



Welcome Back!

Cornell Botanic Gardens (formerly Cornell Plantations) is the arboretum, gardens and natural areas of Cornell University. During Reunion our rhododendrons, irises, and peonies should be blooming, and you may still find many spring wildflowers in the Mundy Wildflower Garden and natural areas. At the Nevin Welcome Center and gardens on Plantations Road you can take a tour, chat with one of our wandering volunteer Garden Guides, ask a staff gardener about our plant collections and your home gardening concerns, pick up a visitor map and explore on your own, browse the exhibits and Garden Gift Shop, or just relax and enjoy the beauty and serenity of the gardens and gorges.

Explore Cornell Botanic Gardens on your own using your mobile device:

Take an audio tour of the gardens or arboretum by calling a number found on signs throughout the grounds to listen to short narratives about our gardens, tree collections and other highlights. Use your smart phone to tour the gardens at the Nevin Welcome Center, Conifer Slope, Beebe Lake, Mundy Wildflower Garden or Fall Creek Gorge by downloading the "PocketSights" app to follow a Google-driven map that provides images and information at points of interest along the route (available from the iTunes Store or Google Play).

Free parking is available at the Nevin Welcome Center, but may be limited during busy times. You can ride a Reunion shuttle to the Dairy Bar/Stocking Hall on Tower Road and walk down the footpath from there. We are also an easy to moderate walk from most points on campus.

Nevin Welcome Center hours during Reunion

Thursday, June 7th: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, June 8th-9th: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 10th: 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Beebe Lake Natural History Walk

2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Beebe Beach

Did you know that Beebe Lake was originally a forested swamp, and that it is a part of Cornell Botanic Gardens? Join staff botanist Robert Wesley to stroll around the lake and learn more about the history, flora, and fauna of Cornell's favorite natural area. We will meet at the tent on the north shore of Beebe Lake.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Garden Highlights Tour

10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Nevin Welcome Center, Plantations Road

Enjoy a relaxing guided tour through the botanic gardens and discover the beauty and diversity of our numerous themed plant collections. This one-hour tour will highlight the Bowers Rhododendron Collection, Robison Herb Garden, Young Flower Garden, Groundcover Collection, and more. Afterwards, you can browse the Gift Shop and exhibits in the Nevin Welcome Center.

Cascadilla Gorge Hikes

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (see also Saturday listing for additional time)

Meet at the College Avenue entrance to the trail, located at the northeast corner of the Schwartz Performing Arts Center. Join us for this guided hike to learn about the cultural and natural history of the [Cascadilla Gorge](#) Trail, the iconic greenway connecting campus with downtown Ithaca. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. The round-trip one mile hike is moderately strenuous and involves some steep stair climbing. *Friday hikers have the option to take the [#10 TCAT Bus](#) back to campus instead of returning on the trail, but there is no bus service on Saturday.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 8 continued...

Mundy Wildflower Garden Tour

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Mundy Wildflower Garden, Caldwell Drive entrance

Enjoy a variety of native wildflowers, from anemones to zizia and everything in between, as you explore our woodland wildflower garden with native plants gardener Krissy Boys and staff botanist Robert Wesley. Meet at the Caldwell Drive entrance to the garden (corner of Caldwell and Forest Home Drive).

Rhododendron Garden Tour

2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Nevin Welcome Center, Plantations Road

Take an in-depth tour of Comstock Knoll and the spectacular Bowers Rhododendron Collection – one of the most photogenic spots on campus -- with gardener Phil Syphrit. This garden has over 300 accessioned plants and 123 different types of rhododendron – almost all hybrids. These plants are protected by a pine overstorey, and interspersed with other plants suited for shady areas such as hosta, Solomon's seal, and Japanese waxbell.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

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Cascadilla Gorge Hike

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. (see also Friday listing for additional times)

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“The Hangovers” – Allan Hosie Treman '21 Memorial Concert

3:00 to 4:00 pm, Nevin Welcome Center, Plantations Rd.

Relax and enjoy this performance by The Hangovers, the popular *a capella* subset of the Cornell Glee Club. The concert will be held under the tent at the Nevin Welcome Center, on Plantations Road. **Parking is limited at this popular event. Please consider sharing a ride or walking if possible. Note: In case of severe weather, the concert will be held in Sage Chapel.**



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