

The Northampton Community

NOTE: This section contains information, collected by Adas, which may be useful to you in settling in to the Northampton community. The following information is meant to include tips and contact information, **not endorsements**. If you discover errors, please do not hesitate to contact the Ada Class Vice President with corrections for the online handbook. Unless otherwise noted, ALL PHONE NUMBERS ARE IN NORTHAMPTON, AREA CODE 413; Springfield, Greenfield, and other outlying towns are outside the local calling area and you will need to dial 1-413.

ALWAYS YOUR BEST BET

Swap Services. If you know how to cut hair, sew hems, fix bikes, or baby-sit, trade your expertise with another Ada who can help you with your needs. Helping each other is the most important service we can provide, even if helping is simply quizzing an Ada on her test material. Companionship and support have great value. If you have a service you would like to share, please contact the Comstock Connection co-editors.

AUTO REPAIR

Acme Auto Center. 220 King Street - 584-3710.

ARC Garage. For imports and Dodge Caravan – 320 Riverside Drive (near the high school) – 584-7098.

Auto Glass Specialists, Inc. 297 Pleasant Street. 586-8388.

Burke Whitaker Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC. 200 King Street, 584-3883.

Cahillane Chrysler-Plymouth Jeep Eagle. 527-2620.

City Auto Repair. 110 Pleasant Street, 584-6000.

Competition Motors. 8 Pearl Street, 584-5496.

Cottman Transmission. 245 N. King Street, 585-8688.

Duffy's Front End Service. 200 Bridge Street, 584-3815.

Gateway Motors. 236 Pleasant Street, 584-8757.

King Auto Body. 141 King Street, 584-1356.

Northampton Tire. 182 King Street, 584-6221.

Performance Motoring Company- Volvo specialists. 315 Russell Street (Route 9), Hadley, 584-6090.

ProLube Oil Change & Tuneup. 480 Pleasant Street, 586-5640.

Toad's Kin Car Company. 5 Middle Street, Florence, 584-5102.

BANKS

There are several banks conveniently located within the downtown area. To find out about the services they offer, contact each bank individually.

The following banks are listed due to their convenience to downtown and the college campus.

Bank of America. 79 King Street & 144 Main Street, 586-5935.

Bank North. 175 Main Street & 170 North King Street, 584-7250.

Easthampton Savings Bank. 21 Locust Street, 527-4111.

Florence Savings Bank. Branches at 58 Main Street (582-9400), 176 King Street (582-9380), and 85 Main Street, Florence (586-1300). Free checking available!

Northampton Cooperative Bank. 67 King Street, Northampton. 584-4474. (Also a branch in Florence)

CHILDCARE

Since childcare needs vary greatly depending upon the ages of your children, your childcare needs must be met individually. Northampton does have a fair number of day care centers and pre-schools. Northampton and Amherst are packed with a variety of extra-curricular activities for children of all ages. The public libraries are a good place to find brochures about on-going programs, vacation and summer camps, and workshops of all kinds. The *Daily Hampshire Gazette* and the weekly *Advocate* (free around town) newspapers are good sources as well. Here are a few other suggestions:

Alternative Childcare (babysitters). One of the most effective ways to find babysitting resources for times when your child may not be at day care is to talk to other Adas who have young children. If they don't have suggestions for babysitters, they might be willing to share childcare, with each parent taking turns. You may also find traditional students who are very willing to baby-sit. Ask in your classes.

Appletree Cooperative Nursery School. Main Street, Haydenville, 268-7434.

Cloverdale Cooperative Nursery School. 130 Pine Street, Florence, 586-1106.

Hampshire Community Action Commission (HCAC). This is a great resource center for housing too! 56 Vernon Street, Northampton, 582-4212 or 582-4218.

Hampshire County Headstart. 283 Prospect Street, Northampton, 586-1399.

Meadowlark Day Nursery School. 283 Prospect Street, Northampton, 586-1951.

People's Institute. Close, convenient, affordable. Has after-school care and school vacation care through 5th grade. 38 Gothic Street, Northampton, 584-8313.

Sunnyside Childcare Center at Smith. 70 Paradise Road, Northampton, 585-2293. Top quality childcare, but also top price.

