The gardens, gorges, and natural areas of Cornell Botanic Gardens make up one-third of Cornell's campus as well as 3.100 acres of nature preserves beyond campus.

Use this guide to choose how you want to explore this exceptional museum of living plants.



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Choose from ten suggested walking tours to explore our areas on campus. Download the free "Pocketsights Tour Guide" from the App Store or Google Play. The tour closest to you will appear at the top of the list. Scroll to select a desired tour.

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Cornell Botanic Gardens stewards 3,800 acres of biologically diverse landscapes on and off Cornell's campus that represent the full range of ecological communities found in the Finger Lakes region.



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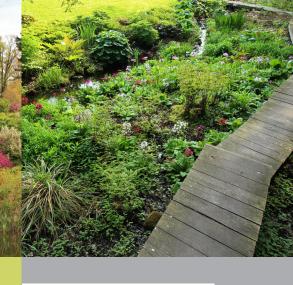
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Robison Herb Garden

The gardens around the Nevin Welcome Center, including the herb garden, showcase a diversity of cultivated plants used and cherished by people around the world.

Over 10,000 cultivated plants grow within 12 specialty gardens around the Nevin Welcome Center and throughout the F. R. Newman Arboretum.

Pounder Vegetable Garden

The vegetable garden demonstrates how plants and gardening practices can reduce global carbon emissions, improve soil health, provide pollinator habitat, protect and conserve water, and more.

To explore more plant-based solutions for a sustainable future, visit the Bioswale Garden, Botanic Buzzline, and Native Lawn in the Mundy Wildflower Garden.

Mullestein Winter Garden

This garden displays a variety of conifers and other plants with interesting colors, textures, and shapes that look beautiful year round, but especially in winter.

The majority of our conifer collection is found in the winter garden as well as nearby Conifer Slope and Kienzle Overlook, which altogether include over 100 different types of conifer trees.

F. R. Newman Arboretum

The scenic, 100-acre arboretum includes hundreds of diverse trees from around the world, located 1/2-mile east of the Nevin Welcome Center. Wander many pathways to explore trees, gardens, ponds, and outdoor art.

Several overlooks provide views of the arboretum's rolling landscape, best seen at Newman Overlook.

Treman Woodland Walk

You can explore many more specialty gardens throughout the arboretum including the Treman Woodland Walk (above), Zucker Shrub Collection, and Floriculture War Memorial Trail.

The arboretum holds nine core tree collections including oaks, maples, nut trees, dogwoods, as well as rare and unusual trees, which are used for education and research.









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Cascadilla & Fall Creek Gorges

Cornell's campus is sandwiched between two stream corridors, each carving deep gorges for over 15,000 years.

Cascadilla Gorge (above): A 3/4-mile trail follows Cascadilla Creek past six waterfalls, connecting Cornell to downtown Ithaca.

Fall Creek Gorge: Begins west of Beebe Lake and ends after spilling over the 150-

Beebe Lake

Fall Creek was dammed to create manmade Beebe Lake—a preserve of water, woods, and wetlands in the heart of Cornell's campus.

Hike a 1-mile loop through a diversity of native plants, over historic Sackett Bridge, and above Triphammer Falls on the footbridge (shown above).

Mundy Wildflower Garden

Here you can explore a remarkable diversity of native plants under a forest canopy along Fall Creek. Native wildflowers are prominent during the growing season, but especially in spring. Visit here to see our Native Lawn.

This natural area, along with Fall Creek Valley, Park Park, and Monkey Run borders Fall Creek.

Monkey Run Natural Area

Enjoy the scenic beauty of Fall Creek along an extensive network of hiking trails on the top of forested banks and below at creek level in the Monkey Run Natural Area.

This natural area is one of 24 nature preserves spanning 3,100 acres further away from the Cornell campus.

foot Ithaca Falls in the City of Ithaca.