Tour Guide Tidbit: University Park offers more than 900 clubs and organizations for all interests, including groups that focus on music and dance, visual and performing arts, academics, service, athletics, religious organizations, and many 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 and see for yourself! Right across College Avenue, downtown State College offers coffee shops, 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 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 is famous for its many levels of books, known as the “stacks,” several reading rooms, a cafe, and the impressive Knowledge 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.

– Turn left just before the steps of the library and follow the walking path across Fraser Road toward West Halls.

West Halls (F3)
The oldest residential area on campus, West Halls was constructed in a traditional collegiate residence style, with brick buildings, open spaces, and beautiful archways. Most upperclassmen fill the traditional double or triple rooms.

– Turn right onto Burrowes Road.

Recreation Hall (REC, F2)
Rec Hall is home to the most technologically equipped fitness facility on campus, featuring a cardio loft, video walls, nearly 15,000 square feet of workout space, two gyms, racquetball courts, squash courts, and an indoor track. The field house also hosts athletic competitions for Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Men’s and Women’s Gymnastics, and Men’s Wrestling.

– Continue on Burrowes Road, crossing Curtin Road.

Nittany Lion Shrine (NLS, E3)
The Nittany Lion Shrine has served as Penn State’s mascot for over a century, and 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 #psuvisits.

– From the Nittany Lion Shrine, turn left and follow Curtin Road, traveling east.

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.

Palm Marketplace at A.J. Willard (AJW, D6)
This building features an admission desk for the Nittany Lion Shrine and receives donations for the Nittany Lion Fund.

– 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 Beaver Creamery on your left.

Beaver Creamery (BCR, E6)
Beaver Creamery is the best-kept secret on campus. The Creamery sells over 2.5 million ice cream cones each year, and it features a wide array of unique flavors. Just one rule: no 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.

– From Shields, you will see Beaver Stadium and the Bryce Jordan Center.

Beaver Stadium (BVR, D10)
Home to Penn State football, Beaver Stadium is the second largest college football stadium in the country with a seating capacity of approximately 107,000. The stadium also houses the All-Sports Museum, which honors student-athletes and coaches from Penn State’s long athletic history.

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. The Bryce Jordan Center, which is part of the Big Ten Conference, hosts the Big Ten conference’s basketball, wrestling, and volleyball championships as well as the NCAA wrestling championships. The Bryce Jordan Center also host a variety of other events such as concerts, conventions, and trade shows.

– From the Bryce Jordan Center, take the walkway to Shields Building on the left.

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.

– Exit the Shields Building and turn left onto Curtin Road.

Intramural Building (IM, D9)
This recently renovated fitness building houses a weight training room and fitness center, three gymnasiums with basketball and volleyball courts, racquetball courts, an indoor track, and a brand new, state-of-the-art fitness center.

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