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The Downtown Ithaca Alliance (DIA) is a not-for-profit organization charged with the revitalization, development, promotion, and management of Downtown Ithaca. The DIA makes every attempt to provide accurate information. Please bring any changes to our attention so we can make corrections for the next guide, and our digital version located on our website (www.downtownithaca.com).



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History of Downtown Ithaca

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THE HISTORY CENTER

in Tompkins County

The Ithaca Commons was built at the heart of one of Ithaca's earliest commercial districts. Local Native American peoples were displaced in the late 18th century and by 1790, white settlers lived in the area around Cascadilla Creek. Later, homes and businesses spread to the corner of Seneca and Aurora Streets, and by 1808, an extension of the Catskill Turnpike made its way into Ithaca via Owego Street. In 1867, this name was changed to State Street and is now also known as Martin Luther King Jr. Street.

By the 1820s, State Street had become a civic center for the growing village of Ithaca, as well as its commercial hub. Grant's Coffee House, near what is now the northwest corner of the Commons, was the village hall, council chamber, and voting place, as well as an office for a stagecoach line. Many other businesses flourished in this area during those early years, including the oldest existing business in the city, the Ithaca Journal. Started in 1815 as the Seneca Republican, the Journal still resides on State Street and is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year.

Grocers, dry goods, and variety stores prospered, including Rothschild Brothers, a favorite with local residents that thrived for a hundred years.

Starting in 1887, Ithaca's first trolley line ran along State Street to the corner of Aurora Street, where the landmark Ithaca Hotel was situated. An extension was constructed northward on Tioga Street in 1892 and another up East Hill the following year. The trolley shut down in 1935, a victim of more popular buses and automobiles.

With suburban growth in the mid-twentieth century, the downtown business district began declining. In response, city and state governments and local partners joined forces to construct the Ithaca Commons, the first outdoor pedestrian mall in New York State, completed in 1974. In the words of one Ithaca historian, the Commons was "an imaginative and well-conceived project that...revitalized Ithaca's commercial center."

Some thirty years later, discussions about the need for infrastructure repairs and upgrades led to a major Commons construction project beginning in 2013 that made crucial improvements and created a beautiful new look. The Ithaca Commons Repair and Upgrade Project took more than two years, costing \$15 million, and opened a new chapter on downtown Ithaca's vibrant future.

FUN FACTS

The alley straight across from Center Ithaca, where The History Center in Tompkins County is located, is known as "Bank Alley".

From the 1880s to the 1930s, a trolley system used to run through the Commons and bring people around town. Now, when you walk out of Center Ithaca on the Commons facing Bank Alley to Tioga Street, this area is known as "Trolley Circle."





ITHACA DOWNTOWN CONFERENCE CENTER

The Ithaca Downtown Conference Center is a new, fully electric venue located in the heart of Downtown Ithaca, just steps from the Commons. Opened in 2024, it offers more than 15,000 square feet of flexible event space designed to host conferences, meetings, and gatherings of all kinds.

With a mix of large ballrooms, breakout rooms, and pre-function space, the center is built to handle everything from large-scale events to smaller, focused meetings. On-site catering, built-in A/V, and adaptable room layouts make it easy for organizers to create events that feel seamless and well supported.

What sets the Conference Center apart is its connection to place. Surrounded by Ithaca's restaurants, shops, hotels, and natural landscapes, the experience extends beyond the meeting itself. Visitors can step outside and immediately be part of Downtown Ithaca, with access to the energy of the Commons and the broader Finger Lakes region.

As the first fully electric conference center in the United States, it also represents a forward-looking approach to sustainability, showing how large-scale venues can operate with a lighter environmental footprint while still delivering a high-quality experience.



To learn more about the Ithaca Downtown Conference Center or to schedule your next event, scan the QR code or visit:

ithacadowntownconferencecenter.com



Areas to Explore



Check out page 31 for a complete
directory of businesses on the Commons

The Ithaca Commons

Step onto the **Ithaca Commons** and you're stepping into the heart of **Downtown Ithaca**. This car-free stretch brings together independent shops, restaurants, cafés, public art, and open-air events in a setting made for wandering. It is the kind of place where a quick stop can easily turn into an afternoon.

Start with the shopping, because the **Commons** rewards a wandering pace. Longtime mainstays like **Benjamin Peters** and **Petrune** set the tone for the district's fashion scene, while **Adorn**, **Feel Goods**, and **Hamilton & Adams** layer in fresh style and a younger energy. **Seed Bomb** adds custom t-shirt services and original designs, while **Homegrown Skateshop** keeps the footwear lineup interesting. **The Cornell Store** offers Cornell apparel, gifts, books, and everyday essentials. From there, explore **Home Green Home** for home goods, décor, and gifts, or stop by **Mockingbird Paperie** for stationery, cards, and paper goods. **15 Steps** and **American Crafts by Robbie Dein** carry distinctive art, jewelry, home décor, and handcrafted pieces. Just down the way, **Autumn Leaves Books** invites slow browsing, while **The Outdoor Store** is your pre-hike stop for gear, guidance, and everything in between.

When hunger catches up, the **Commons** answers in almost any language you'd like. **Lev Kitchen**,



Monks on the Commons, **Viva Taqueria**, **Salt & Pepper**, **Taste of Thai**, and **Fresh Marché** span everything from casual meals to special-occasion dinners. For something quick, warm, and satisfying, **More Than Pizza** and **Marrakesh** keep comfort food close at hand. For Asian flavors, **Kimchi** and **Sushi Osaka** are neighborhood favorites, while **Taichi Bubble Tea** is a go-to for tea, smoothies, bowls, and a quick bite. When the craving for coffee or dessert hits, **Oracle Chocolates**, **Paris Baguette**, and **Bank Coffee** offer plenty of ways to slow down and treat yourself. For even more variety, duck into **Center Ithaca**, where quick-service options range from American comfort food and Mediterranean halal to Jamaican, Indian, and other casual dining choices.



Families will find plenty to explore too. **Alphabet Soup** is packed with educational toys, puzzles, games, and books, while **The Brain Shoppe** specializes in clever brain teasers for kids and adults alike. **Riverwood** rounds out the mix with gifts, games, and clothing aimed at teens and older kids. For a walk with a little wonder, follow the **Sagan Planet Walk**, a scale model of the solar system that begins with the Sun on the **Commons** and continues toward the **Sciencenter**.





Gateway Commons and E. MLK/State

Gateway Commons and East MLK/State offer another distinct pocket of Downtown Ithaca to explore, connecting the east end of the Commons with restaurants, wellness spots, lodging, nightlife, arts, and everyday conveniences.

At **Gateway Commons**, visitors will find **Blossom Yoga Studio**, a welcoming space offering yoga classes for a range of experience levels. Nearby, **Serenity's Beautique** provides beauty services such as lash extensions, waxing, and other self-care treatments.

Across the street, **Argos Inn** brings boutique lodging and historic character to the district. Set inside a beautifully restored mansion, the inn features 13 guest rooms, original artwork, and the acclaimed **Bar Argos**, known for inventive cocktails, intimate atmosphere, and

seasonal outdoor seating. Next door, **Argos Warehouse** serves as a distinctive event space for gatherings, celebrations, and private functions.

Just down the street, this area continues with a lively mix of food, drink, and self-care. **Bike Bar Ithaca** offers a cyclist-themed pub experience, while **The Greenhouse Cafe and Cocktail Lounge** serves vegetable-driven dishes, creative cocktails, and a bright, plant-filled atmosphere. For a slower kind of reset, **Alta Spa** offers massage, skincare, and wellness services by appointment.

The **Community School of Music & Arts**, located near the corner of Seneca Way, adds a strong creative presence to the neighborhood, serving as a meeting place for artists, students, educators, and community members to explore music, visual arts, and creative expression together.

On the other side of the street, **City Centre** adds modern residential energy to the district with luxury apartments and street-level dining. There, **Collegetown Bagels** serves its well-known lineup of handcrafted sandwiches, bagels, coffee, and café favorites, while **Ithaca Ale House** offers a lively sports bar setting with signature burgers, craft beer, and casual dining.