Hampshire/Franklin Area Office for Children. For more information on daycare centers in the Northampton area, 584-7970 or 584-7972.

YMCA. Offers after-school and before-school care for school-aged children. 286 Prospect Street, Northampton, 584-7086.

NOTE: There are a limited number of childcare vouchers offered in the Western Massachusetts area for income-eligible families. For more information, contact the following:

Childcare Focus (OCCS), Susan Currier. 582-4218, ext. 233.

Barbara Black (Community CPC Vouchers). 587-1471.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

In addition to after-school and summer programs, many schools in the Pioneer Valley offer alternatives to traditional public schools. Consult with other parents to learn about the broad spectrum of possibilities, including scholarships to private schools. Here are some additional suggestions:

Amherst Leisure Services. This is a great source for information about youth organizations. They offer a multitude of programs and they have their own subsidy plan available for those who qualify, 356-4065.

Forbes Library. Offers a scheduled story hour and free movies. West Street, Northampton, 584-3970.

Jones Library. This library has an extensive list of area summer camps, both day and overnight. There is also a listing of special children's programs in the area. 43 Amity Street, Amherst, 256-4090.

Kidsports Family Fun and Fitness Center of Hadley. Adventure playground, indoor courts, after-school programs, adult gym, daycare, etc. The ultimate kids' heaven. 317 Russell Street (Route 9), Hadley, 586-0633.

Look Memorial Park. Summer programs only. It has a sprinkler water park and bumper and pedal boats. North Main Street, Florence, 584-5457.

Northampton Community Music Center. Lessons for individuals and groups. 139 South Street, Northampton, 585-0001.

People's Institute. Offers after school activities such as gymnastics, arts and crafts, cooking, etc. 38 Gothic Street, Northampton, 584-8313.

Skating Club of Amherst. 98 Tracy Circle, Amherst, 253-6388.

YMCA. Membership fee is required, but some financial assistance is available. Has an active swimming program, as well as gymnastics, ballet, karate, arts and crafts, etc. Also offers after-school and before-school programs. 286 Prospect Street, Northampton, 584-7086.

COMPUTER/OFFICE SUPPLIES

Computer City and **Circuit City** are located next to the Holyoke/Ingleside Mall.

College Pro Computers. Very inexpensive computer parts and accessories. 206 Russell Street (Route 9), next to the Hadley Pub in Hadley, 584-8857.

Metcalf Printing Company. Really cheap paper and envelopes. 204 Main Street, Northampton, 584-1817.

PC Warehouse. West Springfield, in the Riverside Shops.

Smith Computer Store. Computers and supplies – Smith will provide free support to all Smith-bought computers; other supplies and software available. Payment installment plans may be available when purchasing a computer. Located in Stoddard Hall.

Staples. For cheap reams of 8.5 x 11 white bond paper. 125 Westgate Center (Route 9), Hadley, 253-2599.

Yes Computers. Specializing in Macs. King Street, Northampton, 585-0007.

COUNSELING SERVICES

First Call for Help. An information and referral program plus the emergency fuel bank. It has every kind of assistance available in the area and links people to available county resources, (800) 339-7779, or 582-4237.

Counseling Services at Smith College. Services are provided free of charge to students. No long-term care is available, but counselors can provide referrals in the area. 69 Paradise Road, 585-2840 (x2840).

Children's Aid and Family Services. This organization has an excellent group of children's therapists. 8 Trumbull Street, Northampton, 584-5690.

Everywoman's Center. Offers a variety of counseling, workshops, lectures, and referral services. Excellent feminist counseling available. Contact them for a catalogue of all area therapists and their special area of counseling. This catalogue is also available at the Jones Library in Amherst and Wilder Hall at the UMASS campus. For more details, call 545-1125.

Safe Passage. An organization for battered women and their children, including a hotline, legal/court advocacy, shelter, childcare, administration, fundraising, and internships. Northampton. 586-1125.

Parents Helping Parents. This parent support group meets weekly at St. John's Episcopal Church (with the playground you can see from campus). This group is for parents who are looking to improve their relationship with their children. Free, confidential, and childcare is available. 1-800-882-1250.

