

Annual Events and Festivals

July – Community Fireworks Show, Ithaca College Campus. 607-272-1313; 800-284-8422. View the show from anywhere you can see the two Ithaca College towers.

Sept – Judy’s Day, Newman Arboretum, Cornell Plantations. 607-255-2400. www.plantations.cornell.edu. Hands-on family program of music and songs. Held rain or shine.

– **Six Mile Creek Vineyard Harvest Festival**, 1551 Slaterville Rd (Rt 79). 607-272-WINE. www.sixmilecreek.com. Live music, hayrides, food.

– **Tutelo Park Annual Homecoming Festival**, see #7. Celebration of Native American heritage, with presentations by Tutelo and Cayuga tribal members, crafts, music, dancing. Email: recreation@town.ithaca.ny.us.

Oct – Ithaca Quilt Festival, held in odd-number years. Tompkins County Quilters Guild show with hundreds of quilts, plus vendors, demonstrations, as well as associated exhibits and activities around the county. www.tcqg.org

Museums ▲

Cornell Lab of Ornithology/Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary, see #2. 607-254-2473; 800-843-BIRD. Email: cornellbirds@cornell.edu. Or visit www.birds.cornell.edu

Corners Gallery, Community Corners. Art gallery and custom frame shop featuring art of Ithaca and Cornell. 607-257-5756. Email: corners@clarityconnect.com.

Handwerker Gallery, Ithaca College. 607-274-3548. Email: handwerker@ithaca.edu or visit www.ithaca.edu/handwerker.

Museum of the Earth at PRI, see #10. 607-273-6623. Email: info@museumoftheearth.org or visit www.museumoftheearth.org.

Lodging L

(all addresses are Ithaca NY 14850)

Best Western University Inn, 1020 Ellis Hollow Rd. 607-272-3064; 607-2726100; 800-528-1234.

Buttermilk Falls B&B, 110 E Buttermilk Rd. 607-272-6767. www.buttermilkfallsbedandbreakfast.com.

Country Inn & Suites, 1100 Danby Rd. 607-256-1100.

Economy Inn, 658 Elmira Rd. 607-277-0370.

Frog’s Way B&B, 211 Rachel Carson Way. 607-275-0249; 607-592-8402. Email: elansla@ecovillage.ithaca.ny.us or visit www.frogsway-bnb.com.

Grayhaven Motel, 657 Elmira Rd. 607-272-6434. www.grayhavenmotel.com.

Hound and Hare B&B, 1031 Hanshaw Rd, 607-257-2821. www.houndandhare.com.

The Inn at City Lights B&B, 1319 Mecklenburg Rd (Rt 79). 607-227-3003. www.theinnatcitylights.com.

LaTourelle Resort & Spa, 1150 Danby Rd. 607-273-2734. Email ben@LaTourelle.com or visit www.LaTourelle.com.

Rodeway Inn, 654 Elmira Rd. 607-272-5252.

Wild Goose B&B, 111 Rachel Carson Way. 607-272-0953. www.wildgoose-bb.com.

Speciality Shops S

Hub’s Place, 1308 Mecklenburg Rd (Rt 79W). 607-273-1520. Antiques and collectibles.

Quilters Corner, Community Corners. 607-266-0850. www.e-quilterscorner.com. Fabric, classes, and sewing machine sales and support.

Rock Paper Scissors, East Hill Plaza, 335 Pine Tree Rd. 607-272-8814.

Farm Stands and Markets ✿

Ceres Gardens, 1080 Danby Rd (Rt 96B). 607-277-2719. www.ceresgardens.com. Fresh locally grown produce. Open daily in season.

Cornell Orchards, 709 Dryden Rd. 607-255-4542. Email hort@cornell.edu or visit www.hort.cornell.edu. Research and teaching orchard and sales room for Cornell’s Dept of Horticulture.

Earlybird Farm, 806 Elmira Rd (Rt 13). 607-272-1056. Homegrown fresh vegetables, herbs, perennials, annual bedding and potted plants, hanging baskets. May-Sept.

Eddydale Farm Market, Elmira Rd (Rt 13). 607-277-3617. Seasonal vegetables, fruit, bedding plants, shrubs, honey, maple syrup. Open year round.

Recreational Areas ■

The town has many nature preserves and neighborhood parks. All are listed on the town website: www.town.ithaca.ny.us.