Restaurant Row

If Downtown Ithaca has a heartbeat for food lovers, it's **Restaurant Row**. Packed into one walkable stretch, it's where some of the region's most talented chefs work elbow to elbow—turning an ordinary night out into a genuine culinary tour.

The international lineup alone is worth the trip. **Asia Cuisine** spreads a wide table of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean comfort dishes, anchored by an impressively vast sushi menu.

Mia Tapas Bar blends flavors from across Asia in a beautifully designed space, with a menu built around local produce and sustainably harvested seafood. **The Lotus** leans into Korean-style fried chicken alongside familiar noodles, rice, and Korean BBQ, while **Atabey Restaurant** brings the warmth of Puerto Rican cuisine to the block in an atmosphere that makes every guest feel like a regular.

For something more elevated, **Simeon's American Bistro**, **Mercato Bar and Kitchen**, **Le Café Cent-Dix**, and **Food Lab Bar and Kitchen**—the last pairing globally inspired dishes with adventurous cocktails—are the spots to book when the meal is the event.

Thompson & Bleeker turns artisanal pizza into a destination, and **Creola Southern Steakhouse** anchors the row with prime steaks, fresh seafood, and southern-inspired flavors.

For lighter fare, **Hound and Mare** is the go-to for breakfast and lunch sandwiches, **Rosie's Café** leans cozy with comforting plates and fresh-baked treats, and **Revelry Yards** brings a casual beer-garden energy that's hard to resist. When the weather cooperates, patios open up across the row—al fresco dining adding one more layer of atmosphere to an already lively corner of Downtown.



Press Bay Alley and Court

Just west of the Commons on West Green Street, Press Bay Alley and Press Bay Court open up like a well-kept secret. These two connected pockets of Downtown Ithaca have quietly become one of the city's most charming corners, filled with independent shops, small kitchens, and creative spaces.

Step into Press Bay Court first and you'll find **SewGreen**, a haven for makers stocked with new and salvaged fabrics, yarn, and sewing supplies. Next door, **Woodpepper Bakery** specializes in fresh-baked breads made with care and character, while **Joe's Big Time Barber Shop** keeps the neighborhood looking sharp with classic cuts and modern style. Round it out with **Angelhearts Donuts**, where house-made vegan donuts and comfort-food favorites prove that plant-based can absolutely mean indulgent.

Press Bay Alley picks up the energy with its own blend of food, shopping, and entertainment.

Mama Said Hand Pies churns out sweet and savory handholds made with locally sourced ingredients, and **Press Café** pours artisan espresso in a setting that practically begs you to linger. **Circus Culture** is the region's only circus performance school, offering classes and shows you won't find anywhere else, while **Tacos CDMX** serves up the real thing, Mexico City style. **Fall Creek Atelier** rounds it out with beautiful handcrafted jewelry alongside natural skincare and beauty products.

Cross the street and you'll find **Odyssey Bookstore**, an independently owned shop made for slow browsing. And keep an eye on the calendar: the Alley and Court host beloved holiday markets on Tuesday nights before Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, when the whole corner lights up with seasonal energy.





Bike Repair Station:

Bicyclists, you can now make minor repairs to your bike or fix a bike flat while you're Downtown. Check out the accessible and easy-to-use bike repair station in Press Bay Court.



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FUN FACT

Press Bay Alley consists of a small series of micro-retail spaces that were once storage bays that bordered the former Press Bay where the Ithaca Journal newspaper was printed. For more information, visit pressbayalley.com.



Dewitt Mall

Tucked at the corner of Seneca and Cayuga Streets in Downtown Ithaca, the Dewitt Mall is one of those places locals love to introduce to visitors.

Originally home to Ithaca High School, the building was designed by Cornell-associated architect William Henry Miller and later lovingly rescued and reimagined by local architect William S. Downing. The result is a gothic brick beauty that has become one of Ithaca's great "hidden in plain sight" gems, a beloved landmark where people come to eat, live, shop, and work under one distinctive roof.

Start with the food, because the DeWitt Mall feeds its neighborhood well. **Cafe DeWitt** and **Moosewood Restaurant** each serve fresh, locally sourced dishes that have earned loyal followings far beyond Ithaca's borders. **GreenStar Cooperative Market** adds another layer, offering groceries, prepared foods, and everyday essentials for anyone stocking the pantry or grabbing something on the go. Together, this mix makes the visit worthwhile.

From there, the shopping is every bit as character-rich as the building itself. **Ithaca Guitar Works** is the place to find your next favorite string instrument, whether new, used, or restored, with a team that treats every guitar like it matters. **The Cat's Pajamas** bills itself as Ithaca's general store for kids and kids at heart, and it

delivers on that promise with charm to spare.

Ithacemade showcases locally crafted goods and is the home of Silk Oak, while **Fibers** offers fine women's clothing and accessories featuring beautifully handmade Marimekko fabrics.

If vintage and one-of-a-kind finds are your thing, **Pastimes Antiques** and **Art & Found** are beloved in the area for their carefully curated selections and commitment to reuse and repurpose. Collectors will want to make time for **Cayuga Coins**, known for honest expert advice, a great selection, and buying and selling gold and silver.

When it's time to treat yourself, **Luna Love Holistic Hair Studio** is the kind of spot you leave feeling brand new, and **Cayuga Lake Creamery** scoops handmade ice cream crafted from fresh local ingredients that's hard to match anywhere in the region. And no visit to the Dewitt Mall is complete without a stop at **Buffalo Street Books**, Ithaca's nonprofit independent bookstore known for its thoughtfully curated shelves, community-centered events, local literary spirit, and welcoming atmosphere.



Cayuga, Green, and W. MLK/State

Where the Ithaca Commons meets its western edge, West MLK/State Street and Cayuga Street trade the main drag's bustle for something more discovery-driven. Independent boutiques, creative kitchens, personal care stops, and one of the Finger Lakes' most storied venues all share the same few blocks, making this corridor a rewarding place to slow down and explore.

Handwork is a community artisan co-op where every piece has a maker behind it, offering jewelry, ceramics, textiles, woodwork, and gifts with a local touch. **Comics for Collectors** covers comics, graphic novels, collectibles, and fantasy games for every age and fandom, while **Alley Cat Cafe** pairs coffee, baked goods, and casual bites with adoptable rescue cats. **Envious Vegan Hand Bags** brings eco-friendly style to the corridor with fashionable, animal-free accessories. On South Cayuga, personal care is well covered too: **V's Hair Salon** and **Mane and Wigs** handle styling and hair care, **God With Us Barber Shop** delivers quality cuts in a community-driven atmosphere, and **Ithaca Piercing & Tattoo**, offers custom ink and piercings with a clean, professional touch.



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The dining and drink lineup is just as distinctive. **Hawi Ethiopian Cuisine** brings communal plates and traditional flavors, **Gorgers Sub Shop** takes sandwiches on a worldly tour, **Thai Basil** covers classic Thai, **Bickering Twins** serves authentic Latin cuisine, and **Capital Corner** blends Chinese dishes with a solid sushi lineup. For a nightcap, **Nowhere Special Libations Parlor** is a cozy cocktail bar worth seeking out. One building houses three favorites under one roof: **Farm to Feast** for locally minded dining, **QSpace** as a creative community gathering spot, and **K-HOUSE Karaoke & Arts Hub** for when the evening takes a turn toward music, friends, and a microphone.

After dark, the **State Theatre of Ithaca** anchors the entertainment scene with 1,600 seats and a calendar that draws from well beyond the Finger Lakes. **The Upstairs at Lot 10** keeps things intimate with live music, comedy, community events, and craft drinks, while **Cinemapolis** remains the go-to indie film destination just off the Commons. **Mighty Yoga** offers heated and restorative classes for a mid-day reset, and **Ithaca Mini Mart** is your one-stop for snacks, drinks, and craft beer on the go.



Sciencenter

SAGAN
PLANET WALK

Sagan Planet Walk

Ever wanted to walk across the Solar System? Now you can – right in the heart of Downtown Ithaca! The Sagan Planet Walk, created by the Sciencenter, is a walkable scale model of our Solar System, stretched out across just three-quarters of a mile. At a scale of 1 to 5 billion, each station represents a planet (or celestial body), spaced out to reflect their true cosmic distance from the Sun.

