Ithaca & Cornell Neighborhood Descriptions

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BELLE SHERMAN

- Residential area south of campus
- About 1 - 2 miles from campus
- Located just east of Collegetown, this residential area with a few apartment complexes tends to be quieter, and the services of East Hill Plaza, and Collegetown are all within walking distance. (A 15-minute level walk to campus.)
CAYUGA HEIGHTS & CORNELL HEIGHTS/NORTH CAMPUS

- Residential area north of campus
- About 1 - 4 miles from campus
- Both neighborhoods border the Cornell campus to the north. Cornell Heights/North Campus contains some apartment buildings and apartments within houses. It is also home to many fraternities and sororities, so residents are at times subjected to music and parties.
- Cayuga Heights is a peaceful residential area where many faculty live. Cayuga Heights has a few apartment complexes and rooms/apartments within houses. Walkable shopping areas and other conveniences are somewhat limited. (Up to a 30-minute level walk to campus.)
COLLEGETOWN

- Concentration of student housing within a residential community
- About 0.1 - 0.5 miles from campus
- Abutting the southwest end of the Cornell campus, Collegetown is akin to a miniature city featuring shopping, restaurants, and other services. This convenient location is very popular with students (mostly undergraduate), which increases rent, noise, and congestion. Living in the lower Collegetown area provides good exercise because you'll have to walk uphill to campus; you'll also be close to downtown's shops and restaurants. Luxury/average apartment complexes, multiple unit houses, and room rentals prevail in this area. (Up to a 15-minute walk to campus.)
EAST HILL

- Residential community south of campus
- About 0.75 - 2 miles from campus
- Located just east of Collegetown, this residential area with a few apartment complexes tends to be quieter, and the services of East Hill Plaza, and Collegetown are all within walking distance. (A 15-minute level walk to campus.)
FALL CREEK

- Residential area west of campus
- About 0.5 - 1 miles from campus
- This residential neighborhood is located down the hill from Campus, just north of the Ithaca Commons (Downtown). The neighborhood is within walking distance to shopping, parks, and other city services. Many graduate students prefer this area for its somewhat lower rents and city neighborhood feel. Most of the units are subdivided houses and single-unit houses. Bus service is frequent in this area. (A 20 to 30-minute uphill walk to campus.)
VILLAGE OF LANSING/NORTHEAST

- Growing community north of Ithaca
- About 2 - 3 miles from campus
- North of Cayuga Heights, the Village of Lansing/Northeast is suburban area includes varied large and small apartment complexes, residential neighborhoods, and retail areas (The Shops at Ithaca Mall, Triphammer Mall, and Cayuga Mall). Somewhat distant from campus, this area also tends to be less expensive. Bus lines run regularly. (Lengthy, level walk to campus; bus or car recommended.)
SOUTH HILL

- Mostly residential with a concentration of student housing
- About 1.5 - 3 miles from campus
- South Hill is home to Ithaca College (IC), and IC students inhabit many of its apartment complexes. Although less convenient for Cornell students without cars because of its distance to campus, some graduate students choose to live here and walk to downtown Ithaca and take public transportation to campus. (A 15-minute downhill walk to downtown.)
The Ithaca Commons/Downtown is located at the base of East Hill, literally down in elevation from campus. It is within walking distance to shopping, parks, and other city services. Many graduate students prefer this area for its downtown/city feel and it is close to many restaurants and nightlife. Most of the units are apartment buildings and apartments over shops. Bus service is frequent in this area. (A 20 to 30-minute uphill walk to campus.)
WEST HILL AREA

- Rural area on northwest side of Ithaca along lake
- About 4 miles from campus
- This area contains a large number of private homes, minimal number of apartments complexes and can be more difficult for those who do to not have access to an automobile. From higher elevations there are beautiful lake views. Rents in this area tend to be lower. Homes along the lake are mostly cottages and are probably not insulated so winter heating bills can be tend to be high. Check with New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG, (800) 572-1111) for average yearly heating bills.
If I have questions?

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