East Ithaca Recreation Way, between Maple Ave and Honness Lane, a multipurpose paved commuter trail, 2.4 miles long, built on an abandoned railroad bed and extending through natural areas along the Cascadilla Creek near Game Farm Rd, with a link to Snyder Hill.

Eastern Heights Park, Skyvue Drive off Snyder Hill Rd. Ball field, basketball court, picnic areas, nature trail, sledding hill. 14 acres.

Sunset Park, off Cayuga Heights Rd near Wyckoff Rd. Owned by the Village of Cayuga Heights with a scenic overlook of the city and the lake.

Cemeteries ☉

Calvary, Five Mile Dr (Rt 13A).

Davis, Enfield Falls Rd.

East Lawn, 934 Mitchell St (Ellis Hollow Rd).

Fisher (Inlet Valley), 1504 Elmira Rd.

Frear (West Hill), Trumansburg Rd.

Hayts, Hayts and Trumansburg Rds.

King, Stone Quarry Rd.

Lake View, Kline Rd and East Shore Dr.

Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Grove Rd.

South Hill, Coddington Rd.

Historic Markers

Cayuga Heights, Village Hall, 836 Hanshaw Rd.

Renwick Heights, East Shore Dr.

Forest Home, two markers: one on Forest Home Dr, east of Pleasant Grove Rd; the other, titled **Former Industry**, on Forest Home Dr, west of downstream bridge.

Cornell University, 2 markers on Judd Falls Rd, one about founding, the other concerning the **Agriculture College**; 3rd marker, **Veterinary College** on Caldwell Rd.

Judd Falls, Pine Tree Rd, s of Dryden Rd (Rt 366).

Wm. & Hannah Pew, near beginning of Snyder Hill Rd.

East Ithaca, Maple Ave, near former railroad depot.

E.C. & N. R.R., Honness Lane.

Ithaca & Owego, old railroad route, Coddington Rd, e of Troy Rd.

Glenside, Coy Glen Rd.

Indian Path, Seven Mile Dr, n of Elmira Rd (Rt 13).

Michigan Hill, E King Rd, w of Troy Rd.

Military Lots, West Haven Rd, about ½ mile s of Mecklenburg Rd (Rt 79).

C.C.C. Co. 1265, E Buttermilk Falls Rd, e of Elmira Rd (Rt 13).

Teegastoweas, Burns Rd, ¼ mile s of Six Mile Creek bridge.

Incline Plane, railroad marker, Danby Rd (Rt 96B), n of Coddington Rd.

Teeter Farm, Enfield Falls Rd (Rt 327), opposite Gray Rd.

Remington Point, East Shore Dr (Rt 34), ¾ mile n of Rt 13 interchange.

Cayuga & Susquehanna, South Hill Recreation Way, w of Burns Rd.

For more information – Town of Ithaca, 215 N Tioga St, Ithaca, NY 14850. Town supervisor, 607-273-1721. www.town.ithaca.ny.us. Laura Johnson-Kelly, Town of Ithaca Historian, 607-272-5902.