Your journey begins at the Sun station on the Ithaca Commons and ends at Pluto's station outside the Sciencenter, with fascinating stops for every planet along the way. Each station includes a scale model and an educational plaque packed with fun facts—perfect for curious minds of all ages.

Designed in honor of legendary astronomer and Cornell professor Carl Sagan, the Planet Walk turns an ordinary stroll through Ithaca into a cosmic adventure. As you journey from station to station, you'll explore scenic streets, charming neighborhoods, and some of Downtown's most beloved spots.

Whether you're a space buff, a family on an adventure, or just out for a stroll, the Sagan Planet Walk is a uniquely Ithaca experience that blends science, fun, and exploration.

Want to enhance your experience? Enjoy a free audio tour narrated by Bill Nye the Science Guy by calling: (703) 637-6237.

Start: Ithaca Commons
End: Sciencenter

Distance: 0.75 Miles
Scale: 1 to 5 billion





The Downtown Ithaca Alliance



WHO WE ARE

The Downtown Ithaca Alliance (DIA) is the primary organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, and strengthening Downtown Ithaca as a place to live, work, invest, and visit. Established in 1997, DIA is a State of New York chartered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that manages the 22-square-block Business Improvement District (BID) through partnerships with businesses, property owners, residents, local government, institutions, and community organizations.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Downtown Ithaca is the economic, social, and cultural heart of the city and Tompkins County. The DIA works to preserve and enhance the Downtown core as a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable community where residents, students, workers, entrepreneurs, and visitors can gather, explore, and connect. A strong Downtown strengthens the entire region.



WHAT WE DO

The DIA produces signature events, markets Downtown Ithaca as a regional destination, supports local businesses, assists with economic development, and helps bring people into the district. From festivals and live music to retail promotions, visitor outreach, and public communications, our work keeps Downtown Ithaca visible, active, and moving forward.



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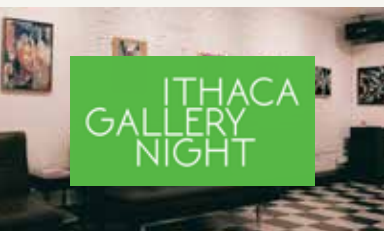
Beyond events and promotion, the DIA helps make Downtown cleaner, greener, more welcoming, and easier to navigate. Our team supports beautification, public space improvements, placemaking, wayfinding, business resources, and partnerships that connect people to the district and help Downtown continue to evolve with purpose.

SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT

Your support powers the events, programs, and partnerships that make Downtown Ithaca a destination worth celebrating. Scan to learn how to sponsor, donate, or get involved.



Celebrations



GALLERY NIGHT

Every first Friday of the month, 5-8pm | IthacaGalleryNight.com

Gallery Night is a walkable art show featuring the latest artworks created by highly skilled local and regional artists. Each month you can expect to see a range of in-person shows, a walkable tour of window displays, or artwork in storefront windows throughout Downtown.



ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, March 6, 2027 | DowntownIthaca.com

The annual Chili Cook-Off pits 30+ local and regional restaurants against each other, in a battle for the hallowed titles of Best Meat Chili, Best Vegetarian Chili, and People's Choice Chili in Ithaca! Also, sample plenty of craft beverages from local breweries, wineries, and cideries...guaranteed to cool off your palate from the heat!



SIDEWALK SHOWCASE

First Wednesdays & Third Fridays, 5-7pm

April - October, 2026 | DowntownIthaca.com

Head to the West End of the Commons and get ready for a summer of excitement! Starting in late April, experience a vibrant array of street performers showcasing their talents every first Wednesday and third Friday.



ITHACA FESTIVAL

Friday, May 28 - Sunday, May 31, 2026 | IthacaFestival.org

Celebrate one of Ithaca's most beloved traditions at the Ithaca Festival, returning May 28 through May 31, 2026, with the theme "Downtown Disco." The festival begins with the community parade on Thursday evening, followed by a weekend of live music, performances, artists, food vendors, craft vendors, and family-friendly activities throughout Downtown Ithaca.



Downtown Events Calendar

Visit DowntownIthaca.com/events to find more local events and submit your own!



BEGINNINGS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays, 5-8pm; At the Bernie Milton Pavilion

June 11 – September 3, 2026 | DowntownIthaca.com

Presented by: Beginnings Community Credit Union

This is a FREE outdoor concert series open to the public held Thursday evenings from 5-8 pm, starting in June until the beginning of September. Local and national acts perform music in genres including jazz, blues, reggae, folk, hip hop, country, bluegrass, rock, and more. The concerts are for all ages, so bring the whole family! And, stick around for dinner and enjoy Downtown Ithaca's nightlife.



ITHACA PRIDE

Friday, June 12 – Sunday, June 14, 2026 | IthacaPrideAlliance.org

Join the celebration of love, inclusion, and community at the Ithaca Pride Alliance parade and festival, a vibrant event held in Downtown Ithaca. This annual event brings together LGBTQ+ individuals, allies, local organizations, and businesses in a show of unity and pride. With colorful floats, music, and plenty of spirit, it's a powerful display of acceptance and visibility for all.



APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, September 25 – Sunday, September 27, 2026 |

DowntownIthaca.com

Experience the essence of fall at the 44th Annual Apple Harvest Festival. Enjoy farm-fresh apples, seasonal treats, local food trucks, regional artisans, live music, entertainment, and the charming shops in and around Downtown Ithaca. It's a festive celebration of autumn in the heart of the city.



HALLOWEEN IN DOWNTOWN

Friday, October 30, 2026, 4-6:30pm | DowntownIthaca.com

Join us for a spooktacular time as we celebrate Halloween for all ages in Downtown Ithaca! The Commons and Downtown area comes alive with festive fun for the entire family. Treat yourself to delicious candy delights while capturing memorable moments with our enchanting photo opportunities.



WINTER HOLIDAY BASH

Saturday, December 5, 2026, 11am - 8pm | DowntownIthaca.com

Downtown Ithaca's Winter Holiday Bash fills the Commons with holiday cheer; from Santa's Arrival, where Santa rappels down the Center Ithaca wall, to the Elf Hop kids' dance hour, and an evening Silent Disco at Bernie Milton Pavilion. It's a festive day of holiday music, lights, treats, and community celebration in the heart of Downtown.

