

WELCOME TO



We are glad to have you on campus today. There are many things to see and do on our 2,100 acres. We hope that providing this self-guided walking tour you will have a chance to make the most of your day.

Helpful hints for the tour:

- ❖ *Please use this script in conjunction with the map to better make your way around campus.*
- ❖ *Ledger codes (i.e., Wells Hall, H-16) have been provided for each major site to make identification easier and (hopefully) keep you on the right track.*
- ❖ *We have tried to provide the clearest directions possible; however, if you find yourself lost, do not hesitate to ask one of our students for assistance. They are among the nation's friendliest!*
- ❖ *Do not feel that you cannot deviate from this tour. You are more than welcome (and encouraged) to visit places not specifically outlined in this tour. A list of other commonly visited places is provided at the end of this packet.*
- ❖ *If you need assistance, feel free to call the MSU Campus Operator at (517)355-1855 or the Office of Admissions at (517)355-8332.*
- ❖ *Have fun and enjoy the tour!*

You are currently in the **HANNAH ADMINISTRATION BUILDING** (E-17), which houses the Registrar's Office (first floor), Office of Admissions (second floor), and the President's office (fourth floor). As you exit the Administration Building on the South Side, you will cross over the Red Cedar River on a footbridge that will take you to the first destination on the tour.

We start the tour in **WELLS HALL** (G-16), our largest academic building with 52 classrooms. Wells Hall is made up of three wings: A, B, and C. The A wing houses the departments of mathematics and foreign languages. The B wing (which you are currently in) contains the larger classrooms, a computer lab and a language lab that teaches 32 foreign languages. The C wing contains three floors of small classrooms. As you exit Wells Hall on the West side, head South (left) and continue down Red Cedar Road until it runs into West Shaw Lane, then head West (right) and continue walking straight.

To your right is **SPARTAN STADIUM** (F-14). Built in 1923, Spartan Stadium has been the home to many football greats, including six national championship teams. Between the 2004 and 2005 seasons, the stadium was expanded taking its capacity to 75,005. Attendees of MSU

football games value the tradition of Spartan sports; MSU ranks in the NCAA's Top 25 in attendance for 51 straight seasons. Most recently, these fans witnessed a talented football team who, under Head Coach Mark Dantonio, appeared in the 2007 Champs Sports Bowl.

Just beyond Spartan Stadium is **MSU TRACK AND FIELD FACILITY** (H-13). Like the three tennis court facilities, this is not our only running track; others are located in the East Intramural Building and Jenison Field House.

South of Shaw Lane you will find the **DUFFY DAUGHERTY FOOTBALL BUILDING** and the newly added **SKANDALARIS FOOTBALL CENTER** (J-13), where the football team trains and football offices are located. Attached to this building is the **CLARA BELL SMITH STUDENT ATHLETE ACADEMIC CENTER**. Donated by former MSU basketball All-American Steve Smith in memory of his mother, the Smith Center houses educational facilities for MSU's more than 700 student athletes.

As you continue west and cross Chestnut Road, you will see **CASE HALL** (J-12), home of the **JAMES MADISON RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE** for Political Science and Public Policy. If you decide to become a Spartan, Case Hall is where you will be attending the Summer Academic Orientation Program.

Head south (left) on Chestnut Road, past Case Hall, and on your right you will see another residence hall, **WILSON HALL** (K-11). Like many of the other 23 undergraduate residence halls, Wilson has classroom facilities, laundry rooms, study and music rooms, a cafeteria, cable television, exercise rooms, and a snack shop. Wilson Hall is also home to the Department of Residential Life.

To continue the campus tour, go north on Chestnut (back the way you came), cross West Shaw Lane and keep going straight. On your left, you will see one of our many **INTRAMURAL FIELDS** (H-11). Students may check out sporting equipment in their residence halls and use the field facilities. In addition, the fields are used extensively for our intramural sports programs on campus. In the 2007-2008 academic year, students were involved in 18 team and 6 individual sport activities ranging from archery to water polo. There are also over 48 club sports at MSU, several of which have experienced considerable success in national competition. These include snow skiing, ultimate frisbee, and sport parachuting.

Beyond the Intramural Field is the **JACK BRESLIN STUDENT EVENTS CENTER** (G-9). Built in 1989 and with a capacity of 15,085, the Breslin Center hosts many events that visit campus, including concerts, commencements, circuses, and trade shows, as well as men's and women's home basketball games. Under current Head Coach Tom Izzo, the MSU men's basketball program has catapulted itself into the national spotlight. Supported by the men's basketball famed student section, the Izzone, as well as thousands of other fans, and with two Big Ten Championships and 11 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances since 1997, including four visits to the Final Four and one National Championship, the MSU men's basketball team has proven themselves a team of nationally recognized talent.