ServiceNet. If you don't have Smith Health Insurance, or you find that the Smith Counseling Service does not meet your needs, ServiceNet has counselors and a sliding fee plan to help with financial difficulties. Northampton/Amherst areas. 584-7329.

Tapestry Health Systems. An organization for women and their children, including a hotline for battered women, legal/court advocacy, shelter, childcare, administration, fundraising, and internships. Confidential HIV testing, abortion counseling, and family planning services and counseling are also available. 16 Center Street, Northampton, 586-2016.

HEALTH CARE SERVICES

NOTE: If you are on the Smith College Health Plan, you must check with Health Services before seeking outside care or your insurance will not cover the treatment.

Chiropractors

Hadley Family Chiropractic. 187 Russell Street, Hadley, 586-6521.

Dr. Katherine Klemer. 16 Center Street, Northampton, 584-7949.

Edward M. Novak. 293 Russell Street, Hadley, 584-8976

Dentists

Jeffrey Eisman. Evening hours by appointment. 650 Main Street, Amherst, 253-9582.

Sander Fasten. Especially comforting to children or adults who are afraid. 12 Center Street, Northampton, 586-4510.

Barbara Freed. Very reasonable rates (Smith Alumna). 27 Pray Street, Amherst, 549-3608.

Howard Kantor. Dentistry for children and adolescents, though he is expensive. 193 Locust Street, Northampton, 584-7773.

Valerie Karraker. 241 King Street (Potpourri Mall), Northampton, 586-4200.

Mark Klepacki. On the bus route; Evening appointments available. 190 Russell Street, Hadley, 586-3306.

Fritz Mesloh. Greenfield, 774-7796.

Michael J. O'Brien. Family dentistry. 41 Locust Street, Northampton, 586-0716.

Linda E. Rigali. Orthodontist (Dr. Clayton's wife). 51 Locust Street, Northampton, 586-8455.

Jeffrey A. Traft. 16 Center Street, Northampton, 584-3721.

Binca Warren. Within walking distance to campus. 26 Elm Street, Northampton, 784-2902.

Martin Wohl. 193 Locust Street, Northampton, 586-6180.

****The Dental Office.** Holyoke (accepts MassHealth), 532-9374.

****The Holyoke Health Center.** Offers dental (though long wait between appointments) on a sliding scale fee). 230 Maple Street, Holyoke, 420-2200.

Eye Doctors

Bruce Bleiman. Ophthalmologist. Great with kids! Husband of Ada Comstock alumna. 51 Locust Street, Northampton, 584-6422.

Dr. Maribeth Erb. Optometrist. Vision exams, eye glasses, contact lenses. Corner of Main and South Street, Sullivan Square, Northampton, 584-6616.

Free Eyeglasses for Children:

The Community United Way has been chosen to work with Lens Crafters Foundation to provide free eye exams and glasses to children (ages 6 – 18 years of age) of low income. If you know of any children who are in need of glasses and would benefit from this free program, please call the Community United Way First Call service at (413) 737-2712, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Physicians

Norman Brown. Internal medicine gastroenterologist. 190 Nonotuck Street, Florence, 584-9511.

Cooley Dickinson Hospital Emergency Room and Fast Track. Medical services always available. Convenient & will refer you to an appropriate physician. 30 Locust Street, Northampton, 584-4090.

Hampshire OB-GYN. 61 Locust Street, Northampton, 584-2303.

Northampton Area Pediatrics. Pediatric and adolescent medicine. 193 Locust Street, Northampton, 584-8700. Amherst office at 170 University Drive, 587-3224.

Dr. Alicia Landman-Reiner. Recommended by Smith College Health Services. 16 Center Street, Northampton, 586-5404.

Northampton Physical Therapy Clinic (Linda Beaulieu). 17 South Street, Northampton, 582-0005.

Dr. Russ Thomas. Kind, smart, takes lots of time. Greenfield, 775-0240.

Veterinarians

Mark Berens. 185 Locust Street, Northampton, 584-9477.

Northampton Veterinary Clinic. 227 South Street (Route 10), Northampton, 584-6309.