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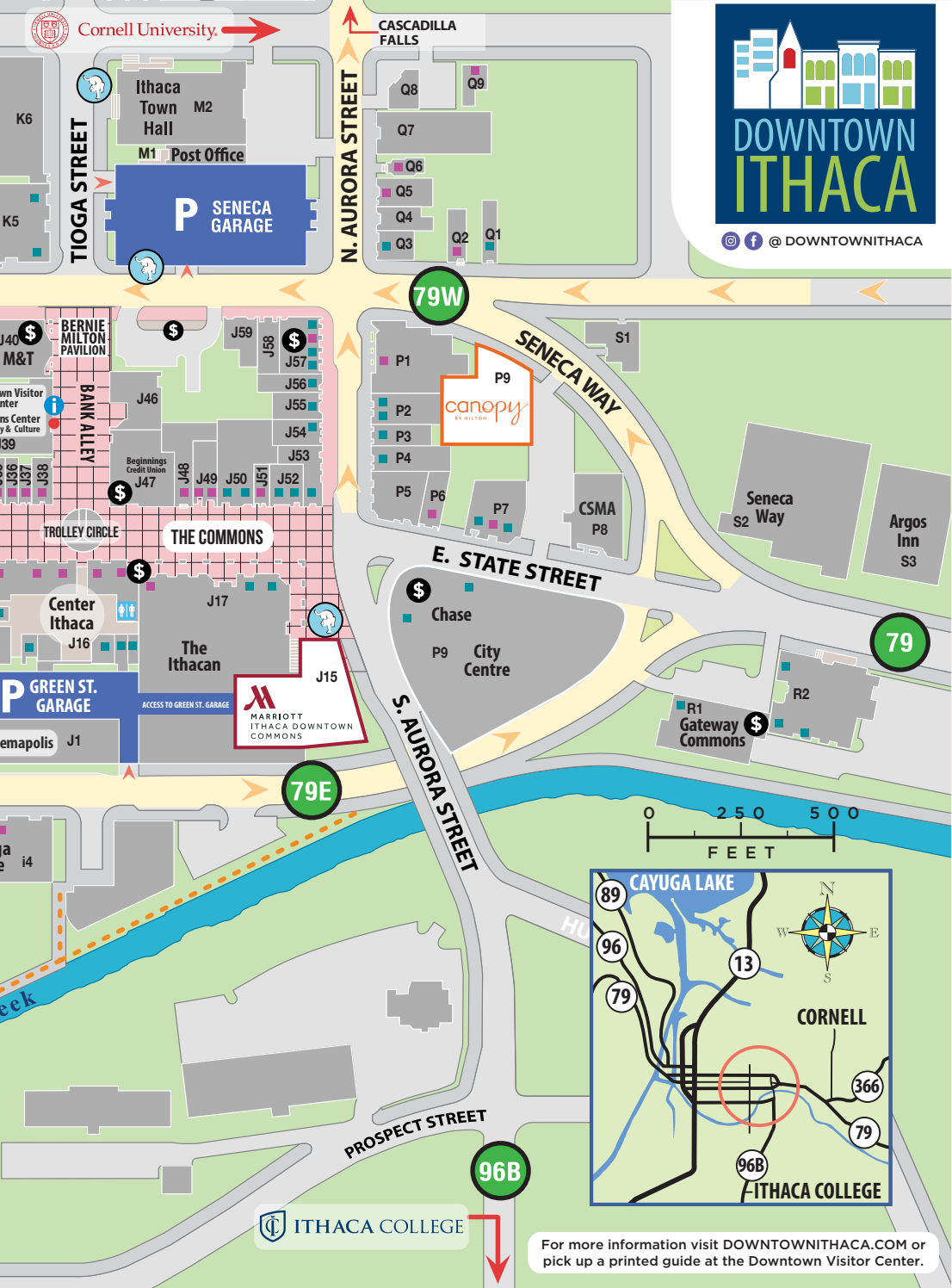


LEGEND

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-  Pedestrian Mall
-  Culture & Entertainment
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-  ATM
-  Walking Trail



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For more information visit DOWNTOWNITHACA.COM or pick up a printed guide at the Downtown Visitor Center.

Getting Around



PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

For more information about parking Downtown, please visit cityofithaca.org/705/parking-information



ON-STREET PAY STATIONS

Parking pay stations are located on select city blocks and accept coins, bills, and credit or debit cards. You only have to pay once and, if you still have time remaining, you can move your car to another metered or unmetered parking space in the city.



GARAGE PARKING DOWNTOWN

Downtown Ithaca has parking structures that are conveniently located for walkable access to Downtown. City garage rates are currently \$2.25/hour with a \$12 daily max.

Cayuga St. Garage – 235 S. Cayuga St.

Located across the street from Hotel Ithaca and near the Tompkins County Public Library & Conference Center .

Green St. Garage – 120 E. Green St.

Located next door to Cinemapolis and the Commons.

W. State St. Lot- 205 W. State St.

Metered parking lot located near Downtown shops, restaurants, and services.



PARKMOBILE APP

Pay for parking using the ParkMobile app by entering the zone number on nearby signs. Get alerts before your time expires and extend your session remotely.

New signage across Downtown makes zones easier to find, with QR codes for quick download. As the City phases out pay stations, ParkMobile becomes the primary way to pay. Coin meters and prepaid parking hang tags at City Hall remain available for those who prefer not to use a smartphone. For more information, contact City Hall at **(607) 274-6437**.



FREE PARKING ON SUNDAYS AND EVENINGS

Parking Downtown is free on Sundays and on the street after 6 PM. Some garage parking may also be free during select weekend or evening hours, but availability varies by garage, so please check posted signs.





TCAT BUS SERVICE

Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) buses make getting Downtown easy and convenient. TCAT's main hub is centered around the Ithaca Commons so almost every bus route passes through the Downtown area.

For bus stop locations, maps, and schedules, visit tcatbus.com or call **(607) 277-RIDE (7433)**.

Bus Fare: \$1.50

Seniors 60+ and persons with disabilities: \$0.75

Youth 17 and under: Free

POPULAR ROUTES FROM THE COMMONS:

- To Cornell: Routes 10, 30, 32, and 90
- To Ithaca College: Route 11
- To Cass Park, Taughannock Falls, and Buttermilk Falls: Route 23, **(Summer Only)**



INTERCITY BUS DEPOT

Intercity bus service connects Ithaca to New York City, Syracuse, Rochester, Elmira, and other destinations. Downtown pick-up and drop-off locations commonly include 131 E. Green Street and 130 E. Seneca Street, but stops may vary by provider and route. Travelers should confirm their exact location when booking.

Providers include New York Trailways, OurBus, Shortline/CoachUSA, Greyhound, and FlixBus.



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BIKING IN ITHACA

Downtown Ithaca is becoming a safer and more convenient place to bike thanks to efforts by the City of Ithaca, local initiatives, and community members.

Visit bikewalktompkins.org for biking maps and guides highlighting bike lanes, trails, and bike boulevards for safer city cycling.

Ithaca Bikeshare

Ithaca Bikeshare is a pedal-assist electric bikeshare network for short trips around town.

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| Step 2: Release | Step 4: Park |

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Shopping DIRECTORY

Art and craft galleries, independent boutiques, home and kitchen décor, music and sport stores line the Ithaca Commons and surrounding streets, making Downtown Ithaca the most diverse shopping district in Tompkins County.

The area code for Ithaca is 607

Use the map on page 26 to locate businesses. Each letter-number code in the directory matches the map's location markers.

ANTIQUES & COINS

Cayuga Coins: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 277-3301
Collectible coins and stamps

Pastimes Antiques: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 277-3457
Ithaca's fun, affordable antique shop

ART GALLERIES

Community Arts

Partnership ArtSpace: J39

110 N. Tioga St. (Inside the Tompkins Center for History & Culture), 273-5072
A gallery for the exhibit of works by local artists with new exhibits monthly

Community School of

Music and Arts (CSMA): P8

330 E. MLK/State St., 272-1474
Classes for all ages. Gallery featuring exhibits by local and national artists

The Ink Shop Printmaking Center and Olive Branch Press: P8

330 E. MLK/State St., 2nd floor,
277-3884
Printmakers' center, fine art press,
and gallery

State of the Art Gallery: F11

120 W. MLK/State St., 277-1626
Fine painting and sculpture exhibits

MIX Art Gallery: J37

156 E. MLK/State St., 319-4364

ARTS & CRAFTS

Art & Found: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 697-5335
Vintage artwork, housewares, and more

SewGreen: E14

112 W Green St., 319-4106
Previously-owned fabrics, yarn, and
Eileen Fisher Renew fashions

BOOKS

Autumn Leaves Books: J8

115 E. MLK/State St., 273-8239
Autumn Leaves Books offers
thousands of used books,

Buffalo Street Books: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 273-8246
Ithaca's nonprofit indie bookstore

Comics for Collectors: F12

124 W. MLK/State St., 272-3007
Fantasy, trade paperback, limited
editions and new publishers of comics

Odyssey Bookstore: D3

115 W. Green St., 269-5800
Something to read for everyone

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

Adorn: J28

148 E. MLK/State St.
Women's trendy clothing and
accessories

Benjamin Peters: J24

120 E. MLK/State St., 273-1371
Fine men's clothing; footwear for men
and women

Breathe: J16

171 E. MLK/State St., 272-4902
Fashions for women of all sizes and all
body types (inside 15 Steps)

The Cornell Store: J18

102 E. MLK/State St., 272-1513
Cornell apparel and merchandise

Envious Vegan Hand Bags: J3

123 S. Cayuga St., 269-7902
Vegan leather handbags
and accessories

Feel Goods Ithaca: J16

171 E. MLK/State St.
Clothing store and maker space
specializing in ethically made goods

Fibers: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 233-0818
Art to wear, jewelry, accessories,
and more

