

## ***Optional Friday Afternoon Activities***

Those able to arrive by mid-afternoon on Friday may have time to explore a few iconic stops:

**Penn State Palmer Museum of Art/Penn State Arboretum** - up to 15 minutes from the Wyndham Hotel. The Palmer and the Arboretum are on adjacent properties and share one parking lot, about one block away. Park with the Park Mobile app or pay at kiosk at lot entrance. Admission is free at both. Plan on 1 ½-2 hours to do both.

- Palmer - opened in 2024, many exciting exhibitions - The permanent collection is focused on American art, although there is broad representation. Works by and about women and people of color have increased in recent years.

<https://palmermuseum.psu.edu/>

- Arboretum - opened in 2007, now ten acres, includes a children's garden, pollinator's garden, and much more - <https://arboretum.psu.edu/>

**Penn State Berkey Creamery** - is a ten-minute walk across Park Avenue from the Palmer/Arboretum location. For GPS, use "Curtin Rd. and Bigler Rd." There is also a public parking garage right next to the building. Originated in 1865, this iconic stop is a must for ice cream lovers. The ice cream is made at Penn State and shipped to 48 states. Portion sizes are huge. <https://creamery.psu.edu/>

**Newly remodelled Nittany Lion Inn** – iconic but so different! <https://thenittanylioninn.com/>  
Parking: Nittany Parking Deck adjacent to Inn - \$1.00/hour. Right next to Nittany Lion Shrine.

**Downtown State College** - The heart of downtown borders Penn State University. A good place for a walking tour would start at the corner of College Avenue and Allen Street, directly across from the main Penn State campus gate. There are plenty of shops and restaurants, many oriented to college students. Parking: There is metered street parking but it may be difficult to find on a Friday afternoon. Main downtown garages include one on Pugh Street between College and Beaver, one on Fraser Street between College and Beaver, and one on the corner of Beaver and Fraser. The garage on McAllister Street accepts Park Mobile.

**Discover Boalsburg** – Five minutes from the Hotel, Boalsburg offers both history and charm. Learn more: <https://happyvalley.com/towns/boalsburg>

- Stop by the cemetery that borders South Atherton Street, where three Boalsburg women are said to have inspired the first Memorial Day during the Civil War.
- There are some quaint shops on Main Street.
- The Christopher Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum is off South Atherton and just down from the cemetery - <https://happyvalley.com/d/columbus-chapel-boal-mansion-museum>. Call ahead to be sure they are open - 724-859-5324.
- Boal City Brewery sits between the cemetery and the Boal Mansion, and has become a very popular watering hole, <https://www.boalcitybrewing.com/>