  
410 Eddy St. 256-0717 (Collegetown)  
Republica, an underground dance club in Collegetown, features a wide variety of dance music including Swing, Reggae, Latin, and Hip-Hop. Be warned that this place is hit or miss. Sometimes the DJ brings in a large crowd of dancing enthusiast and other times it could turn out (after paying the cover charge) that you are the only person in the club. Open until 3:30am.

**Royal Palm**  
209 Dryden Rd., 272-9636 (Collegetown)  
Royal Palms usually attracts many Professional Graduate Students. Seemingly a crowded place because of the rows of wooden booths, however, if you can make it to the back there is open elevated space that can be used as a dance floor. Choose your own music at the jukebox. There is also a full bar, but your drinks are served to you in small plastic cups.

**Rulloff’s Restaurant**  
411 College Ave., 272-6067 (Collegetown)  
Rulloff’s is a popular restaurant by day for all members of the Cornell community, but after 10pm it is 21 and older. The night crowd is a mix of graduate students and senior undergrads. There are three levels each with a separate bar for your convenience. Check out Monday night Karaoke.

**Simeon’s on the Commons**  
224 East State St., 272-2212  
Simeon’s is a late night bar and café with a sophisticated bar menu.

**Stella’s Martini Bar**  
403 College Ave., 277-1490  
Stella’s is the closest thing in Ithaca to a metropolitan lounge. The service is attentive, friendly, and attractive. Choose from a large variety of delicious cocktails.
7.4 Movie Theatres

Ithaca offers four movie theatres that show movies ranging from your basic action-packed Steven Seagal Hollywood production to the low budget but critically acclaimed independent film. Hoyts 10 in Pyramid Mall usually shows newly released popular movies, while Cornell Cinema, Fall Creek Theatre, and Cinemapolis usually show independent films and foreign films, as well as some recently released popular movies. Cornell Cinema, which has theatres in Willard Straight Hall (B5) and in Uris Hall (C5), publishes a monthly poster, widely available on campus, advertising their films. If you like movies, consider getting a Cornell Cinema Discount Card (for grads it’s 10 films for $35). It’ll save you a few bucks and what graduate student wouldn’t want to save a few bucks? A good web site to check for local and national cinema schedules is <http://showtimes.hollywood.com>. After you have seen all the movies in Ithaca, you can try the Hoyts 19 at the Carousel Mall in Syracuse.

**Cornell Cinema** Willard Straight Hall and Uris Hall
   Ticket Office: Willard Straight Hall
   <http://cinema2.slife.cornell.edu>

**Cinemapolis** The lower level of Center Ithaca, 277-6115
   <http://www.lightlink.com/daveh/mop.html>

**Fall Creek Theatre** 1201 N. Tioga St., 272-1256
   <http://www.lightlink.com/daveh/fall.html>

**Hoyts 10** Pyramid Mall, 257-2700

7.5 Performing Arts and Theatre

The performing arts are well represented at Cornell and in Ithaca, with frequent theater, dance, and music performances – both on-campus and off.

7.5.1 On-campus

**Cornell Ticket Office, Willard Straight Hall (B5)**

The Cornell Ticket Office serves as a clearinghouse for tickets to a variety of events on–campus and sponsored by campus groups. In addition, the people who work in the box office are often well–informed about upcoming events, at least if they are being held on campus. They can be reached M–F, 10–5 at 255-3430.

**Center for Theatre Arts**

The Center for Theater Arts (B7) is home of the Cornell Theater Arts department and other associated programs and offices such as the ticket office, classrooms, dance studios, photo labs and the costume and scene shop. The Center has four theaters: a 450-seat proscenium theater, a 200-seat and a 100-seat “flexible” theater, and a 115-seat dance performance theater. The Department of Theater Arts offers nearly 100 courses to students from all disciplines and presents about five main stage performances plus several
dance productions and student directed productions each year. For information about performances, the
ticket office can be reached at 254-ARTS.

The department of Theatre, Film and Dance puts on about six major productions each year at the
Center for Theatre Arts. In addition, the Center for Theatre Arts also hosts the Cornell Dance Series and
numerous guest appearances. Season subscriptions, group rates, and some student discounts are available.
The box office can be reached at 254-2787, M–F 12:30–5:30 PM and one hour before all performances. The
Department of Theatre Arts department can be reached at 254-2700, M–F 8:00–4:30.

Cornell University Department of Music

The Department of Music at Cornell sponsors many concerts and performances throughout the year. There
are more than 100 concerts, most of which are free, which range from early music on period instruments,
to jazz and MIDI — and range in size from student or professional solo recitals to large groups, such as
the Cornell Orchestra or Glee Club. For more information, call 255-4760 or visit the ticket office in the
newly-renovated Lincoln Hall (C4).

Other Cornell Groups

Other on-campus theater/performance groups include:
  Risley Theatre, Risley Residential College
  The Cornell Savoyards
  Cornell Drama Club
  The Whistling Shrimp
  Asian American Drama Group
  Cornell Productions
  Denton Drama Troupe of Cornell
  Impact Dance Troupe
  Independent Filmmakers at Cornell
  Skits-o-phrenics
  Uhuru Kuumba Dance Ensemble

Most of these groups announce performances on posters around campus, so keep your eyes open!