Nancy Lewis-Owen, North King Animal Clinic. Good with small animals. Hours by appointment (Smith alumna). North King Street, Northampton, 584-9178.

Deborah Lichtenberg's Veterinary Hospital. 2 Belchertown Road, Pelham, 253-7797.

Rowley Animal Hospital. 24-hour emergency care. 53 Bliss Street, Springfield, 786-1221.

Valley Veterinary Hospital. Boarding available. 320 Russell Street (Route 9), Hadley, 584-1223.

LAUNDROMAT & CLEANERS

Green Street Laundromat. 44 Green Street, Northampton (in the basement). Practically on campus.

Masonic Street Maytag Laundry. 18 Masonic Street, Northampton, 586-6995.

Main Street Cleaners. Student discounts. Reliable dry cleaning in two days. Next day service available too. 193 Main Street, Northampton, 586-4359.

Washing Well. Good machines and cheap prices. Located in the Dairy Mart plaza in Florence.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

NOTE: A word of advice to anyone thinking of applying for subsidized housing. The waiting list for most of these programs can be a year and a half or longer. Subsidized housing is most difficult to find in Northampton, but easier in surrounding towns.

Housing Allowance Program. If you are eligible for subsidized housing, the Housing Allowance Program located at 135 State Street in Springfield (1-800-332-9667) is probably the best agency to turn to for help. Eligibility is determined according to family size and income/eligibility criteria is very broad. Under this program, one pays a percentage of income towards rent directly to the landlord, while the Housing Allowance Program pays the remainder through a state subsidy.

Northampton Housing Authority. The Northampton Housing Authority has two developments – one in Florence and one in Northampton (on Bridge Road off King Street). Selection is determined by income and availability. In addition, there is also scattered site housing available, whereby the tenant can locate an apartment in the community and obtain financial assistance similar to the Housing Allowance Program. For more information about Section Eight housing in Northampton, contact the Northampton Housing Authority at 81 Conz Street, Northampton, 586-0170. (These apartments are usually full and have a waiting list.)

LIBRARIES

Forbes Library. A wealth of resources can be found here. Calvin Coolidge memorabilia, local history, films, videos, dvds, periodicals, and books. Cards are available to any Massachusetts resident with proof of residency. Excellent children’s department that offers story hour and movies. West Street, Northampton, 584-8399. Children’s Department: 584-3970.

Jones Library. Cards issued to Massachusetts residents. Contains a good collection of Robert Frost materials in the Special Collections Department. Good selection of mysteries. Large children’s room. 43 Amity Street, Amherst, 256-0246.

NEWSPAPERS

The Daily Hampshire Gazette. Published daily except Sunday, and available after 1:00 pm. The Hampshire Life section on Friday is a good source of local activities, entertainment, etc. 584-5000.

Valley Advocate. An alternative paper published weekly and distributed on Wednesdays. It is free and available at local restaurants and newsstands. Publishes a “Best of the Valley” list in September, rating area businesses and services. Also lists personals and highlights local nightlife.

POPULAR HANGOUTS

The Haymarket Café. Very casual “feed and read”. Vegetarian café featuring coffee, juices, pastries, and great soups and salads. 2 floors. 15 Amber Lane (with an entrance also on Main Street next to Main Street Cleaners), Northampton, 586-9969.

Northampton Brewery. Live music on Sunday nights. Wide choice of on-premises brewed beers. Outdoor patio for the summer. They also serve food. 11 Brewster Court, Northampton, 584-9903.

Packard's. Full bar, fun people. Full menu available (the dining area is separated from the bar by a glass door). A Smithie is featured in caricature on the menu. 14 Masonic Street, Northampton, 584-5957.

Woodstar Cafe. Coffee, tea, juice, soda, and wonderful bakery items. Bring your laptop. 60 Masonic Street, Northampton, 587-3400.

RESTAURANTS

There are so many of these it's hard to choose, but here are some favorites:

Amanouz Café. Affordable Moroccan fare. Thursday night is French Rendezvous at 7:30. Parlez vous français? 44 Main Street, Northampton, 585-9128.

Bluebonnet Diner. Good, hearty, local home cooking. 324 King Street, Northampton, 584-3333.