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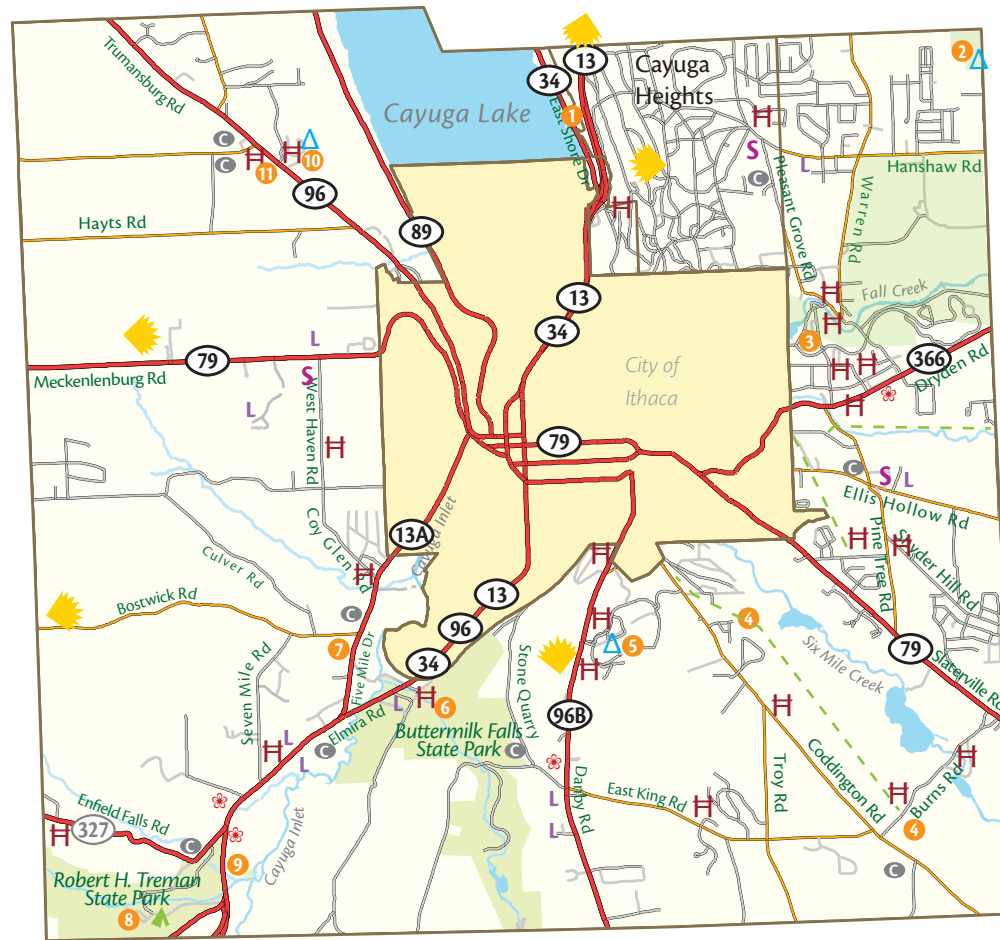
TOWN OF ITHACA

Wrapped around the City of Ithaca at the south end of Cayuga Lake, the Town of Ithaca lies at the heart of Tompkins County and features a scenic landscape of gorges, hills, and valleys. The Town of Ithaca was taken off from the Town of Ulysses in 1821, while the Village of Ithaca at its center, already the county seat and incorporated one month later, became the City of Ithaca in 1888. The Village of Cayuga Heights, incorporated in 1915, features curving, tree-lined streets and beautiful old homes. **H** The town's 18,000 inhabitants share an excellent school system and vibrant arts community with the city. Also within its borders are major portions of Cornell University; the campus of Ithaca College; EcoVillage, a community dedicated to sustainable living; and the Namagyal Monastery, the center for Tibetan Buddhism in the U.S.

1 East Shore Park/ Cayuga Lake – Cayuga, the longest of the Finger Lakes, dominates Ithaca's landscape, occupying much of the northwest quadrant of the county. It provides numerous recreational activities, including boating of all kinds and sport fishing. **East Shore Park**, on the East Shore Drive waterfront, has a covered pavilion with picnic tables and an informal boat launch. No swimming is allowed, but fishing is permitted.

2 Cornell Lab of Ornithology/Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary – Part of Cornell University, the Lab of Ornithology is an international center for the study, conservation, and appreciation of birds, located within the 220-acre Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary. Nearly 100,000 people visit this center each year, with its observatory, multimedia theater, and interactive exhibits. More than four miles of wooded trails are open for walking and bird watching.

3 Cornell Plantations and Forest Home – The Plantations encompasses more than 4,000 acres of diverse natural habitats available to the public for research, education, hiking, and nature study, including Beebe Lake, Cascadilla and Fall Creek gorges, plus wetlands, gorges, glens, meadows, bogs, and old-growth forest. The arboretum and botanical gardens are a museum of living plants crossed by a network of trails. The main entrance to the Newman Arboretum is off Caldwell Rd. The Plantation headquarters building, near Judd Falls Rd, served as the Forest Home Elementary School from 1921 to 1964. It is surrounded by special gardens and has a gift shop. Tours are available, call 607-255-2400. For additional information: 607-255-3020; www.plantations.cornell.edu. Nestled within the Plantations along Forest Home Drive and neighboring roads lies