Hamilton & Adams: J34

150 E. MLK/State St., (845)383-1039
Clothing boutique

Homegrown Skateshop: J19

104 E. MLK/State St., 273-0430
Skateboards, shoes and clothing

Loose Threads: J23

118 E. MLK/State St., 275-3359
Fun and funky clothing

Petrune: J26

128 E. MLK/State St., 277-1930
New and vintage clothing, antiques and
accessories

Serendipity: Q4

205 N. Aurora St., 271-0293
Men & women's clothing, accessories,
and boutique

DISPENSARY

William Jane Dispensary: J9

119 E MLK/State St., 319-0118

FLORIST

Bool's Flower Shop: Q5

209 N. Aurora St., 272-8410
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GIFT SHOPS

15 STEPS: J16

171 E. MLK/State St., 272-4902

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American Crafts by

Robbie Dein: J38

158 E. MLK/State St., 277-2846

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The Artisan Cove: J21

110 E. MLK/State St., (585)545-1962

Vibrant destination for handmade, high-quality, and one-of-a-kind gifts

Book Sale Gallery: E7

103 W. MLK/State St., 272-1906

Adult novelty and gift shop

The Brain Shoppe: J50

210 E. MLK/State St., 277-2757

Brain teaser puzzles, STEM kits, and fun stuff for all ages

Handwork: F8

102 W. MLK/State St., 273-9400

Ithaca's cooperative craft store

Ithacamade: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 272-1396

Featuring creative Ithaca artists and products

JEMaginations Crystals, Art & Jewelry: J16

171 E. MLK/State St.

Curated collection of jewelry, unique art pieces, and vintage clothing

Mockingbird Paperie: J30

142 E. MLK/State St., 319-0556

Artful papers, stationery, and gifts

SeedBomb: J8

111 E. MLK/State St.

Custom art, apparel, zines, stickers, pins, patches, and more

Sunny Days of Ithaca: J16

171 E. MLK/State St., 319-5260

Gifts and souvenirs from Ithaca, the Finger Lakes and beyond

GROCERIES & MARKETS

Commons Market: J57

122 N. Aurora St., 273-3236

Convenience store, lottery tickets

GreenStar Food Co+Op: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 273-8213

Deli, fresh baked breads and pastries, fresh brewed coffee, and groceries

Ithaca Mini Mart: E11

124 S. Cayuga St., 319-0823

Craft beer, soda, and groceries

Oracle Chocolates: J26

134 E. MLK/State St.

Small-batch artisan chocolate

Shortstop Deli

200 W. Seneca St., 273-1030

Hot and cold sandwich deli and mini mart

Woodpepper Bread: E14

112 W. Green St., 317-7151

Naturally leavened organic bread

HEALTH SERVICES

Blossom Yoga: R2

401 E. MLK/State St. Ste. G3, 229-8227

Small classes, many options, safe practice

Finger Lakes Fitness Center: J16

171 E. MLK/State St. 256-3532

Your gateway to fitness Downtown

Ithaca Cayuga Optical Service: J28

134 E. MLK/State St., 273-4231

Full service professional eye care center since 1948

Mighty Yoga: F8

106 W. MLK/State St., 272-0682

A hot power yoga studio that offers a judgment free welcoming environment

Optivision of Ithaca: J20

106 E. MLK/State St., 272-7441

Large frame selection and full lab facility

HOME GOODS

Contemporary Trends: P1

121 N. Aurora St., 273-5142

Scandinavian and domestic furniture and accessories of good design

Home Green Home: J26

126 E. MLK/State St., 319-4159

Fresh choices for your eco-conscious home and lifestyle

JEWELERS

Fall Creek Atelier: E17

118 West Green St., 279-0610

Jewelry and wellness boutique

Mansour Jewelers: J29

140 E. MLK/State St., 272-1810

Custom jewelry and onsite repairs

Schooley's Jewelers: J35

152 E. MLK/State St., 273-3471

Fine Swiss watches, fine diamonds and precious gems

LIFESTYLE

QSpace: E4

121 W. MLK/State St., 339-8981

Community-centered social space for LGBTQIA+ folks

MASSAGE SERVICES

Blue Heron Massage: Q6

213 N. Aurora St., 280-3787

Crane Hill Professional Massage: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 351-1585

Joni Landau

Hands of Treasure: K1

108 W. Buffalo St., 279-3434

Lotus Wellness Spa: Q2

308 E. Seneca St., 219-3049

Magical Sunshine Healing

109 S. Albany St. #204, 882-3262

The Relaxation Point

108 W. Buffalo St., #1, 379-1639

MUSIC STORES

Angry Mom Records: J8

115 E. MLK/State St., 319-4953

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Ithaca Guitar Works: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 272-2602

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SALONS, BARBERS, & SKINCARE

Alta Spa and Salon: P6

308 E. MLK/State St., 241-9267
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Cayuga Nail Spa: P2

115 N. Aurora St., 319-5028
Manicures and pedicures

Center Haircutters: J16

171 E. MLK/State St., 342-5596
A comfortable shop for talk and styling

Changes Cutting Studio: J57

120 N. Aurora St., 379-4257
Stylish atmosphere, exceptional results

God With Us Barber Shop: J7

107 S. Cayuga St., 220-8427
Walk-ins welcome

H & M Beauty Salon & Barber Shop: J7

105 S. Cayuga St. 280-2062
Cuts, colors, perms, highlights.
Spanish/English

Hairy Canary Clip Joint: F6

116 N. Cayuga St., 273-2221
A "Best of Ithaca" favorite specializing in color, highlights and cuts

Hare & Bristle: J26

126 E. MLK/State St., 379-8080
Undressed Cuts. Custom Color. Dressed Up Style.

Ithaca Medical Aesthetics: F7

108 N. Cayuga St. #6, 603-7002
Layered rejuvenation approach to esthetic medicine.

Joe's Big Time Barbershop: E14

114 W Green St., 379-7477
Hair coloring, Beard conditioning, dyeing, and maintenance.

Julie Stone Salon: J25

124 E. MLK/State St., 275-3640
Center for tasteful and expert hair styling

Luna Love Holistic Hair Studio: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 414-2663
Full range of esthetic facial services

Mane & Wigs: J6

109 S. Cayuga St., 339-0012
Beauty supply store

Mis Wu Waxing Salon: J38

158 E. MLK/State St., Ste. 2, 341-6984

Narrative Space

405 N. Tioga St. #1, 319-0067
Barber shop, grooming accessories

Salon Salon 309: Q9

309 E. Buffalo St., 277-1245
Experienced and well-trained stylists

Serenity's Beautique: R2

401 E. MLK/State St. Ste. G3, 321-9188
Salon that specializes in luxury lash extensions, lash lifts, lamination, waxing services, and more

The Pretty Peach Wax Studio: F9

112 W. MLK/State St, 391-0183
Full body waxing services

V's Hair Salon: E10

118 S. Cayuga St., 275-9413
Cozy and relaxing studio-style salon

SERVICES

John's Tailor Shop: J18

102 E. MLK/State St., 273-3192
Fast, friendly service

SMOKE SHOPS

Cayuga Smoke Shop: Q4

207 N. Aurora St.

Excuse Smoke Shop: J37

156 E. MLK/State St.

Zaza Smoke Shop: J7

101 E. MLK/State St.

SPORTING GOODS

Homegrown Skateshop: J19

104 E. MLK/State St., 273-0430
Skateboards and sneakers

Old Steel Bicycle Repair and Recyclery: J7

101 S. Cayuga St., 379-5099

The Outdoor Store: J48

206 E. MLK/State St., 273-3891
Serving Ithaca for over 50 years with all your sporting goods

TATTOOS

Bad Hombre: J4

123 S. Cayuga St., 269-8962

Here's To You Tattoo: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 319-3103