Bela. Vegetarian restaurant. Inexpensive and healthy. Atmosphere is like a cozy dinner party. 68 Masonic Street, Northampton, 586-8011.

Bueno y Sano. Fusion-Mexican food. 134 Main Street, Northampton, 586-7311.

Carmelina's. Great Italian food for romantic dining. Fairly expensive. 96 Russell Street (Route 9), Hadley, 584-8000.

Eastside Grill. Grilled steaks, seafood, Cajun food – moderate to high prices. 19 Strong Avenue, Northampton, 586-3347.

Fitzwilly's. Popular eating/drinking place. Varied menu, great atmosphere. Half-off appetizers during Happy Hour. 23 Main Street, Northampton, 584-8666.

Green Street Café. Expensive; reservations recommended. Aesthetically pleasing food and ambiance. Liquor license variable, call ahead. 62 Green Street, Northampton, 586-5650.

Hayfield's Deli and Café. Freshly baked bagels, daily salads & entrees, gourmet coffees, and fabulous bakery. Good deli sandwiches, too. 48 Main Street, Northampton, 586-7114.

Joe's Café Spaghetti and Pizza. Great pizza. Loud and friendly atmosphere. 33 Market Street, Northampton, 584-3168.

La Fiorentina. Authentic Italian coffee and pastry shop with an espresso/cappuccino bar. 19 Armory Avenue, Northampton, 586-7693.

La Veracruzana. Good east coast style Mexican food. Moderate prices. 31 Main Street, Northampton, 586-7181.

Miss Florence Diner. A real old-fashioned diner. Abundant and good food with cheap prices. Great breakfast! 99 Main Street, Florence, 584-3137.

Packard's. "Funtime Emporium". Casual dining, lots of beer. 14 Masonic Street, Northampton, 584-5957.

Panda Garden. Good Chinese food. Moderate prices. 34 Pleasant Street, Northampton, 584-3858.

Paul and Elizabeth's. Natural foods restaurant. Vegetarian and fish dishes. Inexpensive lunch, reasonable dinner, great soups. Thornes Marketplace, 150 Main Street, Northampton, 584-4832.

Pizzeria Paradiso. Gourmet pizza, beer, and wine. Dinner only. 12 Crafts Avenue, Northampton, 586-1468.

Roberto's. Great local pizza joint. 223 Pleasant Street, Northampton, 584-0204.

Siam Square Thai Restaurant. Inexpensive, fresh food, good service. 84 Pleasant Street, Northampton, 582-1817.

Spoletto Restaurant. Serves exciting new and traditional Italian food in a casual environment. Moderately expensive. (Spoletto's Express on King Street). 50 Main Street, Northampton, 586-6313.

Sylvester's Restaurant. Wonderful place! Homemade breads and soups. Good prices. Great breakfast place, but busy on weekend mornings. 111 Pleasant Street, Northampton, 586-5343.

Taipei & Tokyo. Japanese (sushi) and Chinese available. They even deliver! 18 Main Street, Northampton, 582-1888.

Teapot. Chinese and Japanese available, plus sushi. Open late & they deliver. Ask for the 10% Smith College student discount on takeout orders. 116 Main Street, Northampton, 585-9308.

Viva Pasta Company. Open 7 days a week. 249 Main Street, Northampton, 586-5875.

SCHOOLS

Public Schools

There are four elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and one vocational high school in Northampton. School assignment is determined according to the district in which you live. Northampton also offers school choice, where families can opt to attend a school outside of their district (depending on availability of space). Contact the Superintendent of Schools, 212 Main Street, Northampton, for more information. 585-1328.

There are also several public charter schools, such as Hilltown Elementary (Haydenville) and Pioneer Valley Performing Arts High School in South Hadley.

Independent Schools

There are a number of independent schools in the area. Here is a partial listing.

The Clarke School for the Deaf. 46 Round Hill Road, Northampton, 584-3450. www.clarkeschool.org.

The Common School. Small, private, alternative school. 521 South Pleasant Street, Amherst, 253-7913. www.commonschool.org.

Smith Campus School. K-6. Small, laboratory day school to train Smith teachers on Smith Campus. Contact the Director's Office, Gill Hall, or Smith College (x3270).