Straight ahead and to your left is **MUNN ICE ARENA** (F-11), home of our 2007 National Championship ice hockey team. It was constructed in 1974 in memory of Biggie Munn, a well-known football coach and Athletic Director at MSU, and holds 6,470 people.

As you travel down Chestnut Road, **DEMONSTRATION HALL** (E-12) will be ahead and on your left. Demonstration Hall is home to the Army ROTC Program, intramural recreation facilities, and an indoor roller skating rink.

Across Chestnut Road (to the East) you will see the **WEST INTRAMURAL BUILDING** (F-13). Open to all students, it provides courts for racquet sports, rooms for archery, judo, wrestling and weight lifting, an indoor pool, an Olympic size outdoor pool, and four gymnasiums.



Go past the West Intramural Building and its parking lot (where you would have parked) to Red Cedar Road (straight ahead) and cross this road. You should be approaching **SPARTY** (D-13)! Sparty is our mascot; he is a 10 ½ foot tall statue and is one of the largest free-standing ceramic statues in the world. The incarnation of this mascot, also called Sparty, who can be seen at athletic and other events around campus, is the three-time top collegiate mascot in the nation.

Once you have taken a picture with Sparty, cross over the bridge. If you look far to your left, you will see **KOBS FIELD** (C-12) where all Spartan home baseball games are played. It contains a number of baseball and softball diamonds and yet another intramural sports field.

Continuing over the bridge, the building on your right is the **INTRAMURAL SPORTS CIRCLE BUILDING** (C-14). This building houses athletic facilities for men and women. Facilities include two gymnasiums and two indoor swimming pools, as well as the office for women's sports. There are a total of 13 intercollegiate sports for women. Men have 12 intercollegiate sports available to them.

Cross the street in front of you called West Circle Drive. You are now approaching the North end of campus. This is the oldest section of campus. Take the cemented pathway that veers to the right to continue on. Down the pathway on your right, you will see **COWLES HOUSE** (B-15), home of the President of Michigan State University. It is the oldest structure on campus, built in 1857 with bricks made from the clay of our Red Cedar River.

To your left, is the **WEST CIRCLE RESIDENCE HALL COMPLEX** (A-14). Six residence halls comprise the complex: Campbell, Gilchrist, Landon, Mary Mayo, Williams, and Yakeley. Mary Mayo is the oldest residence hall on campus, built in 1931.

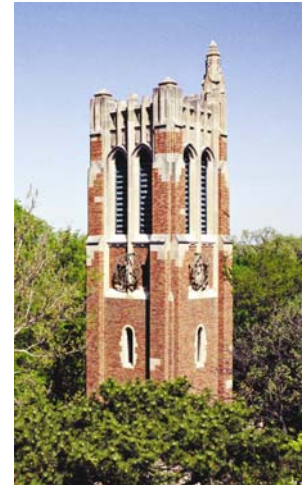
You are now approaching the **MSU UNION BUILDING** (A-16), (to the East if facing the West Circle Residence Halls). It is focal point of much student activity on campus. Here, students, staff, faculty, alumni, and guests gather to enjoy cultural, recreational, and social activities. Its facilities include a game room, billiard room, post office, cafeteria, bowling alley, hair salon, and computer lab. On the first floor, inside the Union Square, you will find a McAllister's Deli and Qdoba Mexican Grill. The Union also houses one of two MSU Dairy Stores, Biggby's Gourmet Coffee, and Heritage Café. Feel free to stop in and look around!



To continue the tour, cross back over West Circle Drive in front of the Union and along the paved sidewalk. This sidewalk will split into three different directions; proceed down the center

walkway until you reach **BEAUMONT TOWER** (C-16). It will be a few minutes until you arrive there, so we will fill you in on some Michigan State trivia:

- ❖ MSU was founded in 1855 as the Agricultural College of the State of Michigan, the nation's first agricultural college. It was also the prototype for the 69 land-grant institutions established under the Morrill Act of 1862. Classes began in the spring of 1857 with 63 students, 5 faculty members, and 3 buildings. Last fall (2007), our student enrollment totaled over 46,045 (both graduate and undergraduate students). We employ over 4,800 faculty and staff members. Michigan State University acquired university status in 1955 to mark its centennial year and was admitted to the prestigious Association of American Universities in 1964.
- ❖ The MSU campus grew from 675 acres of farmland to 5,263 acres. Of this amount, 2,100 acres are currently developed for the main campus. There are over 570 buildings worth an estimated \$1.4 billion.
- ❖ We maintain all our own grounds through the campus grounds department. The campus contains 19,000 different trees and shrubs that include 7,800 different species and varieties. The campus also has 33 miles of roadway, 98 miles of walkways, and 12 miles of bike paths.
- ❖ We are proud of the many "firsts" that MSU has pioneered. We are the first land-grant institution, the first university to have a College of Communication Arts and Sciences, School of Criminal Justice, School of Packaging, and super-conducting cyclotron. MSU is also proud to be first school to win *multiple* national titles in *each* of the three major men's sports: football, basketball, and hockey.