Ithaca Piercing And Tattoo: E11

120 S. Cayuga St., 256-7175

Obsidian Ink: J7

103 S. Cayuga St., 216-8490

Yardbird Tattoo: J49

208 E. MLK/State St. 3rd Fl, 216-8490

TOYS & GAMES

Alphabet Soup: J16

171 E. MLK/State St., 272-6885
Fun, creative, educational and interactive toys, puzzles and books

Cat's Pajamas: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 272-5582
Ithaca's store for kids and kids at heart

Riverwood: J22

116 E. MLK/State St., 547-4403
Toys, games, clothes, gifts, and jewelry

WINES & LIQUORS

The Cellar d'Or Wine & Cider Shop: J28

136 E. MLK/State St., 319-0500
Specializing in unique, estate-bottled wines and hard ciders from around the world at all price points



Art Galleries

COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP ARTSPACE: J39

110 N. Tioga St. (inside Tompkins Center for History and Culture), 273-5072

The ArtSpace is a multi-use space for the exhibit of works by local artists coordinated by the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. A new exhibit hangs monthly throughout the year. Located inside the Visitor Center on the Ithaca Commons. Available to rent for events. artspartner.org

MIX ART GALLERY: J37

156 E. State Street, 319-4364

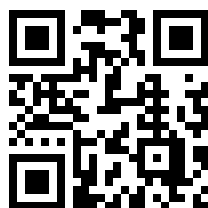
MIX Art Gallery is a contemporary art gallery and creative space located on the Ithaca Commons. The gallery features mixed media work by local and regional artists, with pieces ranging from urban and modern to thoughtful, upscale, and unexpected. Visitors can explore original artwork, attend creative events, or discover a piece that brings something fresh and personal into their home or workspace. mixartgallery.com



Ithaca's Street Art Map!

Scanning this QR code will take you to Artscapelthaca.com, a fun interactive map of Ithaca's public art.

Check out other people's pics & upload your own!





STATE OF THE ART GALLERY (SOAG): F11

120 W. State St., 277-1626

State of the Art exhibits original works of fine art: paintings, drawings, photography, textiles, sculpture, collage, assemblage, and prints that express the unique personal vision of the gallery's artists. Twice a year, the gallery hosts juried competitions—in March, the annual photography show and in December, an all-media (except photography) juried show. The gallery is a cooperative owned and operated by artists of the Finger Lakes region of New York state and supported in part with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by the Community Arts Partnership. Thur.-Sun. 12-5pm. soagithaca.org



THE INK SHOP PRINTMAKING CENTER & OLIVE BRANCH PRESS: P8

330 E. State St. (at CSMA), 2nd Floor, 277-3884

The Ink Shop Printmaking Center promotes fine art prints, works on paper, and artists' books. Since 1999, The Ink Shop has operated a professional, open access, community-based printmaking facility and gallery. The Ink Shop offers exhibitions related to prints and works on paper including artist books, a "Talk Print" series in which artists present and discuss their work and techniques, Olive Branch Press, which publishes invited artists' prints or artist books, workshops for established and emerging artists, and a year-round studio facility for printmakers and bookmakers. ink-shop.org



COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ARTS: P8

330 E. State St., 272-1474

For 50 years, CSMA has provided instruction in the visual arts, music, dance, theater and languages for students of all ages, skill levels, and backgrounds, enriching the lives of more than 1300 students each year. In addition, the school hosts several gallery spaces; First Friday music. csma-ithaca.org

Dining & Nightlife

The dining scene in Ithaca is as flavorful and diverse as the community itself. Scattered throughout Downtown are a variety of dining establishments to fit every taste, budget, and occasion: from upscale bistros to casual cafes; from authentic delicatessens to intimate taverns. During the summer months, outdoor dining is plentiful along the bustling sidewalks of Downtown Ithaca too!

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

Bar Argos

408 E. MLK/State St., 319-4437
Located in the historic Argos Inn

Bike Bar Ithaca: P7

314 E. MLK/State St.,
Bicycle-themed bar serving local craft beverages and spirits

Bookies Sports Bar & Lounge: J10

119 E. MLK/State St., 349-9871
Sports Bar and Lounge

Chanticleer: E8

101 W. MLK/State St., 272-9678
Historic tavern

The Greenhouse Cafe and Cocktail Lounge: P6

320 E. MLK/State St., 319-0223
Thoughtful drinks and provisions

Lot 10 Bar & Lounge: E9

106 S. Cayuga St., 272-7224
Two-story bar with craft cocktails, live music, & DJs

K-HOUSE Karaoke & Arts Hub: E4

121 W. MLK/State St., 339-8981
Community-driven karaoke bar, café, and live arts venue

Moonies Bar and Nightclub: J21

114 E. MLK/State St., (201) 625-2918
High energy nightlife spot known for its large dance floor and themed events

Mushroom Spirits Distillery: K5

130 E. Seneca St., (315)549-8280
Distillery specializing in mushroom-infused spirits, offering tastings, cocktails, and bottle sales

Nowhere Special Libations Parlor: F9

114 W. MLK/State St., (314) 669-4373
Serving beer and tasty cocktails

Pete's Cayuga Bar: E10

116 S. Cayuga St., 272-9697
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The Nocturnal Café: E1

103 S. Geneva St., 272-5282
Ithaca's non-alcoholic nightlife spot.

DINING

Adam Grill: J16

114 W Green St., (347) 679-0942
Halal cuisine and desserts

Atabey Restaurant & Lounge: Q3

112 N. Cayuga St., 219-3248
Authentic Puerto Rican cuisine

Alley Cat Cafe: F7

112 N. Cayuga St., 319-5006
Coffee, pastries, and a cat room

Angelhearts Donuts: E14

110 W Green St Suite 2,
Vegan comfort food

Asia Cuisine: J57

126 N. Aurora St., 256-8818
Korean, Chinese, and Japanese

Bank Coffee: J36

154 E MLK/State St., (917) 701-3270
Coffee, crepes, & specialty lattes

Bickering Twins Restaurant & Tequila Bar: F7

114 N. Cayuga St. 319-0653
Authentic Latin American food

Café Dewitt: K1

Dewitt Mall, 273-3473
Award-winning brunch

Capital Corner & State Kitchen: F2

140 W. MLK/State St., 272-7350
Chinese and Japanese cuisine

Cayuga Lake Creamery: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 227-3987
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Collegetown Bagels: P9

301 E. MLK/State St., 273-2848
Bakery and deli, great sandwiches

Creola Southern Steakhouse: J54

112 N. Aurora St. 272-1438
Southern style steakhouse

Domino's Pizza: R1

311 E. Green St., 256-4000
Pizza, pasta, wings, sandwiches

Dream Tea & Poké: K5

130 E Seneca St., 793-8802
Poké Bowl and Boba Tea

Farm to Feast NY: E4

121 W MLK/State St., 269-8616
Globally-inspired comfort food and seasonal dishes built from scratch

Food Lab Bar + Kitchen: P2

113 N. Aurora St., 269-6139
Bold flavors, interactive presentations, and unexpected pairings

Fresh Marché: J52

220 E. MLK/State St., 319-0049
Parisian-style dining with customizable sandwiches, salads, and grain bowls.

Gorgers: F10

116 W. MLK/State St., 319-5046
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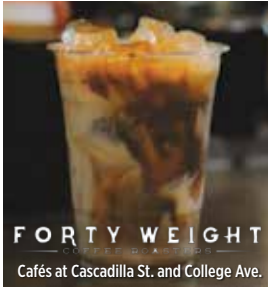
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Hawi Ethiopian: J5