Williston-Northampton School. Coeducational boarding and day school, grades 7 -12. 19 Payson Avenue, Easthampton, 527-1520. www.williston.com.

SERVICES

Verizon Service Representative. Telephone installation. 1-800-870-9999.

Federal Information Center. For information on federal taxes, federal jobs, veterans' benefits, Social Security benefits, passports, visas, etc. 1-800-688-9889.

H&R Block. 241 King Street, Potpourri Plaza, Northampton. 584-3155. For year-round service, call 536-4766.

Hampshire Community Action Commission (HCAC). This is the largest social service agency in Franklin/Hampshire County. The agency serves as an umbrella for 14 different programs directed toward low-income people in the area. Programs in day care, food and nutrition, and welfare rights are some offerings. If the service you need is not provided, HCAC can refer you to the

proper agency. Call the hotline for referrals and information: First Call for Help at 1-800-339-7779 or 582-4237, or visit their website at www.hcac.org.

Internal Revenue Service. 1-800-829-3676. For forms, publications, and to change your address with the IRS (request Form 8822), call the above-listed number. For information on moving expenses that may be tax deductible, including sale of residence, moving to start a new job, transportation, storage, travel, and lodging, call 1-800-829-4477.

Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance. This is the agency to call for foodstamps, MassHealth, emergency assistance, etc. 72-100 Front Street, Holyoke, 552-5400. Also available in Greenfield.

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. 195 Russell Street (Route 9), Hadley. www.state.ma.us/rmv.

Northampton Chamber of Commerce. A wealth of information about the area is available in this office. 99 Pleasant Street, Northampton, 584-1900.

Northampton Post Office. 37 Bridge Street, Northampton, 584-0960.

Northampton Survival Center. Serves low-income residents by providing food, clothes, and some household items. A good place to go if you are having a hard time making ends meet. 256 Prospect Street, Northampton, 586-6564.

Office of the Governor. 1-617-727-3600.

Social Security Administration. 1-800-772-1213. Call this number to change your address. SSA lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month. If you are calling to arrange for direct deposit of your Social Security checks, call your bank before you call SSA. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is 1-800-288-7185.

State Tax Information. 1-800-392-6089.

Western Mass Legal Services. This agency has a sliding scale for legal services. Qualified, understanding attorneys and staff. 29 Pleasant Street, Northampton, 584-4034.

SHOPPING

Northampton offers everything from trendy boutiques to discount department stores. This listing is to acquaint you with some stores that are conveniently located, reasonably priced, and/or fun and unusual.

Local Grocery Shopping

Serio's Market and Pharmacy. Small, family-owned grocery and drugstore a short walk from campus (just across the street from the 36 Bedford Terrace apartment building). Includes butcher shop, deli counter, and fruit and vegetable section. Smith students can cash checks up to \$20.00 with purchase. 65 State Street, Northampton, 584-2633.

State Street Fruit Store and Deli; State Street Beer and Wine. Small, locally owned grocery store close by. A variety of good produce and cheeses, and a sizeable gourmet food section. Liquor store next door. 51 State Street, Northampton, 584-2301.

Cornucopia Foods. A full line of organic/natural foods, grains, and health products. Downstairs in Thorne's Marketplace, 150 Main Street, Northampton, 586-3800.

Whole Foods. Natural foods supermarket, including meat, fish, deli, bakery, vitamins, and cosmetics. Route 9, Hadley, 586-9932.

Big Y Supermarket. Double manufacturer's coupons. Lots of "buy one, get 2 free" deals! 136 King Street, Northampton, 584-6137.

Stop and Shop Supermarket. Double manufacturer's coupons. 228 King Street, Northampton, 774-6096.

Trader Joes. Route 9, Hadley, 587-3260.

Clothing, Etc.

Faces. Cool, hip stuff you really don't need but want! Clothes, toys, cards, household stuff, posters, etc. 175 Main Street, Northampton, 584-4081.

The Hospice Shop. Thrift shop. 25 Market Street, Northampton, 586-0193.

Marshall's & Old Navy. Route 9, Hadley.

The Mountain Goat. Clothes, shoes, backpacks. Expensive, watch for sales... 177 Main Street, Northampton, 586-0803.