You should now be at **BEAUMONT TOWER** (C-16). This tower has a 47-bell carillon weighing 120,600 pounds. It is 104 feet high and marks the site of College Hall, the first building in America erected for the teaching of scientific agriculture.

The walkway now splits in two between Beaumont Tower; please take the right side and continue down the path until you cross the street in front of you. Straight ahead you will see the **MSU LIBRARY** (D-15), which has an automated locating system called "Magic". This facility's collection is approaching five million volumes with approximately 100,000 volumes added per year. The University also has 17 different branch libraries. Other features of this facility include two copy centers, a snack shop (the Cyber Café), a computer laboratory, and a periodical reading room.

Now head east and continue on the walkway and on your right will be **OLDS HALL** (D-16). Olds Hall originally housed the Engineering programs, and is now used as a classroom and office facility. The building was made possible by a grant from Ransom E. Olds, the founder of Oldsmobile.

Across the street (to the North) is the **MSU MUSEUM** (C-16), which has three floors of anthropological, biological, geological, and historical displays.

Go past Olds Hall and turn right and you will see our **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING** (E-17), where offices for the University's administration are located and where you started your tour.

Continue south towards the Administration Building. Past the Administration Building, on your left, is the **COMPUTER CENTER** (F-18), which contains computer equipment available for student and faculty use. Through this center, students also have the opportunity to purchase computer hardware and software at a discount. The Computer Center is by no means the only computer lab on campus. Each residence hall complex (four in all) has their own, plus five others around campus.

Continue along the walkway until you come to the footbridge under which the **RED CEDAR RIVER** flows. This river, which flows through the center of campus, is a focal point for a number of student activities such as feeding the ducks, canoeing, and just relaxing.

Once you have reached the Red Cedar River, continue straight down the walkway until you reach Wells Hall (which should be a familiar sight) on your right. With Wells Hall on your right, look to your far left and you will see **ERICKSON HALL** (G-18), which houses the College of Education. This college offers a nationally recognized program for teacher instruction.

As you look straight ahead, you will see MSU's **INTERNATIONAL CENTER** (H-17). This building houses the Office of International Students encompassing over 3,850 students from over 131 foreign countries. The International Center is also houses the nation's largest Study Abroad Program. Approximately 3,000 students participate in this program every year, studying in Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America. Also, located in the building is the **MSU STUDENT BOOKSTORE** where students can purchase their required books, *and you can purchase your own MSU souvenirs!*



OTHER CAMPUS SIGHTS YOU MIGHT WANT TO VISIT

The **ABRAMS PLANETARIUM** (I-21) includes a 150-seat sky theatre, a black-light art gallery and an exhibit hall.

The **BEAL BOTANICAL GARDEN** (D-15), established in 1872, is the oldest continuously operated teaching facility of its kind in the nation. There are more than 5,000 plant species across 5 acres. The garden was established by William J. Beal, a famous MSU botany professor.

At the **MSU DAIRY STORE** (J-19) you can enjoy MSU's homemade ice cream, yogurt, and cheese! The store is located at the South entrance of Anthony Hall. There is also a Dairy Store located inside the MSU Union

The **ELI BROAD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS/EPPLEY CENTER** (H-23) houses the College of Business that provides nationally renowned programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The College of Business is a recipient of a 20 million dollar grant from the Eli Broad Foundation. Part of this grant is being used to meet the expanding needs of the college. Recently added to this center were faculty offices, laboratories, and two amphitheater style lecture halls.

The **KELLOGG CENTER** (C-9) is our beautiful campus hotel and dining facility.

The **KRESGE ART CENTER** (F-21) displays unique art work done by professional artists as well as art students.

The **WHARTON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** (K-24) is MSU's own set of performance halls. This tremendous facility has featured Broadway shows such as Les Misérables, The Lion King, Wicked, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and more.

The **RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES** (E-22) is located in Synder-Phillips Hall. RCAH students' studies include literature, history, ethics, the visual and performing arts, and the study of languages and cultures.

The **LYMAN BRIGGS COLLEGE** (H-28) is located in Holmes Hall. Lyman Briggs College is MSU's residential college in the Natural Sciences.

The **NATIONAL SUPERCONDUCTING CYLCOTRON LABORATORY** (J-22) is the leading rare isotope research facility in the United States. The NSCL enables scientists and researchers to employ a wide range of tools for conducting advanced research in fundamental nuclear science, nuclear astrophysics, and accelerator physics.

OLIN HEALTH CENTER (A-18), provides health care facilities for students. It also has a pharmacy and lab for filling prescriptions and running tests. Office visits are free for students, and health insurance is available through the university.

MSU FARMS (you will need a car for this one), are located on the south side of campus, south of Mount Hope Road. See the farms, stables, and fields where much of the scientific research is done. Also, visit the Guinness Book of World Records largest alfalfa sprout farm.