113 S. Cayuga St., 279-4294
Ethiopian cuisine

Hound and Mare: J56

118 N. Aurora St., 319-4463
Cafe serving breakfast, lunch and fresh baked goods

Ithaca Ale House: P9

301 E. MLK/State St., 256-7977
Featuring microbrews and great food

Ithaca Deli: K5

130 E. Seneca St., 219-3081
Handmade sandwiches and fresh juices

Ithaca Social Pub and Grille: D1

222 S. Cayuga St., 272-1000
Dining in classic American style

Jimmy John's: J57

122 N. Aurora St., 645-0075
World's tastiest sandwiches

Kimchi: J25

124 E. MLK/State St., 339-0790
Authentic Korean dishes

Komonz Grill: J28

146 E. MLK/State St., 219-3115
Pizza and more

Le Café Cent-Dix: J54

110 N. Aurora St., 319-0750
Classic French bistro

Lev Kitchen: J52

222 E. MLK/State St., 319-0262
Fast casual Middle Eastern Food

Lou's Street Food: J16

171 E. MLK/State St.
Hot dogs, burgers and shakes featuring Purity Ice Cream inside Center Ithaca

The Lotus: P5

101 N. Aurora St., 339-0023
Korean fusion restaurant

Marrakech Casablanca Mediterranean Cuisine: J8

111 E. MLK/State St., 272-7777
Pizza, Mediterranean dishes and more

Mercato Bar and Kitchen: J54

108 N. Aurora St., 319-5171
Italian-inspired seasonal cuisine

Mia Tapas Bar and Restaurant: J56

116 N. Aurora St., 277-2000
High-end Pan-Asian cuisine

Monks on the Commons: J15

120 S. Aurora St., 272-2222
Soulful food and Sinful Cocktails

Moosewood Restaurant: K1

215 N. Cayuga St., 273-9610
Gourmet with a vegetarian emphasis

More Than Pizza: J17

215 E. MLK/State St., 319-0791
Pizza, pasta, burgers, wings, and subs

New Delhi Diamond's: E13

106 W. Green St., 272-4508
Tandoori specialties

Paris Baguette: J16

125 E. MLK/State St.
Bakery and café

Press Cafe: E17

118 W. Green St.
Espresso bar in Press Bay Alley

Revelry Yards: P3

111 N. Aurora St. 793-4132
Features a multi-faceted menu, an extensive wine list, and a micro-brewery on the second floor.

The Roock

105 W Court St. Ste. 100., 319-0180
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Rosie's Café & Parlor: Q1

312 E. Seneca St., 269-7615
Café focusing on mental health awareness, serving espresso, ice cream, and mental health resources

Sangam Indian Cuisine: J16

171 E. MLK/State St.
Traditional Indian specialties

Salt & Pepper: J27

130 E. MLK/State St., 339-0090
Kitchen & Wine

Shortstop Deli

200 W. Seneca St., 273-1030
Sandwich deli and mini mart

Simeon's American Bistro: J53

224 E. MLK/State St., 272-2212
American bistro cuisine

The Strand Cafe: P9

115 Seneca Way, 277-0230
Cafe bistro style food featuring locally sourced ingredients

Sushi Osaka: J8

113 E. MLK/State St., 379-6128
Fresh sushi, Japanese food

Sweet Melissa's

200 W. Seneca St., 277-0090
Ice cream and sundaes. Open seasonally, late April - September

Tacos CDMX: E17

118 W. Green St.
Authentic Mexican tacos

Taichi Bubble Tea: J17

215 E. MLK/State St. # 200
Handcrafted bubble tea, fruit teas, poke bowls, sushi burritos, ramen, and more

Taste of Thai: J50

216 E. MLK/State St., 256-5487
Award-winning Thai cuisine

Tavern on the Commons: K5

130 E. Seneca St.
European-style restaurant and sports bar offering comfort food

Thai Basil Restaurant: F10

118 W. MLK/State St., 319-4722
Authentic Thai food

Thompson and Bleecker: J59

211 E. MLK/State St., 319-0851
Craft Neapolitan pizzeria and organic wine tavern

Tian Jin Foods: J16

171 E. MLK/State St., 917-731-2258
Dumplings and soups

Tibetan Momo Bar: J16

171 E. MLK/State St., 216-7590
Japanese and Tibetan cuisine

Viva! Taqueria and Cantina: J17

215 E. MLK/State St., 277-1752
Fresh Mexican food, margaritas

Yellow Deli: J13

143 E. MLK/State St. 236-3772
Simple homemade food



WHO DO YOU CALL FOR HELP?

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POLICE DISPATCH

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Or you can email: outreach@reachprojectinc.org

CRISIS HOTLINE 988
(CALL OR TEXT, 24/7)

NEED SERVICES? 211

Housing, transportation, food resources, health care, employment, financial assistance

OR
TEXT (TXT211)
(898211)

CLEAN UP

CITY COMMONS CREW **607-319-1108**

DOWNTOWN ITHACA ALLIANCE **607-277-8679**

MUNICIPAL CONTACTS

ITHACA CITY HALL **607-274-6570**

TOMPKINS COUNTY CLERK **607-274-5431**

TCAT 607-277-7433
(BUS SERVICE) WWW.TCATBUS.COM

Mural by Nico Cathcart at CSMA



Electrical box mural by Emily De Lima

Services

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Beginnings Credit Union: J46 and J47

202 E. MLK/State St., 257-8500

Chase Bank: P9

301 E. MLK/State St., 645-3119

M&T Bank: J40

118 N. Tioga St., 274-8948

Tompkins Community Bank: K2

118 E. Seneca St., 274-8775

ATMS

AFCU ATM: J8

115 E. MLK/State St. (Autumn Leaves Books)

200 W. Seneca St. (Shortstop Deli)

Beginnings ATM: J47

202 E. MLK/State St.

Tompkins Community Bank Drive-Up: J42

119 E. Seneca St.

Tompkins Community Bank ATM: J39

110 N. Tioga St. at the History Center

M&T Bank ATM: J17

Rothschild Building

215 E. MLK/State St., under the outdoor awning

Sunoco APlus Gas Station: D2

210 S. Cayuga St.

Commons Market: J57

122 N. Aurora St.

The State Theatre: E5

107 W. MLK/State St.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Center Ithaca: J16

171 E. MLK/State St.



Mural by Maryam Adib and Terrance Vann

Adventures

Arts & Culture

CINEMAPOLIS: J1

156 E. State Street, 277-6115

Where can you see Oscar winning films plus all of your favorites? At Cinemapolis, Ithaca's independent first-run movie theater! Open seven days a week, "The Mop" showcases the best in independent, international, and art house cinema. The theater also features an array of special events and unique concessions including the best popcorn in Ithaca as well as home-baked treats and Cornell Dairy ice cream. Cinemapolis is located in the Green Street parking garage complex - along Home Dairy Alley.

Find out more at: cinemapolis.org

THE STATE THEATRE: E5

107 W. State St., 277-8283

Ithaca's historic State Theatre had its opening night on December 6, 1928. The building dates to 1915 and was originally an automobile garage and showroom. Today the 1600-seat State Theatre offers a calendar of events featuring performances of nationally recognized performers, outstanding regional groups, dance companies, and theatre troupes. Please check the website for updates at stateofithaca.com

TOMPKINS CENTER FOR HISTORY AND CULTURE: J39

110 N. Tioga St., 273-8284

The History Center is a must-see cultural destination, delivering vibrant exhibit and program experiences. It is a captivating destination, providing a place for visitors to better understand the past, experience the present, and imagine the future of Tompkins County. As a must-see gathering point for both residents and visitors, the vibrant facility instills an appreciation for our community's global impact and promotes further exploration into the community. Conveniently located in the same facility is the Downtown Visitor Center, where visitors can learn more about things to do in and around the county. thehistorycenter.net



Named CNN Travel's #1 Town to Visit in America and ranked #6 nationally for arts vibrancy, Ithaca is a destination full of culture, creativity, and discovery. Downtown Ithaca is your gateway to events, activities, exhibitions, performances, and local arts experiences year-round.

THE CHERRY

102 Cherry St., 241-0703

The Cherry Artspace is Ithaca's innovative, waterfront performance venue, home to The Cherry Arts theater company. This multidisciplinary space presents original works, experimental plays, and international performances you won't find anywhere else in the region. Learn more at the thecherry.org

HANGAR THEATRE

801 Taughannock Blvd/Rte 89, 273-2787

The Hangar Theatre is a professional regional theatre that opened in 1975, in a renovated municipal airport hangar. The Hangar Theatre is located just 2 miles from downtown Ithaca on Route 89 at the Treman Marina entrance of Cass Park. hangartheatre.org

THE KITCHEN THEATRE

417 W. State St., 272-0570

With a full lineup of productions, the Kitchen Theatre is "Bold, Intimate, and Engaging". For scheduled productions visit: kitchentheatre.org

QSPACE: E4

121 W. MLK/State St., 339-8981

A pay-what-you-are-able to space for LGBTQIA+ folks in Ithaca to socialize, gather, skill share, celebrate, make art, and more! QSpace is community-centered and a place for co-working, workshops, group meetings, crafting, de-stressing, creative projects, coffee, snacks, and more. Visit their Instagram to see hours and events.

