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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 purple line on the map to visit the stops described here! Enjoy your time on campus!

Shields Building (SHD, D9)
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, E9)
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, climbing wall, 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 (E8)
East Halls, the largest residence hall complex on campus, accommodates around 4,000 first-year students. The majority of the rooms in the seven residence halls are designated as double occupancy. The commons offers a cultural lounge, study lounges, and many food options, including a convenience store, coffee shop, and diner hall.

– Turn left onto Bigler Road.

Bank of America Career Services Center (BCS, D8)
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 Police also respond to calls on campus to report emergencies, as well as a free security escort service (865-WALK) for students and visitors.

University Health Services (SHT, C8)
University Health Services offers 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.

Pollok Halls (B8)
The third-largest housing area on campus, Pollok offers traditional, four-person residence halls. All students sharing a double room in Pollok includes the renovated Pollok Dining Commons and many Special Living Options like the Global Engagement Community and Discover House for students interested in their major.

Millennium Science Complex (MSC, C7, C8)
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 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.

South Halls (B7, B8)
The second-largest housing area, South accommodates approximately 3,200 students and spans from the southern edge of campus through mid-campus. It is also where you will find the renowned ranked Schreyer Honors College and reserved housing within Atherton Hall and Simmons Hall for their honors students.

Thomas Building (TMS, C7)
This academic building is the home of the Eberly College of Science, which offers degrees in the physical sciences, mathematics 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, classes become smaller.

– Continue on Pollok Road, crossing the intersection with Shortridge Road.

Grange Building (GRN, C7)
This building is home to the Office of Undergraduate Studies (OUS), the academic advising unit for undesignated students at Penn State, and the offices for the Multicultural Resource Center.

Boucke Building (BKE, C6)
This building offers many resources for students, including Penn State Learning, the tutoring and residence style, with brick buildings, an ice rink, and beautiful archways. Mostly upperclass students fill the traditional double rooms.

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

West Halls (C4, C5)
The oldest residential area on campus, West Halls was constructed in a traditional French chateau style. It is a co-ed residence style with brick buildings, an ice rink, and beautiful archways. Mostly upperclass students fill the traditional double rooms.

- Turn right onto Burrowes Road.

Recreation Hall (REC, C4, D4)
Recreation Hall is a technologically equipped fitness facility, 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 Volleyball, Men’s and Women’s Gymnastics, and Men’s Wrestling.

- Continue on Burrowes Road, crossing Curtin Road.

Nittany Lion Shrine (NLS, D4)
The Nittany Lion Shrine 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 #psuswift.

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

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Pasquerilla Spiritual Center (PSC, D5)
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, D6)
The Palmer Museum of Art is a free-admission arts resource, offering a permanent collection of over 70,000 objects and an annual rotation of traveling exhibitions and a permanent collection within eleven galleries. The museum is the largest art venue between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Contact the campus and then turn right on Shortridge Road.

North Halls (E6)
The smallest housing area on campus, these residence halls offer mostly suite-style living, accommodating up to 4 people per suite.

Business Building (BUS, E7)
The Business Building has been recognized as one of the best business school facilities in the nation, providing students in our Smeal College of Business with state-of-the-art classrooms that promote a collaborative learning environment. This building also features the Rogers Family Trading Room, which allows students to experience hands-on, real-time analysis of financial markets. Students can manage an actual investment portfolio through 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 Berkey Creamery on your left.

Berkey Creamery (BCR, D7)
Lucky you – not only did you complete the entire walking tour, but you get to reward yourself with some delicious ice cream from the Berkey Creamery! The Creamery sells over 2.5 million ice cream cones each year, and it features a wide array of 14 different 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. Just ahead, you will see Beaumont Hall and the Bryce Jordan Center.

Beaver Stadium (BVR, E11)
Home to Penn State football, Beaver Stadium is the second largest college football stadium in the country with a seating capacity of approximately 104,000. 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, D10)
The BJC is the home of Penn State’s Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams, where over 15,000 fans can see some of the best college basketball in the country as part of the Big Ten conference. This multi-purpose venue hosts many events and performances, some of the most musical acts in the country, Penn State events, like graduation, career fairs, and the IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON). THON is a 46-hour dance marathon that raises nearly $200 million since 1973 to fight pediatric cancer.

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