

Accommodation for the Sound Analysis Workshop, April 3rd to 7th 2017

Participants are responsible for organizing their own accommodation, but we encourage people to stay at one of two places because there are advantages to everyone staying at just one or two locations: there's more time to get to know one another and it facilitates making arrangements for evenings out. The two we recommend are [The Best Western University Inn](#) and the [Renwick Creek Retreat Guest House](#) (an airbnb apartment). Details of these and some others are given here. (Apart from the Best Western, prices may be different when you book)

Please note, when selecting accommodation, be sure to check that you will be able to get to and from the Lab of Ornithology and shops/restaurants.

Location of workshop ([Lab's webpage](#)): The Cornell Lab of Ornithology (aka "the Lab"), 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

This is 3.5 miles from Cornell's main campus, and about 5.5 miles from Ithaca town center. Public transportation to the Lab from anywhere is very limited! The only bus service that comes here is the [TCAT 41](#), which runs once per hour between Cornell campus and the Lab of Ornithology. However, many of the hotels run a free shuttle service to and from the Lab of Ornithology, and most (including the Best Western) will give you a ride to/from the airport. The Best Western also runs the free shuttle to Ithaca downtown and 'Collegetown' (between Cornell and downtown, look for College Ave/Dryden Road on google maps), which is useful for evening meals.

Shops and restaurants are restricted to downtown Ithaca, Collegetown, and 3 shopping malls. The shopping malls are all shown on google maps: East Hill Plaza (near the Best Western), Triphammer Mall, and Pyramid Mall. There are no shops or restaurants within walking distance of the Lab of Ornithology.

See "Transportation" pdf for information about taxis, car hire and bus services.

Recommended options

[The Best Western University Inn](#): The majority of our participants have stayed here and been happy with it. It's about 5 miles from the Lab, but there is a free shuttle service to and from the Lab, Ithaca downtown, and Ithaca airport. The hotel also provides a complimentary buffet breakfast (cereal, eggs etc.), free WiFi and the rooms have a fridge. There is a supermarket and a café within a couple of minutes' walk. We've made an arrangement so that you can have a special rate of \$129+tax* (\$146 total) per room per night for Monday April 3rd to Thursday April 6th, and \$159+tax (\$179 total) for Friday April 7th and Saturday April 8th. The rooms have 2 beds, and the room price is the same for one person or two, so if you share a room, that cuts the price in half for each of you. I'll send out names of participants as I receive them so you can email each other to arrange this. If you want to book a room, call the hotel directly at 1-607-272-6100 and request the "Sound Analysis Workshop" group rate. Bookings have to be made before September 3rd, 2016 to be sure of getting this group rate.

[Renwick Creek Retreat Guest House](#): This is an AirBnB accommodation. It's \$50 per night per person and is on Muriel Street, which is just a short walk to the Lab. It has five bedrooms; four with one bed, and one with two beds (all the beds are double-size), so can take 6 people. There are no shops or restaurants nearby, and the bus service to downtown is very limited. Please contact the host, Jean-Marie, directly rather than going through the AirBnB site, and tell her that you are coming to the Sound Analysis Workshop: Jean-Marie Law jml16@cornell.edu Tel: +1-607-229-3431.

Other options

AirBnBs. You have to set up an AirBnB account to use the site.

1. [Local Olympians Share Memory lane](#): \$98 per night. Located at 312 Salem Drive, which is about 10 minutes' walk of the Lab. 2 bedroom apartment can sleep 4 at the moment, but she may be able to add a sleeper sofa in the living room. Best to book through airbnb.
2. [1671 Hanshaw Road](#): \$60 per night. One bedroom available, also has 1 bath, a private sitting/study area, and a community seating area. It's 2 miles from the Lab and is not on a bus route, so unless you have a car, it's a bit of a hike! The host is very friendly. She provides coffee and tea in the mornings, towels, linens, etc. She has 2 cats and a dog (all friendly and don't come into the guest area).

Other hotels (recommended by previous participants)

Prices given are as shown on their websites today, July 19th 2016. They may be different when you book.

[The Courtyard By Marriot](#): This is just across the main road from the Lab, only 0.7 miles away and 1.2 miles from the airport. They run a shuttle to the Lab, airport and downtown. I think the rooms might be nicer than the Best Western, but it's more expensive and you have to buy breakfast (about \$10). Also, there are no shops or cafes within walking distance (nearest are Triphammer Mall, 1.7 miles on a busy road). They sometimes offer visitors to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology a special rate. The standard rate is \$146 + tax per night (\$164.98 total). Call the hotel 866-236-5979 directly and ask for the Cornell University Visitors Rate.

[Homewood Suites](#): They have 'suites' rather than rooms. Every suite has a fully-equipped kitchen, a king-sized bed and a pull-out queen-sized mattress. The suite has a 32" flat screen TV, free WiFi, two phones with data ports, microwave and coffee maker, a complimentary hot breakfast and complimentary light meals Monday to Thursday evenings (manager's reception dinner). They have a free shuttle bus every half hour to the Lab of Ornithology (about 2 miles). It's near Triphammer Mall, which has a supermarket, bakery and restaurant. The rate for April 2nd to 7th is about \$179 + tax ((\$202 total) depending on the room and if you pay ahead. If you mention that you're coming to the Sound Analysis Workshop at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, they may give you a better rate.

Cheaper hotels – car needed

At the other end of the extreme, the [Meadow Court Inn](#) is basic but good value for money, but it's downtown, about 7 miles away, and there's no easy public transport, so you'd really need a car. Rates are about \$74+tax (\$83 total) for a standard room (2 double beds I think), and \$89+tax (\$100 total) for a deluxe (2 queen beds I think).

The [Grayhaven Motel](#) is also in downtown Ithaca (8 miles from the Lab), so you'd need a car. The cheapest rooms are about \$90 +tax for 2 beds (\$101 total). This is newly opened, and is apparently clean and comfortable.

There are many other hotels in the Ithaca area, and you're obviously free to stay where you like – we just encourage people to stay at the same one or two places. This is a useful site if you want more choice: <http://hotelguides.com/new-york/ithaca-ny-hotels.html>

* tax for hotels in NY is 13%