[instagram.com/qspace.ithaca](https://www.instagram.com/qspace.ithaca)

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY: i2

101 E. Green St., 272-4557

The Library offers something for everyone, including CDs and DVDs, classic works and contemporary titles, a diverse offering of programs, events, exhibits, digital resources, free internet and Wi-Fi, and community event spaces. If you're looking for it, you'll find it at the Tompkins County Public Library! visit: tcpl.org



Photo via Hangar Theatre



Live Music



BAR ARGOS

408 E. State St., 319-4437

Nestled in the historic Argos Inn, Bar Argos prides itself on craft cocktails highlighting local ingredients. The setting is a lovely backdrop for evening libations with friends and colleagues. Check their events calendar for live music several nights per week, a book club, food truck nights, and more. argosinn.com

BIKE BAR: P7

314 E. State St., 100

Bike Bar is Ithaca's only bicycle-themed bar and lounge, featuring a rotating craft beer selection. Live music and special events happen regularly, especially on weekends. bikebarithaca.com

K-HOUSE KARAOKE AND ARTS HUB: E4

121 W State St, 339-8981

K-HOUSE Karaoke & Arts Hub is a karaoke bar, café, and creative gathering space built around music, performance, and community. khousekaraoke.com

THE UPSTAIRS AT LOT 10 BAR: E9

106 S. Cayuga St., 2nd Floor, 272-7224

Lot 10 is Ithaca's two-floor cocktail lounge, food and night club, featuring daily drink specials, live entertainment, DJs and dancing, along with a pool table and jukebox. Check their events calendar for karaoke and comedy nights. Learn more at linktr.ee/lot10ithaca

Tours & Walks

DISCOVERY TRAIL

8 world-class locations in Ithaca connecting science, nature, and culture: Cayuga Nature Center, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Cornell Botanic Gardens, The History Center, Johnson Museum of Art, Museum of the Earth, Sciencenter, and Tompkins County Public Library. (Please note that Cayuga Nature Center's Lodge is closed for 2026, though its trails and TreeTops treehouse remain open.) Visit discoverytrail.com for detailed listings of events, exhibitions, programs, and visitor information for all ages year-round.

EXPERIENCE! THE FINGER LAKES

501 Warren Rd Suite 1

If you are interested in extending your experience beyond the downtown area, Experience! The Finger Lakes can take you there with convenient pickup at the Hotel Ithaca. With guided tours, Experience! The Finger Lakes can drive you, or provide you with an itinerary to get the most out of your visit. For booking info visit experiencefingerlakes.com or call 233-4818.

ART SEEK PASS

The free, mobile-friendly Visit Ithaca Art Seek Pass takes you on a self-guided journey to dozens of murals and sculptures across 20+ unique sites. Simply check in at each location to earn points, then redeem the points for a variety of fun prizes including an Ithaca Murals coloring book and travel sketchbook. Sign up at visitithaca.com/things-to-do/arts-culture/outdoor-art

CARL SAGAN PLANET WALK & SCIENCENTER

The Sagan Planet Walk, a scale model of the Solar System, is named in memory of Carl Sagan—a respected scientist and member of the Ithaca community for nearly 30 years. For more information visit sciencenter.org or check out [page 19 in this guide](#).





Nature

WATERFALLS: AFTER ALL, ITHACA IS GORGES!

Five hundred generations ago, glaciers a mile high melted to a landscape of crystal lakes, jagged gorges and thundering waterfalls. The waterfalls are found along creeks that flow into Cayuga Lake. Many parks with trails will have a gorge trail, which follows the creek and along the edge of the gorge, where there is an overlook to the falls.

CASCADILLA CREEK GORGE

Connecting Cornell's campus to Downtown, Cascadilla Gorge offers a scenic natural greenway in the heart of the city. Part of the Cornell Botanic Gardens natural areas, the gorge walk is 1.3 miles long and includes many stairs. Enter from Linn Street near Downtown.

ITHACA FALLS

The cascading fall is Fall Creek's final plunge to Cayuga Lake. With a drop of 150 ft and width of 175 ft, Ithaca Falls is the region's most powerful and most impressive. By 1817, a half dozen mills were operating here; their ruins are still visible on the south bank. Directions: From Downtown Ithaca, take Aurora St. north 0.7 mi to Lincoln St. Turn right, then take an immediate left onto Lake St. The falls will be on your right.

Additional waterfall and gorge experiences close to Downtown include Taughannock Falls State Park, Buttermilk Falls State Park & Robert Treman State Park. For more information go to visitithaca.com, or stop by and pick up your waterfall guide at the Visitor's Center.

Where to Stay

Downtown Ithaca is home to four full-service hotels located within one block of the Ithaca Commons. With additional accommodations within walking distance or a short drive, visitors can find a place to stay that fits their needs, style, and budget. For additional lodging options, visit visitithaca.com or the Bed and Breakfast of Ithaca site at bbithaca.com.

HOTELS & INNS

Argos Inn: S3

408 E. MLK/State St., 319-4437

argosinn.com

Argos Inn, built in 1831, is on the state historic register and is now on the national register. As well as guest rooms, Argos has a neighborhood cocktail lounge and event space, all lovingly restored into a Leed-certified boutique hotel.



Ithaca Marriott Downtown on the Commons: J15

120 S. Aurora St., 272-2222

marriott.com/ITHMC

The Ithaca Marriott in Downtown is a full-service branded hotel with 159 guest rooms and 3,000 square feet of meeting space. The bar and restaurant, Monks on the Commons, serves three meals a day featuring locally sourced food with both indoor and outdoor seating.



The Hilton Garden Inn: K4

130 E. Seneca St., 277-8900

hiltongardeninn.com

Situated on the Ithaca Commons, The Hilton Garden Inn is a full-service hotel with 104 guest rooms, indoor pool, fitness center and on-site restaurants.

Canopy by Hilton: P9

324 E. MLK/State St., 277-0230

canopyithaca.com

The Canopy by Hilton is a state-of-the-art boutique hotel. This 125 room hotel features one of a kind local décor and The Strand bistro cafe with a menu featuring locally-sourced ingredients and craft beverages.



Hotel Ithaca: D1

222 S. Cayuga St., 272-1000

thehotelithaca.com

Conveniently located Downtown, the Hotel Ithaca offers 181 guest rooms, banquet facilities, indoor pool, fitness center, and a full-service restaurant and bar.

BED & BREAKFASTS



William Henry Miller Inn

303 N. Aurora, 256-4553

millerinn.com

The William Henry Miller Inn, built in 1880 by renowned architect William Henry Miller, opened as an inn in 1999. Featuring American chestnut woodwork, stained glass, and fireplaces, it offers seven guest rooms in the main house and three in the carriage house, all with private baths, homemade breakfast, and nightly desserts.

Inn on Columbia

228 Columbia St., 272-0204

columbiabb.com

Built in 1830 in the Greek Revival style and surrounded by scenic gardens, architect/owner Kenn Young has designed interior spaces and furniture to provide guests with a relaxed and casual feeling of elegance.

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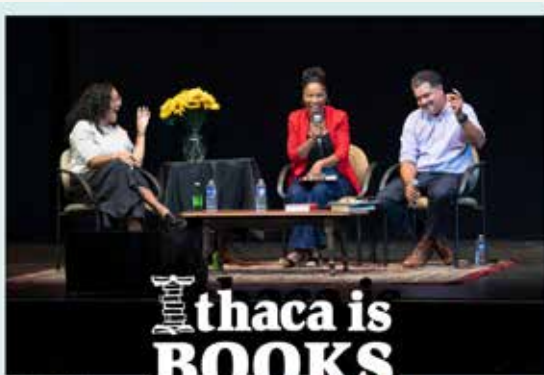
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