Driving to Cornell University Main Campus

Here is a quick reference for drivers from each primary direction.

From Points North
Including Syracuse and Watertown -- Syracuse, NY is approximately 60 miles north of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 1 hour and 30 minutes. Allow for traffic delays on Commencement Weekend.

1. South on I-81.
2. Exit 12 at Cortland/Homer.
4. South on Rte 13 to Ithaca, NY.
5. Rte 13 South to Rte 366.
6. After NYSEG (electrical utilities) complex, turn left onto Rte 366.
7. Signs and traffic personnel will direct you to parking areas

From Points East
Including Albany and Boston -- Albany, NY is approximately 160 miles east of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 2 hours and 30 minutes. Allow for traffic delays on Commencement Weekend.

1. West on I-90/NY State Thruway, portions of which charge toll.
2. West on I-90 (NY State Thruway) to I-88.
3. West on I-88 for 76 miles to Exit 8 for State Rte. 206 at Bainbridge, NY.
4. West on State Rte. 206 for 25 miles to State Rte. 79 at Whitney Point, NY.
5. West on State Rte. 79 for 28 miles to Ithaca, NY.
6. Turn right onto Pine Tree Road
7. Continue to Rte. 366 (Dryden Rd)
8. Signs and traffic personnel will direct you to campus parking areas
From Points South
Including New York City -- New York City is approximately 220 miles southeast of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 5 hours. Allow for traffic delays on Commencement Weekend.

1. North on I-87 (portions charge toll) to the Tappan Zee Bridge.
2. Cross the Tappan Zee Bridge (portions charge toll) and continue north on I-87.
3. North on I-87 (portions charge toll) to Rte. 17 at Harriman, NY.
4. West on Rte. 17 for 111 miles to I-81.
5. North on I-81 to Exit 8 for Whitney Point, NY.
6. West on Rte. 79 for 28 miles to Ithaca, NY.
7. Turn right onto Pine Tree Road
8. Continue to Rte 366 (Dryden Road)
9. Signs and traffic personnel will direct you to campus parking areas.

From Points South
Including New Jersey -- Northern New Jersey is approximately 220 miles southeast of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 5 hours. Allow for traffic delays on Commencement Weekend.

1. West on I-80 to I-380.
3. North on I-81 to Exit 8 for Whitney Point, NY.
4. West on Rte. 79 for 28 miles to Ithaca, NY.
5. Turn right onto Pine Tree Road
6. Continue to Rte. 366 (Dryden Road)
7. Signs and traffic personnel will direct you to campus parking areas.
From Points Southwest
Including Ohio and Elmira -- Cleveland, OH is approximately 330 miles southwest of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 5 hours. Allow for traffic delays on Commencement Weekend.

1. East on I-90 (NY State Thruway) to Exit 10 for Jamestown, NY.
2. East on Rte. 17 to Rte. 13.
3. North on Rte. 13 into Ithaca, NY.
4. Continue north until the intersection of Rte. 13 and Rte. 79.
5. Travel east on Rte. 79 (Green St.)
6. Rte. 79 (Green St.) becomes Rte. 79 (East State St.)
7. Continue to travel on Rte. 79 East
8. Turn left onto Mitchell St./Rte. 366.
9. Follow Mitchell up the hill and bear left onto Ithaca Rd.
10. Ithaca Rd will become Dryden Rd (Rte. 366) at the stoplight.
11. Signs and traffic personnel will direct you to campus parking areas.

From Points West
Including Toronto, Buffalo, and Rochester -- Buffalo, NY is approximately 150 miles west of Cornell University with an estimated driving time of 3 hours. Allow for traffic delays on Commencement Weekend.

1. East on I-90 (NY State Thruway) to Exit 42.
2. South on Rte. 14 for approximately one-quarter mile to Rte. 96.
3. South on Rte. 96 for approximately 45 miles to Ithaca, NY.
4. South on Rte. 13 for approximately ¼ mile to Rte. 79 and Green St.
5. East on Rte. 79/Green St.
6. Green St. becomes East State St.
7. Continue to travel east on Rte. 79 East/State St.
8. Turn left onto Mitchell St./Rte. 366.
9. Follow Mitchell St. up the hill and bear left onto Ithaca Road.
10. Ithaca Road will become Dryden Road Rte. 366) at the stoplight.
11. Signs and traffic personnel will direct you to campus parking areas.