A Self-Guided Walking Tour
of the central Columbus campus

Ohio State boasts some of the nation’s finest facilities for students. We invite you to join the many students, faculty, and staff who crisscross campus every day. Feel free to enter any building that interests you, but please do not enter classrooms if they are in session. You can complete this tour in about an hour and a half. Enjoy your visit!

1. **Enarson Hall**, Ohio State’s original student union, was completed in 1910. The building now houses Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience (UAFYE).

2. The **South Oval** will be closed for construction until fall semester 2012 for the installation of a geothermal well field. The geothermal system uses the ground like a rechargeable battery. In summer, the system removes heat from buildings and injects it into the ground. In winter, the ground heat is used to warm buildings. The ability to store heat for use during colder months reduces energy consumption and the burning of fossil fuels.

3. **Ohio Union**, rebuilt and reopened in 2010, is the heart of student life, featuring 50 student organization offices, an instructional kitchen, the Archie M. Griffin Grand Ballroom, meeting facilities of all sizes, Sloopy’s Diner and other eating options, a retail shop, and lots of places to study and relax. Plenty to explore here!

4. **Orton Hall** was named for Ohio State’s first president, Edward Orton, and was built in 1893 using 40 types of Ohio building stone. Orton houses the bell tower chimes—14 bells weighing more than 25,000 pounds—that ring at the top of every hour and each quarter hour. Stop by the Geology Library and the Orton Geological Museum (and gift shop) to check out minerals, fossils, crystals, and more.

5. **Mendenhall Laboratory** first opened in 1905 and is the current home of the Department of Geological Sciences. Check out the “fossil-like” design of the floor in the main lobby. This building also houses the Writing Center, where the university community gets help with research papers, lab reports, dissertations, and resumes.

6. **Hagerty Hall**, home of the World Media and Culture Center, houses several academic departments, foreign language laboratories, and an international media library. Stop by the Crane Café and relax while watching real-time international TV broadcasts.

7. **Page Hall** opened in 1902 and is recognized by its classic architectural elements, including grand Ionic columns. These architectural elements were preserved when it was renovated to house the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. Check out the John Glenn Museum in the lower level (there’s even a piece of the moon).

8. **Wexner Center for the Arts** is an internationally renowned research lab and center for contemporary art, film, dance, and other performances. As members of the center, Ohio State students are entitled to discount tickets and other benefits. Admission to the galleries is $5 (free for 18 and under). While you’re there, stop by the Wexner Center shop or grab a bite at Taste of Belgium.

9. **The Oval**, the open grassy area stretching from Thompson Library to College Road, has symbolized Ohio State to students and visitors for generations. At the heart of campus, the Oval is a favorite place for reading, relaxing, tapping into the wireless network, and meeting friends. Tradition has it that if you take the “Long Walk” from the seal at the east end to the William Oxley Thompson statue on the west end holding hands with your loved one, you’ll be together forever.

10. **Hopkins Hall** is home to fine art, industrial design, and art education classes. Visit the Hopkins Hall Gallery to view exhibits by faculty, students, and visiting artists. Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

11. **Bricker Hall** houses the Office of the President and other administrative offices. The Bricker Hall Exhibit Area (first and second floors) regularly features university collections, artifacts, and the work of university artists. A little-known fact: the ashes of a former university trustee are buried in a wall here.

12. **The Science and Engineering Library** (SEL), one of Ohio State’s 17 libraries, is open 24/7. SEL also houses one of the 20 computer labs on campus.

13. **Scott Laboratory**, one of the newest buildings on campus, features three buildings joined by an elevated walkway.
Home to the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Scott Lab houses several computer labs, an electronics lab, and a machine shop for class projects.

14 **18th and Neil stop:** If you happen to stop here while classes are changing, you’ll witness the hustle and bustle of campus as students head to class, to the RPAC (21) for a workout, to lunch at one of the many dining locations in the area, or back home.

15 Look to the north to see part of the **Fisher College of Business campus,** which includes the Blackwell, our four-star hotel.

16 Toward the northwest corner, you can see the tip of an all-white marble building—this is **Knowlton Hall,** home to the School of Architecture. You may want to check out the landscape garden at the top of the building.

17 You can also see the **Journalism Building** from this corner. Whether you’re a journalism major or not, you can contribute to one of Ohio’s oldest newspapers, *The Lantern.* The back of the building houses the campus post office.

18 **University Hall** is a replica of Ohio State’s first building, which was built in 1873. The tower clock, entrance, and pillars are from the original building. The new structure, opened in 1976, houses the Graduate School and other academic departments. Check out the University Museum to learn more Ohio State history.

19 The **William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library,** Ohio State’s main library, hosts thousands of students daily. After a three-year renovation project, the library is now home to 1.25 million volumes of books, 230 computers, 1,800 study seats, and the Berry Cafe. Be sure to check out (Continued on page 20)