7.5.2 Off-campus

The list below includes local performing arts and theatre companies, but there are many other regional
options further afield in Cortland, Geneva, and Syracuse, just to name a few. In addition, there are a host
of high quality shows on and off Broadway in New York City, and there is a similarly thriving theater
scene in Toronto. The bottom line is that the adventurous theatre/arts lover has many choices in Ithaca
and beyond.

Ithaca College Theatre — 201 Dillingham Center, Ithaca College Box Office, 274-3224. The Ithaca
College Theatre produces multiple shows throughout the year, so keep an eye on the listings. The
main two performance spaces are the 535-seat Hoerner Theatre, and the 230-seat Clark Theatre,
both of which are on the Ithaca College campus.

Kitchen Theatre — 103 West Seneca St., Tickets: 273-4497, Information: 272-0403. The Kitchen
Theatre Company (KTC) is a fairly new, very intimate theatre located just west of the Commons in
the historic Clinton House. The theatre runs six shows a season, in addition to many special events
during the year, such as the Kitchen Sink series, highlighting the most up-to-the minute trends in
acting, directing, and playwriting.
**Hangar Theatre** — Cass Park, Route 89, Tickets: 273-4497 or 800-724-0999, Business Office: 273-8588. The Hangar Theatre is a professional regional theatre. It presents five big shows from June to August in addition to a children’s series called KIDSTUFF. During the year, the theatre offers educational programs for all ages. There is plenty of parking behind the theatre. If you plan to attend several shows, consider purchasing season tickets to ensure good seats. The Hangar also has matinee shows and student tickets, both at discounted rates.

**Ithaca College School of Music** — 274-3171. Similar to Cornell, the Ithaca College School of Music also presents numerous student, faculty, and guest artist concerts — many of which are free. The main performances are in the Ford Hall Auditorium at Ithaca College. Free parking is available on the campus. For more information, call 274-3171.

**Ithaca Ballet** — 105 Sheldon Rd., 277-1967. Located in the Ballet Center of Ithaca, the Ithaca Ballet is the only repertoire ballet company in upstate New York, and is also nationally known. Its main performances are held at the Stage Theatre on West State Street.

**Cayuga Chamber Orchestra** — 116 North Cayuga St., 273-8981. With 35 professional members, the CCO is the official city of Ithaca orchestra. It features five main concerts, several chamber concerts, a holiday special, and a youth concert each year, often with guest soloists. The concerts are in various locations throughout Ithaca, so watch for listings.

**Cayuga Vocal Ensemble** — PO Box 95, Ithaca, 273-3586. The Cayuga Vocal Ensemble is a professional vocal ensemble located in Ithaca. It is at least 16 people in size and performs vocal music from all different time periods. Concerts happen throughout the year, so check the paper or call for details.

**Ithaca Opera Association** — 109 East Seneca St., 272-0168. Founded in 1949, this opera company presents two major operas each year, in addition to a winter tour, and many school and community concerts throughout the season. It also maintains an Opera Outreach program that gives tours of the stage and holds workshops.

**Community School of Music and Arts** — South Aurora at Prospect St., 272-1474. This combination school and gallery offers lessons in music, art, dance, and theater for all ages, and also features art exhibits, concerts, and recitals. Its performances are held at 328 East State Street. For further information on performance dates and times, contact the school.

### 7.6 Museums

**Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art** Cornell Campus (B3–4)

Phone: 255-6464  
Hours: Tuesday–Sunday 10–5  
Webpage: <http://www.museum.cornell.edu>  
The Johnson Museum of Art, located on the Cornell campus, has six levels housing various types of art in the permanent collection and changing visiting exhibits, with a sculpture garden located 36 feet above ground in a “hole” in the building that allows afternoon sunlight to enter the Arts quad. Panoramic views of the area can be seen from the upper levels, including the meeting room on the top floor. Admission to the museum is free. Special arrangements for tours are handled through the Education Department; foreign language tours are available.

**Sciencenter** 601 First Street  
Phone: 272-0600  
Webpage: <http://www.sciencenter.org>
Although primarily aimed at children, the Sciencenter’s features 100 exhibits including a walk-in camera, an out-door science park, a two story ball, and a waterflume which are really fun for everyone. Also featured at the Sciencenter is the Carl Sagan Planet Walk, a 3/4 mile scale model of the solar system named after the astronomer who once was a professor at Cornell. Ten stations represent the sun and nine planets. Some of the stations can be found in Ithaca Commons downtown.

DeWitt Historical Society-Tompkins County Museum 401 East State Street Phone: 272-7715
Run by the Dewitt Historical Society, the Tompkins County Museum provides a wealth of information on the history of Tompkins County and Ithaca.

State of the Art Gallery 120 W. State St. Phone: 277-1626
Webpage: <http://www.ithaca.ny.us/Orgs/SOA>
Not-for-profit fine art gallery exhibiting regional artists. New exhibits every month.