Praktikly Worne Classic Clothing. Great "twice around" jeans, corduroys, flannel shirts, etc. Also, odd pieces of cloth, lace, velvets, etc. 2 Bridge Street, Northampton, 586-1913.

Priceless Kids. You can find some great, name brand, quality children's clothing here cheap! Memorial Ave., West Springfield (Right off Exit 7 on 91 South – 1st right off the traffic circle)

Roz's Place. Impressive selection of "hardly used" clothing. 6 Bridge Street, Northampton, 586-4381.

Second Showing. Beautiful, name brand, second-hand clothing. 9 Market Street, Northampton, 586-3136.

Salvation Army Store. Route 9, Hadley.

Bookstores

Broadside Bookshop. 247 Main Street, Northampton, 586-4235.

Odyssey Bookshop. One of the largest paperback/hardcover bookstores in the area. 9 College, South Hadley (across from the Mount Holyoke campus), 1-800-540-7307.

Old Book Store. Buys and sells a wide range of used books. 32 Masonic Street, Northampton, 586-0576.

Raven Used Bookshop. 4 Old South Street (around the corner from Thorne's Marketplace), Northampton, 584-9868.

Barnes & Noble. Route 9, Hadley.

Department & Drug Stores

Big Lots. Bargain-basement price store. North King Street, Northampton (in Wal-Mart plaza).

CVS Pharmacy. 90 Main Street, or King Street, Northampton, 584-3466.

Foster Farrar Co, & True Value. Hardware store. 145 King Street, Northampton, 584-8811.

Radio Shack. 242 King Street, Northampton, 584-2420.

Serio's Drug Store. Copy machine, money orders available. 63 State Street, Northampton, 584-8980.

Target, Route 9, Hadley.

Wal-Mart. 180 North King Street, Northampton, 587-9555. Also on Route 9 in Hadley)

Malls

Hampshire Mall. Includes JC Penney, Target, roller-skating, and a Cinemark Theatres (\$5 movies with student ID and even cheaper matinee prices). Route 9, Hadley. On the bus line...

Ingleside Mall. Largest mall in the area. Includes Sears, Lord & Taylor, Gap, etc. Just off Route 91 South in Holyoke (exit 15). The Christmas Tree Shop has great bargains on all sorts of household needs and gadgets. Not too far away, but a good trip to get off campus for a few hours.

Mountain Farms Mall. Includes Wal-Mart, Old Navy, Linens and Things, Whole Foods, Marshall's, Barnes & Noble, and Michael's Arts & Crafts. Next to Hampshire Mall on Route 9. The bus will take you to and from the mall for free during the semester.

Thorne's Marketplace. Check out the many interesting shops and places to eat in this former department store. Just wandering through it is an experience! Make sure to stop by the seated massage on the 2nd floor...it's a great stress reliever before exams. A dollar store is in the basement next to a natural food grocery store. Open late on Thursday nights. 150 Main Street, Northampton, 584-5582.

THINGS TO DO

Parks

Arcadia Nature Center and Wildlife Sanctuary. A Massachusetts Audubon Society reserve open to the public for a minimal fee. There are easy hiking trails throughout, which also provide for cross-country skiing during the winter. A Natural History Summer Day Camp is available for children. Route 10 between Northampton and Easthampton.

Childs Park. This park is approximately one mile from campus and is a lovely, relaxing place to eat lunch, study, or take a leisurely bike ride. Elm Street (Route 9), Northampton.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) State Forrest. Located on the western edge of the Pioneer Valley, DAR is best known as a camping and swimming recreational area. Within its acreage, however, are about 14 miles of foot and bridle trails and gravel & dirt roads. The most direct way to reach the forest from the Northampton area is to follow MA-9 (Berkshire Trail) 15 miles to Goshen and turn right (north) onto MA-112. The well-marked entrance to the forest is located on the right about a mile up.

During the summer months, a small fee is charged for parking. If you wish to avoid the parking fee, your other option is to drive north on Rt. 112 and then east

on Rt. 116. From South Ashfield, follow paved Williamsburg Road south for about 3 miles and then turn right onto Ludwig Road taking you to the park's west boundary and a gate. This information is taken from *Hiking the Pioneer Valley*, by Bruce Scofield, available at The Mountain Goat outdoor store in downtown Northampton.

