

ITHACA

Discovery Trail



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connecting science,
nature, and culture
in Ithaca, New York

Cayuga Nature Center



Cornell Lab of Ornithology



DISCOVER NATURE! Climb six-stories into the forest canopy up through **TreeTops Tower**. Walk among the butterflies in our summer butterfly house. Explore our special **toddler room**. **Live animals** both indoors and outside. Relax in our lodge after hiking the more than five miles of **scenic trails**. Enjoy the **natural gorges** and native wildlife open to you on this 120-acre playground. Ithaca winters bring outdoor fun when you take to the trails on snowshoes or skis. CNC is a nature experience of PRI and its Museum of the Earth.

HOURS: Trails open dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. Lodge open Tuesday–Sunday, 10–4. Admission charged, members free. **LOCATION:** 1420 Taughannock Blvd (Route 89), Ithaca. **INFO:** 607-273-6260; cayuganaturecenter.org; facebook.com/cayuganaturecenter



VISIT THE LAB OF ORNITHOLOGY in Sapsucker Woods, situated in a **220-acre sanctuary** featuring more than four miles of trails winding through a variety of habitats for birds and other wildlife. Discover the joys of bird-watching in the **bird-feeding garden**. View the 10-acre pond from inside the observatory and enjoy the gallery of bird art. Relax while watching movies about birds and conservation in high-definition video with surround sound in the Bartels Theater. Learn about birds, the **sounds of nature**, and the Lab's mission through state-of-the-art **interactive exhibits** that make exploration fun and easy.

HOURS: Monday–Thursday 8–5, Friday 8–4, Saturday 9:30–4, Sunday 11–4. **FREE** admission. **LOCATION:** 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca. **INFO:** 607-254-BIRD(2473); birds.cornell.edu; facebook.com/cornellbirds

Harold Key



natural beauty and serenity

Cornell Plantations



from generation to generation

The History Center

in Tompkins County



CELEBRATE THE RELATIONSHIP between plants, people, and the natural environment at Cornell Plantations, the botanical garden, arboretum, and natural areas of Cornell University. Our **diverse plant collections** and natural features delight and educate visitors of all ages. Plantations features a **botanical garden** with 14 specialty gardens and the Brian C. Nevin Welcome Center, home to Plantations' garden gift shop and café; a 150-acre **arboretum**; and more than 40 **natural areas**, on and off the Cornell University campus. Experience this museum of year-round natural beauty and serenity that is part of one of America's most renowned university campuses.

HOURS: Gardens are open sunrise to sunset. **FREE** admission. The arboretum is closed to vehicles in winter. Call or refer to website for visitor center and gift shop hours. **LOCATION:** One Plantations Rd., Cornell University, Ithaca. **INFO:** 607-255-2400; cornellplantations.org; [facebook.com/cornellplantations](https://www.facebook.com/cornellplantations)

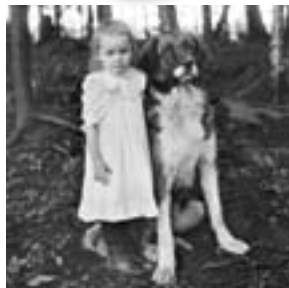


FIND YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY by uncovering the people, places, and events that have shaped Tompkins County's past. Explore thousands of **vintage photographs**, examine hundreds of **historical maps**, or start your **genealogy research** in The History Center's Research Library.

Step Through Time with our **our self-guided historic walking tour** and see what life was like in Ithaca one hundred years ago.

Browse our galleries to connect with Tompkins County's rich history. Discover the excitement of exploring the past at The History Center in Tompkins County.

HOURS: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 11–5. **LOCATION:** 401 East State St., First Floor, Ithaca. **INFO:** 607-273-8284; TheHistoryCenter.net; [facebook.com/tompkinscounty.historycenter](https://www.facebook.com/tompkinscounty.historycenter)



discover a world of art

Johnson Museum of Art



where the Earth comes to life

Museum of the Earth

 at the Paleontological
Research Institution

ONE OF THE FINEST UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUMS IN AMERICA, the Johnson Museum's collection is housed in an I. M. Pei-designed building, offering **spectacular views** of Cayuga Lake, Ithaca, and the Cornell campus. Selections from the Museum's **permanent collection** of art from Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Europe are always on view. In addition, there are **special exhibitions** which focus on themes, media, or time periods with something enlightening, refreshing, and enjoyable for art lovers of all ages.

HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday 10–5, closed Monday. **FREE** admission. **LOCATION:** University Avenue, Cornell University, Ithaca. **INFO:** 607-255-6464; museum.cornell.edu; facebook.com/HFJMuseum



Jean Dubuffet, Smiling Face (La Bouche en Croissant), 1946



Jason Koski



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EXPLORE EARTH through a unique mix of **natural history displays, interactive science features, and art exhibitions.** Touch and feel history through hands-on exploration of fossils at the Discovery Stations – Fossil Lab and Dino Lab. Witness specimens being prepared for research in the **Fossil Preparation Lab.** The exhibits feature more than 650 specimens from PRI's world-class collections, including the bones of the **Hyde Park Mastodon** and Right Whale No. 2030. Enjoy the 500-foot art mural, *Rocks of Ages, Sands of Time.* Come explore the Earth's past and understand your unique role in its present and its future. Also visit Cayuga Nature Center – the outdoor nature experience of PRI and its Museum of the Earth.

HOURS: Monday–Saturday 10–5, Sunday 11–5. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays in winter (Labor Day through Memorial Day). Admission charged, members free. **LOCATION:** 1259 Trumansburg Rd. (Rt. 96), Ithaca. **INFO:** 607-273-6623 x33; museumoftheearth.org; facebook.com/museumoftheearth



Paul Warchol



Sheryl Sinkov



Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Le Divan Japonais, 1892

look, touch, listen & discover!

Sciencenter



navigating a sea of resources

Tompkins County Public Library



C **LIMB, SPLASH, THINK, BUILD, AND BOUNCE** your way through four full-sized exhibit galleries with full-body science fun. From Astronomy to Zoology, the Sciencenter offers 250+ hands-on exhibits. From colorful snakes to beautiful sea stars, you can meet and touch many of the critters in the **Connect to the Ocean Touch Tank** and **Saltonstall Animal Room**. Designed for smaller hands, littler bodies, and inquisitive minds, the **Curiosity Corner** is a vibrant play space welcoming visitors ages 4 and under. Outside, explore sound, motion, water, and more in the **Emerson Science Park**; challenge a friend to a round of **Galaxy Golf** on the science-filled 18-hole miniature golf course; or explore the **Sagan Planet Walk**, a ¾-mile walking tour from the Commons in downtown Ithaca to the Sciencenter.

HOURS: Tuesday–Saturday 10–5, Sunday Noon–5, Monday 10–5 (July and August; open holiday Mondays). Admission charged. **LOCATION:** 601 First Street, Ithaca.
INFO: 607-272-0600; sciencenter.org; facebook.com/Sciencenter



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Come in with your family, meet your friends here after work or school, or attend an author reading or book talk. Bring your laptop for a free, **unlimited wi-fi** (wireless) connection, or use our public computers for an hour of **free Internet access**. The public library is your source for **free and equal public access** to information.

HOURS: Monday–Thursday 10–8:15, Friday–Saturday 10–5, for Sunday hours please check website. **FREE** admission. **LOCATION:** 101 East Green Street, Ithaca.
INFO: 607-272-4557; tcpl.org; facebook.com/tcplny





Map of Discovery Trail Locations



ITHACA, NY

Scale: 0 to 1 mile (0, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 1)

North arrow pointing up.

Ithaca, New York

is in the heart of the Finger Lakes Region. For more information about visiting this beautiful part of New York State please

VisitIthaca.com

refer to these websites:

IthacaEvents.com

Group tours, discounts, and itineraries are available.

FingerLakes.org



Clockwise from top: Cornell University campus and Cayuga Lake; Cascadilla Gorge; The Ithaca Commons; Taughannock Falls State Park.

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For detailed listings of events, exhibitions, and programs:

DiscoveryTrail.com

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