So you’ve made it to Ithaca…

…now how do you get to Cornell? Ithaca can be a difficult community to reach at the most southerly tip of Cayuga Lake and Cornell seems to be just as tricky to reach. Rest assured, Ithaca is actually a fairly easy town to get around – as is Cornell. The following gives you a list of ways to get to campus no matter if you drove, biked, walked, flew or rode into Ithaca and were trying to reach Cornell’s Robert Purcell Community Center (RPCC) to check in to stay for a summer program.

Arrival via Bus

So you’ve arrived at the bus station on Rt. 13 in West Ithaca. Getting up to RPCC at Cornell is a breeze. You could call at taxi (1-888-321-1149) or you could be highly resourceful and take the fabulous local bus service TCAT (Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit) for a mere $1.50.

- Board any bus at Fulton/State Street headed downtown (The Commons) these busses 14/19/21/22/23 and ask for a transfer once you board.
- Get off bus at the Tompkins County Library at Green Street/The Commons.
- Board bus 30 (arrives every hour/half hour) and ride up to Cornell. This bus cuts through campus and after crossing a bridge at Forest Home Drive, pull to request a stop and get off the bus in front of a long walkway in front of Balch Hall.
- Follow that walkway up through some North Campus residence halls about a _ mile until you reach RPCC sandwiched between the two high rises. The service center, where you will need to check in is just inside the doors to the right.

Arrival via Plane

So you were fortunate enough to fly into Ithaca! Heading to Cornell’s RPCC is easy from the airport. You can call a taxi (1-888-321-1149) or ride the fabulous local bus service TCAT (Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit) for a mere $1.50.

- Board bus 31 at the airport (there is usually one per hour (see schedules at airport)) and ride toward campus.
- As you are approaching Cornell’s North Campus you will pass a large parking lot on your right. Pull the request stop cord and get off the bus at Jessup Road.
- Walk along Jessup road for about _ of a mile until you reach RPCC between both of the high rises.

Driving, biking, walking

From points South

1. North on I-81 to Exit 8 for Whitney Point, NY.
2. West on State Rte. 79 for 35 miles to Ithaca, NY.
3. Rte. 79 West will bring you into Ithaca on State St.
4. Right turn onto Mitchell at the stop sign.
5. Follow Mitchell up the hill and bear left onto Ithaca Road.
6. Ithaca Road will become Dryden Road at the stoplight.
7. From Dryden Road, turn left onto Hoy Road at the flashing light.
8. Follow Hoy Road to campus.

From points North
1. South on I-81.
2. Exit 12 at Cortland/Homer.
3. Rte. 281 South to State Rte. 13.
4. South on State Rte. 13 to Ithaca, NY.
5. State Rte. 13 South to State Rte. 366.
6. After NYSEG (electrical utilities) complex, turn left onto State Rte. 366.
7. State Rte. 366 west to the intersection of State Rte. 366 and Hoy Road.
8. Right onto Hoy Road and follow to campus

From points East

1. West on I-90/NY State Thruway, portions of which charge toll.
2. West on I-90 (NY State Thruway) to I-88.
3. West on I-88 for 76 miles to Exit 8 for State Rte. 206 at Bainbridge, NY.
4. West on State Rte. 206 for 25 miles to State Rte. 79 at Whitney Point, NY.
5. West on State Rte. 79 for 35 miles to Ithaca, NY.
6. Rte. 79 West will bring you into Ithaca on State St.
7. From Rte. 79 West/State St., make a right turn onto Mitchell St. at the stop sign.
8. Follow Mitchell up the hill and bear left onto Ithaca Road.
9. Ithaca Road will become Dryden Road at the stoplight.
10. From Dryden Road, turn left onto Hoy Road at the flashing light.
11. Follow Hoy Road to campus.

From points West

1. East on I-90 (NY State Thruway) to Exit 42.
2. South on Rte. 14 for approximately one-quarter mile to Rte. 96.
3. South on Rte. 96 for approximately 45 miles to Ithaca, NY.
4. South on Rte. 13 for approximately one-quarter mile to Rte. 79 and Green St.
5. East on Rte. 79/Green St.
6. Green St. becomes East State St.
7. Continue to travel east on Rte. 79 East/State St.
8. Turn left onto Mitchell St./Rte. 366.
9. Follow Mitchell St. up the hill and bear left onto Ithaca Road.
10. Ithaca Road will become Dryden Road at the stoplight.
11. From Dryden Road, turn left onto Hoy Road at the flashing light.
12. Follow Hoy Road to campus.