Welcome to Penn State University Park! On this self-guided walking tour of campus, you will follow our standard guided tour route, which features descriptions of various points of interest along the route. Do as much, or as little, of the tour as you would like. Follow the blue dotted line on the map to visit the stops described here. Enjoy your time on campus!

Shields Building (SHD, E8)
The Shields Building is home to the Undergraduate Admissions Office, Office of the Bursar, Office of Student Aid, and Office of the University Registrar.

Intramural Building (IM, D9)
This recently renovated fitness building houses a weight training room and fitness center, three gymnasia with basketball and volleyball courts, racquetball courts, an indoor track, and a matted all-purpose room. The Intramural (IM) Building is also the home of the Intramural Sports Office, which coordinates Penn State's extensive IM offerings.

East Halls (D7)
East Halls, the largest residence hall complex on campus, accommodates around 4,000 first-year students. The majority of the rooms in the fourteen co-ed residence halls are designed as double rooms with hall bathrooms. The commons offers a computer lab, a branch of the Penn State Bookstore, a cultural lounge, study lounges, and many food options, including a convenience store and the largest dining hall on campus. – Turn left on Bigler Road

Bank of America Career Services Center (BCS, F7)
This highly-utilized center helps students and alumni search for internships and jobs, while providing career coaches, resume and networking workshops, mock interviews, career counseling, the career library, and more. Career Services also coordinates two University-wide career fairs that are the largest University-based career fairs in the country.

Tour Guide Tidbit: University Police are located nearby, in the Eisenhower Parking Deck (EPD). In addition to their police services, Penn State offers blue-light phones throughout campus to report emergencies, as well as a free security escort service (865-WALK) for students and visitors.

Student Health Center (STH, F7)
The Student Health Center holds 32 exam rooms, a laboratory, an allergy, clinic, and a full-service pharmacy. It also provides students with general and urgent care, women's health care, physical therapy, nutritional counseling, and more. The center is home to Counseling and Psychological Services, or CAPS, which provides group and individual counseling, crisis intervention, and evaluations.

Pollock Halls (G7)
The third-largest housing area on campus, Pollock offers nine traditional, co-ed residence halls, with most residents sharing a double room. Pollock includes the renovated Pollock Dining Commons and many Special Living Communities. The International Student Services House and Discover House for students underdressed about their major.

Millennium Science Complex (MSC, F6)
Completed in 2011, this complex features 297,000 square feet of laboratory and research space and is the largest academic building at the University. Penn State's Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences and its Materials Research Institute perform cutting-edge research in this unique building that features many quiet laboratories designed to be free from vibration and electromagnetic forces.

Thomas Building (TMS, F6)
This academic building is the home of the Eberly College of Science, which offers degrees in the physical sciences, mathematical sciences, and life sciences. Thomas is a familiar building for all students, featuring many small and large classrooms and the largest lecture hall on campus.

Tour Guide Tidbit: While Penn State does offer some large classes, 85% of first-year classes at University Park have 50 or fewer students. And, as students start taking courses in their specific major, class sizes become smaller. The University’s student to faculty ratio is 17:1. – Continue on Pollock Road, crossing the intersection with Shortridge Road.

Grange Building (GRN, G6)
The building is home to the Division of Undergraduate Studies (DUS), the academic advising unit for undecided students at Penn State, and the offices for the Multicultural Resource Center.

Boucke Building (BKE, G5)
This building offers many resources for students, including Penn State Learning, the tutoring center on campus; the Office for Disability Services, the Office of Veterans Programs; the LGBT/Student Resource Center; and Off-Campus Living. Boucke is also home to the Office of Global Programs, which assists both the international student population and students who wish to study abroad in one of Penn State's more than three hundred programs.

Hetteg Union Building (HUB, G5)
The HUB features a student bookstore, multiple dining options, coffee shops, lounges, exhibit areas, and the offices for the more than 900 clubs and organizations at University Park. The HUB also hosts the Nittany Lion Shrine, which is weekend programs including free movies, comedians, dance lessons, concerts, and more. The HUB is also home to the Paul Robeson Cultural Center, a center that focuses on issues related to social justice, racial identity, and cultural enrichment.

Tour Guide Tidbit: University Park offers more than 900 clubs and organizations for all interests, including groups that focus on music and various performing arts, academic, religious, and more. Approximately 18% of students are involved in Greek life. Trust us – you will never be bored! – Turn left onto the alley just past the Hetzel Union Building, and then turn right onto the path just past the U.S. Post Office.

Old Main (OMN, G4)
Old Main is the most recognizable building on University Park campus and is the current home to the Office of the President and much of the University’s administration. Old Main Lawn is also a popular gathering spot for students and home to many University events.

Tour Guide Tidbit: State College is consistently ranked as one of the top college towns in the country – be sure to spend some time in town and see for yourself! Right across College Avenue, downtown State College offers offices, restaurants, and entertainment options for students and their families. – Continue on the path in front of Old Main, and then turn right onto the walking mall just past Old Main.

Willard Building (WLD, G4)
A popular classroom building, most students have at least one class here during their time at Penn State. In addition to the many classrooms, Willard also offers a computer lab staffed with lab consultants to assist students.

Carnegie Building (CRG, G4)
This building is a gift from Trustee Andrew Carnegie, was completed in 1904 as Penn State's first library, and is now the home of the renovated College of Communications.

Sparks Building (SPK, F4)
This building is home to the College of the Liberal Arts, as well as another location for the tutoring services of Penn State Learning.

Pattee and Paterno Library (PTL/PNL, F4)
Penn State’s library is ranked as one of the top ten research libraries in North America with over 5.8 million available volumes. The library features a variety of levels, books, known as the “stacks,” several reading rooms, a cafe, and the impressive, Comer Commons, which offers reading rooms, computer stations, video studios, and group study spaces. The Paterno Library houses the Special Collections library, as well as specialized research libraries.

Tour Guide Tidbit: After passing the Business Building, turn right onto the path and walk down the Ag Hill mall. Your tour will end on Curtin Road with the Berry Creamery on your left.

Berkey Creamery (BCR, E6)
This really enjoyed your experience of the entire walking tour, but we’d like to recommend that you stop by for some delicious ice cream! The Berry Creamery serves over 25 million ice cream cones each year, and it features a wide array of unique flavors. Just one rule: do not mix flavors. The only person that was able to combine two flavors was President Bill Clinton during a visit to campus in 1996.

To return to Shields Building, turn left on Curtin Road. You will travel east, cross the intersection at Bigler Road, and walk for a block before you arrive at Shields on your right. After passing the Business Building, you will see Beaver Stadium and the Bryce Jordan Center.

Bryce Jordan Center (BJC, E9)
The Bryce Jordan Center is home to Penn State’s men’s and women’s basketball teams, where 16,000 fans can see some of the best college basketball in the country. Bryce Jordan Center also hosts the Nittany Lion Shrine, which has served as Penn State’s mascot for over a century. The iconic Nittany Lion Shrine, a gift from the Class of 1940, is the most photographed spot on campus, so be sure to snap a picture and share it using #paenst.

Nittany Lion Shrine (NLS, E3)
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Pasquerilla Spiritual Center (PSQ, E4)
The Pasquerilla Spiritual Center is the largest multi-faith center of its kind in the country, providing space for the more than 50 different religious and spiritual groups on campus.

Palmer Museum of Art (PMA, E5)
The Palmer Museum of Art is a free-admission arts resource, offering events and rotating exhibitions in a collection of more than 60,000 works of art.

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