Visiting Ithaca - A Graduate Student’s Guide to Cornell
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Welcome to Ithaca and Cornell! This guide is designed to help graduate students visiting during the NED-APS meeting get the most out of their visit, without getting the most out of their wallet. We hope you find the suggestions useful!

Hotels
1. Hotel Ithaca
   *The meeting is taking place here, so it’s convenient. Plus it is right next door to The Commons (Fig.1), restaurants, things to do, etc. Nice digs, but more expensive.*
2. Best Western University Inn
   *Neighbor to Collegetown Bagels, East Hill Plaza.*
3. Super 8 (aka Wegman’s B&B)
   *Cheaper than Best Western in East Hill Plaza! Same rating. Plus Wegmans (best supermarket ever).*
4. Meadow Court Inn
   *Cheaper than Super 8!*

![Fig 1: The Commons in Ithaca.](image)

Airports
   *Fewer flights, in-town.*
   *Fewer flights, approx. 45 minutes away from Ithaca, marginally cheaper.*
   *Large international airport, approx. 1.25 hours away from Ithaca, probably cheaper than the former two airports.*

If riding a puddle jumper into Ithaca, there are a couple of options for getting from the airport to your hotel. The TCAT city buses ([http://tcat.nextinsight.com/stops/2220](http://tcat.nextinsight.com/stops/2220)) are cheap ($1.50 per trip, bring exact change) and run approximately every 30 min from the airport. Further, there are taxi services to and from the airport (CollegeTown Cab [http://collegetowncab.com/](http://collegetowncab.com/), Ithaca Dispatch [http://www.ithacataxi.biz/](http://www.ithacataxi.biz/)). Hotel Ithaca also has an airport shuttle (contact the hotel for more information).
If you choose to fly into Syracuse, there is an option of taking a shuttle from the airport into town on the Ithaca Airline Limousine (http://www.ithacaairlinelimousine.com/to-syracuse). This option is quite pricey ($85 one-way, $130 round trip) and you must book your ride at least 48 hours in advance. Taxis are another option, but are likely to be very expensive.

There are no mass transportation options to get from the Elmira airport to Ithaca.

Parking
Good luck....
There are several parking garages downtown, plus one right across the street from Hotel Ithaca. Garages are $1 per hour, with free parking after 6pm and on weekends. For parking along city streets or on-campus, see: http://us.parkmobile.com/.
Parking lot on campus across the street from Stocking Hall. About $12 to park for the whole day on campus. Be careful of campus spots that are reserved 24/7, they will ticket you even on Sundays at 6pm… Fines are $35 a pop on campus. So pay for parking.

Restaurants
Fun fact: Ithaca has more restaurants per capita than NYC.

- NorthStar, because the world has never seen a less assuming place with delicious food. Also, just a 5 minute walk from Ithaca Falls.
- Hawi Ethiopian, because we all need to finally relinquish our addiction to silverware and start using other means.
- Coltivare, because it’s Ithaca. Gourmet burgers and daily specials are delectable.
- Diamond’s Indian Buffet, because it would be a fun game to eat three plates of food, then try to stay awake through the commodity talks.
- Moosewood, because you can then tell your aunt (who has all the cookbooks) that that is not how the organic baked tofu should taste.
- Agave, because it’s close to campus and the Best Western. The tacos and drinks are particularly good.
- Viva, if you are a nachos aficionado. It’s on the Commons, and they make some killer mojitos.
- Saigon Kitchen, if you like Vietnamese food. Recommended is the pho on a hot summer day.
- Aladdin’s, if you like Mediterranean food.
- Istanbul, is actually pretty good and affordable in terms of Ithaca restaurants. Try the Ayran yoghurt drink for a cold, salty drink.
- Taste of Thai, because they serve yummy food on leaf-shaped plates. There is also an express version of this restaurant (Taste of Thai Express).
Coffee
- The Shop: Cheap, pretty good coffee and free wifi
- Press Cafe
- Autumn Leaves Books: No free wifi and grumpy staff at the cafe
- Waffle Frolic: this place is the truth
- Wegmans: is life
- CollegeTown Bagels: An Ithaca classic, definitely stop by here for some breakfast food
- Ithaca Bakery: same menu as CTB
- Gimme!: If you want to go from 0 to heart palpitations, chug down some of their dark roast coffee.
- Manndible: On campus, in the Mann Library. They sell Gimme coffee and other local shtuff.

Weather in October
Average temperature in October last year was 48°F, so a jacket and layers are encouraged. Always expect it to be colder than you might think outside and warmer inside (Fig. 2).

![Fig. 2. Fall in Ithaca is kinda pretty.](image)

Cool stuffs people with eyeballs like to visit
- Do go chasing waterfalls... [http://www.visitithaca.com/attractions/waterfalls.html](http://www.visitithaca.com/attractions/waterfalls.html)
- Corning Glass Museum [http://www.cmog.org/](http://www.cmog.org/): This place is actually awesome.
- Museum of the Earth/Cayuga Nature Center [https://www.priweb.org/](https://www.priweb.org/)
- Because you can’t say you’ve visited Ithaca without getting some local goat soap and breakfast burritos [http://www.ithacamarket.com/](http://www.ithacamarket.com/)
- Bookstores: Buffalo Street Bookstore (Buffalo Street), Autumn Leaves Used Books (The Commons), The Bookery (Dewitt Mall)
- Taughannock Falls (Fig. 3): [http://www.taughannock.com/](http://www.taughannock.com/)
Cool stuffs (cont’d.)
- Ithaca Beer Company: [http://ithacabeer.com/?age-verified=cc9c3ecc45](http://ithacabeer.com/?age-verified=cc9c3ecc45): they have stuff to do outside
- Tour an alpaca farm because they are glorious creatures (Fig. 4): [http://www.belcantofarm.com/farm-tours.html](http://www.belcantofarm.com/farm-tours.html)

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