- H** – Historical Marker
- C** – Cemetery
- S** – Specialty Shop
- F** – Farm market
- M** – Museum
- R** – Recreational Area
- P** – Recreational Path
- C** – Camping
- S** – Scenic View
- L** – Lodging

the small community of **Forest Home**, known until 1876 as Free Hollow. A thriving industrial center based on mills powered by Fall Creek during the 19th century and into the 20th, Forest Home is now a residential neighborhood. **H**

4 South Hill Recreation Way – This 3.3-mile recreational trail is popular with walkers, joggers, bicyclists, cross-country skiers, and college athletic teams. Built upon an abandoned railroad bed and running parallel to Coddington Rd above Six Mile Creek, this broad and

level trail serves as an off-road commuter route between South Hill and downtown. There are four entrance points. The trail runs through wooded areas with many creek crossings and small gorges, and connects to trails in the city's Mulholland Wildflower Preserve. A self-guided nature trail starts at the Crescent Drive entrance with pamphlets available nearby. At the Juniper Drive entrance is **Vincenzo Iacovelli Park**, 3.5-acres, with a play structure, picnic tables, pavilion, and nature trail.

5 Ithaca College – A non-sectarian and coeducational institution, the college has an enrollment of 6,400 students from the U.S. and abroad. It offers a curriculum of some 2,000 courses with more than 100 degree options in its five schools, and is well known for its music, health science, and communications programs. Founded by W. Grant Egbert in 1892 as the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, the school became Ithaca College in 1931. The present 757-acre campus was built in the 1960s. Guided campus tours are available. **H**

6 Buttermilk Falls State Park – Part of the Finger Lakes Park system, Buttermilk Falls has two sections along

Buttermilk Creek: an upper park with an entrance off W King Rd, and a lower park off Rt 13. The name comes from the foaming cascade formed by the creek as it descends more than 500 feet toward Cayuga Lake in a series of falls, rapids, and pools. The park trails, dam, and stonework were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. The upper park has a scenic hiking trail, picnic areas, and playing fields. The lower park has a campground, rustic cabins, swimming area with lifeguard, and playing fields, beyond which is Larch Meadows, a shady glen and wetland area with a nature trail. Park activities, including tours through the gorge, are offered weekly from July 4th through Labor Day. Bow hunting for deer is allowed in the Upper Park in season. For information, call 607-273-5761; 607-273-3440.

7 Tutelo Park – The name for this 8.31-acre community park comes from the Tutelo Indian tribe, who were adopted by the Cayuga Indian Nation in 1753. The Tutelo lived peacefully in the village of Coreogonel until the Sullivan campaign razed the village and its croplands—along with most other Native American settlements in central New York—in 1779. Tutelo and Cayuga people return to the park each September for a homecoming ceremony to re-light the Tutelo council fire.

The park includes a baseball field, comfort station, pavilion with picnic tables, paved bike path, wooded nature trails with benches, and a children's nature garden with native wildflower plantings. It also has the county's largest shagbark hickory and black oak trees, and is home to many species of wild birds. **H**

8 Robert H. Treman State Park – With 1,025 acres, this park features one of the county's spectacular gorges. The lower entrance is off Enfield Falls Rd (Rt 327), with shelter pavilions, swimming, picnic area, playgrounds, bathhouse, cabins, tent and trailer campsites. For information, call 607-273-3440.

9 Sunnysables – Built in 1852, this grand old Carpenter Gothic-style house belonged to H. E. Babcock, general manager of the Grange League Federation (later Agway). Babcock and his family lived in the house from 1919 and farmed the land until the mid-1950s. Over the ensuing years several restaurants have been located here. Fire destroyed the roof and much of the interior in 1987. The house has been restored to its previous state and is privately owned today.

10 Museum of the Earth – This museum showcases a wide selection of fossils from the collection of the Paleontological Research Institution (more than 2 million specimens), housed in a 1920s building originally an orphanage run by the Odd Fellows. **H** Highlights of the modern museum include skeletal remains of a whale, a mastodon, a saber-toothed cat, and many dinosaurs in a creative series of child-friendly interactive exhibits.

11 Hayts Corners Chapel – The Gothic Revival chapel, built in 1847 as the Frist Congregational Church of West Hill, along with its adjacent cemetery and Greek Revival schoolhouse (now a private residence), played an important role in the mid-19th century Abolitionist movement. The cemetery holds the remains of many of the Ithaca area's first black families. Hayts Corners is said to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad. **H**