7.7 Farther Afield
What to do when you just need to leave Ithaca? Try one of these...

Corning Glass Museum
Located in Corning, a 40-minute drive away. This is the home of Corningware and Pyrex Visions. The glass museum has exhibits of artifacts from thousands of years ago, and chronicles the history of glass making. This museum features interactive displays, glassblowing all day every day and a workshop where you can make glass. Many say that it was an interesting experience and worth the trip. Getting there: From Ithaca, take Rte 13 South to Rte 17 West. Take the Corning exit (Exit 46), and there will be signs to the glass museum.

Seneca Falls
Don’t let the name fool you: there are no falls at Seneca Falls — at least not any more. This town houses the National Women’s Hall of Fame and the Women’s Rights National Historical Park. Getting there: From Ithaca, take Rte 89 North, to 414 West. This takes you right through the town of Seneca Falls.

Niagara Falls
You’ve got to visit this world famous falls at least once in your lifetime. After all, it’s a mere 3-hour drive from Cornell. On the US side, go to Goat Island, which is currently a National Park. Walk around and take in the natural beauty of the place. To get a spectacular view of the falls, go over to the Canadian side. This is a commercialized, tourist area, and is full of entertainment. Go on the Maid of the Mist boat ride, or take a walk down behind the falls. From the Skylon Tower you can get a breathtaking view of the area. Always have your passport and a Visa (if required) with you when going to Canada (see Chapter 5 of this handbook).

Getting there: From Ithaca, take Rte 96 North to 14 North (short) to I-90 West. When getting into the Buffalo area, take Rte 290 (off Exit 50) to Rte 190. This takes you into the town of Niagara Falls, NY. To get to the Canadian side, follow signs to Rainbow Bridge.
CHAPTER 7.  DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Adirondacks
Adirondack Park stretches across 6 million acres of land, with 42 mountains exceeding 4,000 feet in elevation, 1,200 miles of rivers and over 2,000 lakes and ponds. Scenic views abound, as do recreational possibilities for every season: camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, downhill and cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. And don’t forget ice skating on Lake Placid.

Comprehensive information about the park can be obtained by contacting: Department of Environmental Conservation P.O.Box 296, SR 86 Ray Brook, NY 12977 Phone: (518) 897-1200

New York City
A bustling and energetic; it takes about 5 hours to get there by bus, less if you drive. A visit to NYC is a must!

Popular tourist spots include Central Park, Chinatown, Ellis Island, Empire State Building, Fifth Avenue, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York Stock Exchange, Rockefeller Center, SoHo District, Statue of Liberty, and UN Headquarters.

If you go for more than a day you should consider seeing a Broadway show. Discount tickets (as much as 50 % off) can be purchased the day of at 3pm for evening shows at the TKTS booth located in the center isle of 47th Street between Broadway and 7th Avenue.

Getting there: From Ithaca, take Rte 79 East to Rte 81 South (at Whitney Point), to Rte 380 (in Scranton), to Rte 80. This takes you across the George Washington Bridge into the Bronx. You may continue east to connect with roads leading to Long Island, or swing south on Henry Hudson Parkway or Harlem River Drive to Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive (East River Drive) and downtown Manhattan.

Boston
Boston is a beautiful city with lovely architecture and lots of confusing streets. If you are going to drive around the city, get a map and a good navigator! Some say traffic here is worse than NYC. While there, you can visit Harvard, MIT, and Boston University — those universities you rejected in favor of Cornell.

Other places to see in Boston include Bunker Hill Monument, Copley Place, Faneuil Hall, Museum of Fine Arts, Old North Church, Old State House, Quincy Market, and the USS Constitution.

Getting there: From Ithaca, take Rte 79 East to Rte 206 East (at Whitney Point), to Rte 88 East (just after Bainbridge), to I-90 (off Exit 25A). I-90 continues into Massachusetts and becomes the MassPike (Massachusetts Turnpike). This leads to the Boston area. (Total time is about 6 hours if you take a bathroom/food break.)

Toronto
Located on the northwestern shore of Lake Ontario, Toronto is Canada’s largest city and an exciting place to visit. For the sports fan, it hosts a wide array of major league sports with the Blue Jays, Maple Leafs, Raptors, and Argonauts. For getting around Toronto, be sure to use the convenient public transit system, including the U-shaped subway line.

Places to check out include Eaton Centre, Yonge Street (the main thoroughfare and suspected to be the longest street in the world) and the CN Tower (the world’s tallest building). Don’t be afraid to walk on the glass floor.

Getting there: From Ithaca, take Rte 96 North to the NYS Thruway (Interstate 90). Take the Thruway West to Buffalo. Approaching Buffalo, take Interstate 290 West towards Niagara Falls for 10 miles, then take Interstate 190 North towards Niagara Falls. When you enter Ontario, continue west on Hwy 405 for 6 miles, then take Queen Elizabeth Way for 63 miles. Finally, stay straight onto the Gardiner Expressway.
Always have your passport and a visa (if required) when going to Canada (see Chapter 5 of this handbook). For U.S. Citizens, a passport is not required, however you must have some other proof of citizenship (e.g. a birth certificate). A Social Security Card is **not** proof of citizenship.