Self-Guided Walking Tour

This map will take you on a one-hour walking tour of central campus. A brief description of each stop is included here. If you have any questions, please stop and ask someone on campus. We hope you enjoy the tour and encourage you to explore the rest of our beautiful campus!

A Shriver Center, named for Phillip R. Shriver, president of Miami from 1965 to 1981, houses the Miller Center for Student Disability Services and the Binella Learning Center, as well as Miami's bookstore (The Brick & Ivy), the Package Center, MiTech Cellular, and Printing Services. The Shriver Center also offers a wide variety of accommodations for conferences, banquets, lectures, weddings, and other special events year-round. Prospective students and their families are encouraged to visit the Admission Visit Center, located on the south side of the building.

B Sesquicentennial Chapel was a gift from alumni and friends in observance of Miami’s 150th anniversary. The chapel is a gift of Delta Zeta, the first sorority on campus.

C Armstrong Student Center was designed as the first true family room on the campus and provides students with meeting rooms, quiet study rooms, dining, lounge space, student organization offices, as well as signature event spaces.

D Shideler Hall is home of the departments of geography and environmental earth science and geology, the Limper Geology Museum, and the Institute for the Environment and Sustainability.

E Verlin L. Paffl Carillon and Clock Tower houses a 50-bell carillon system in a large clock case. The cast bronze bells offer a range of four octaves and play music throughout the day.

G Bishop Woods and the Bishop Gates were built in memory of Robert Hamilton Bishop (Sr., the great-grandson of Miami’s first president, and the Bishop Family. The woods recently underwent restoration to preserve its ecosystem.

H Hughes Laboratories, a modern research and teaching facility, houses the department of chemistry and biochemistry.

I Farmer School of Business, named for Miami alumnus and business leader Elwood T. Farmer, helps students on Miami’s campus to earn the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. The building’s classrooms, technology features, and common areas were designed to support our goal of providing a world-class education.


K Building Engineering includes Garland Hall, named for James Garland, Miami president from 1909 to 1928; and Bentzen Hall, named for Guy Porter Bentzen, Miami president from 1902 to 1909. These connected buildings comprise the home of the College of Engineering and Computing.

L Upham Hall is home to the College of Arts and Science and houses the Wetherald Museum of Natural History. President Alfred Upham, Miami president from 1909 to 1928 (Class of 1897), wrote a book of Miami’s history for the 1909 centennial and is credited with writing the Alma Mater. Tradition says that sweethearts who kiss beneath the arch light at midnight will marry.

M The University Miami Seal, located in “the Hub” was first drawn in 1826. The seal contains the motto Professor Quam Conspici, “To accomplish rather than to be conspicuous.” Tradition says that stepping on the seal ensures failure of your next exam.

N Elliott Hall (on your right) and Stoddard Hall (on your left), our Scholar Leader residence halls, are two of Miami’s oldest buildings. They are both geothermally heated and cooled.

O Barta Bell Tower (on your right) was given to the university in 1929 on the centennial of Barta Theta Pi, founded at Miami as the first fraternity west of the Allegheny Mountains.

P Irvin Hall (on your left) is home to our foreign language departments and Ogden Hall (on your right) is a residence hall and one of Miami’s proudest Laurel Hall, Bell Tower Place.

Q Harrison Hall (on your right), the home of the political science department, was named for Benjamin Harrison, Class of 1852 and U.S. President (1888-1892). The dorm Alumnae Hall (on your left), built as the university library with the assistance of Andrew Carnegie and alumni funds, now houses the architecture and interior design department, as well as the Werts Art and Architecture Library. Inside the entrance is a statue of President George Washington, who signed the Northwest Ordinance, laying the foundation for Miami’s establishment.

R The Slant Walk, so named for its diagonal path, leads from central campus to Campus Oxford and runs alongside King Café. Directly behind King Café is the Slant Walk, a beautiful lecture and performance venue.

S King Library is home to our College of Arts and Science and houses the King Café, named for Miami alumnus and business leader John L. King, who gave the largest single gift in Miami’s history. The complex is anchored by the MacCracken Hall, a modern research and teaching facility, houses the humanities department, as well as the MacCracken Hall, and is credited with bringing football to the university.

T Warfield Hall, housing the student affairs division, is named for Miami’s youngest president, Ethelbert Dudley Warfield, Miami president from 1888 to 1894 who is credited with bringing football to the university.

U MacMillan Hall, the first college hospital in Ohio, served as Miami’s student health center until 1996. Currently, it houses the Division of Global Initiatives and other administrative offices.

V The Sundial, a gift of the Delta Delta Delta sorority, tells time accurately only on the four dates noted on the bronze plate at its base. A Miami tradition is to rub one of the turtle’s heads for luck on your next exam. Across the lawn you can see MacCracken Hall, it is located in the center of what’s known as Central Quad. You are now back at Shriver Center and the visual and performing arts complex is composed of The Center for Performing Arts, the Art Building, and Millett Hall. The complex is anchored by the Schwebitz Fine Arts Plaza.


S Campus Avenue House building the One Stop, which offers assistance for registration, enrollment, financial aid, student records, billing, and payment.

The McElrath Library, built in the 1860s, is the restored home of William Holmes McGuffey and a National Historic Landmark. The museum contains original furnishings and a collection of Eclectic Readers. (For a tour, call 513-529-6800)

C Campus Sports Center, Athletic Support Center, Rider Track, and the southwest corner of campus, is accredited by the American Association of Museums. It holds a permanent collection of more than 16,000 works and hosts traveling exhibitions in five galleries (gallery open during the academic year only). A dramatic painted steel sculpture by Mark & Goss is the signature piece of the museum’s three-acre sculpture park.

W Indian College Housing, a complex of Miami’s athletic facilities, including Millett Assembly Hall, Yager Stadium, Beach & Beach’s Sports Center, Athletic Support Center, Rider Track, McKie Field at Hayden Park, and fields for softball, soccer, and field hockey.

X At the south end of campus, the Racquet Club features a world-class aquatic center, two-story fitness center, and 40-foot climbing wall. Adjacent is the Gellin Ice Center, home of the Miami RedHawks national powerhouse hockey team and our internationally competitive synchronized skating team.

Y Conrad Formal Gardens/Dogwood Grove is a park-like area west of the Marcum Hotel & Conference Center. Located at the northeast end of campus. The garden is a popular spot for leisurely walks, picnics, and outdoor weddings. Miami’s first president, Robert Hamilton Bishop, is buried in the Formal Gardens.

Z Miami University Natural Areas Over 1,000 Acres with 17 Miles of Hiking Trails. Learn more at MiamiOH.edu/naturalareas.

Additional points of interest:

- The Natural Areas, (see map above) are located around Miami’s campus. Learn more and download the map at MiamiOH.edu/naturalareas.

- Western College Campus, the easternmost part of Miami’s campus, is the former Western College for Woman, founded in 1855. It became part of Miami University in 1894 and was named a historic district in 1979. This part of campus is known for its stone structures and connecting bridges.

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- Intercampus Sports Facilities, at the north end of campus, are most of Miami’s athletic facilities, including Millett Assembly Hall, Yager Stadium, Beach & Beach’s Sports Center, Athletic Support Center, Rider Track, McKie Field at Hayden Park, and fields for softball, soccer, and field hockey.

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