Look Memorial Park. A year-round recreational park with picnic areas, tennis courts, miniature golf, outdoor theatre, duck pond, sprinklers in the summer, and other recreational activities. Cost is about \$2 per car (season pass is available). Just a couple of miles west on Route 9, Florence, the end of the bike path.

Northampton Bike Path. This paved trail originates at the end of State Street and meanders several miles through wooded areas into Florence and to Look Park. A great place to bike, rollerblade, jog, or take a leisurely walk without the noise of traffic.

Norwottuck Rail Trail. A ten-mile path linking Northampton, Hadley, and Amherst along the former Boston and Maine Railroad right-of-way. Originates on the west side of the Connecticut River near the Coolidge Bridge (Route 9) and leads into Amherst. Part of the Massachusetts State Park system.

Skinner State Park. Approximately 7 miles from Smith, following Rt. 47 to South Hadley. The summit offers a view of the Valley that is well worth the trip. You can drive to the top or park at the halfway point and climb the rest. There is a hiking trail along the mountain range. Think about making this trip on Mountain Day.

Movie Theaters

Academy of Music. A one-film venue usually showing award-winning productions several weeks at a time. Buy two tickets at a time (with student ID) for a discounted student price. 274 Main Street, Northampton, 584-8435.

Calvin Theatre. Live groups and performances. 19 King Street, Northampton, 584-1444.

Cinemark at The Hampshire Mall. A multi-theater chain that is accessible by the Amherst Bus (PVRTA). Twilight movies start around 5:00 pm – cheaper than evening prices. Discount with student ID available all other times. Route 9, Hadley, 584-9153.

Pleasant Street Theater. Runs a lot of independent films. Buy a 10-movie pass at a discount. 27 Pleasant Street, Northampton, 586-0935.

Smith College. The SGA plays top movies in Wright Hall or the Campus Center 2 nights per week (Tuesdays & Thursdays, traditionally). They're free – right on

campus. Bring your own popcorn & soda. Watch for the ads on the board in the Campus Center.

TRANSPORTATION

Travel Ideas

In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, there is a travel information booth on King Street in Northampton, across from the Hotel Northampton. It's a good source of information both for the Pioneer Valley area and the rest of New England.

Airports

Albany International Airport. Located about 2 hours west of Northampton. Easy access to parking and a SouthWest airline hub, running at about \$35 per ticket per way.

Bradley International Airport. North of Hartford, CT, Bradley (BDL) is approximately one hour south of Smith. Bus service (Peter Pan) is available on a regular basis. Also, Valley Transportation is a good source for a ride to the airport. It has a SouthWest airline hub, running at about \$35 per ticket per way. The Smith SGA runs an airport shuttle during specific peak times (Thanksgiving and Winter Break, ex.) to Bradley for somewhere around \$15.00.

Logan International Airport. Located in Boston, MA, approximately 2 hours from Smith.

Buses

The Five-College Bus System. This service runs on a regular basis between the University of Massachusetts, Smith College, Amherst College, Mount Holyoke College, and Hampshire College. It is free to all riders during the school year, but during the summer, there is a fee. The Smith College buses stop in front of John M. Greene Hall on Elm Street. Schedules are posted on the bulletin board there and are available on the bus. This service facilitates taking courses at the other colleges, as well as getting to know the area.

Peter Pan Buses. One Roundhouse Plaza, Northampton. 586-1030, and 79 Amherst Street, Amherst. Hourly departures to Springfield, Boston, and New York City; also other New England destinations, including Cape Cod. Make sure to ask for the student discount. They get you there but never, ever on time.

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA). Five-College Bus System is part of the PVTA. The PVTA also provides local bus service to the surrounding communities: Amherst, Florence, Holyoke, Springfield, Williamsburg, etc.

Western Mass Bus Lines. One Roundhouse Plaza, Northampton, 584-6481.

Taxis

City Taxi Service. 15 King Street, Northampton, 584-3405.

Diamond and Tony's Cab Service. 123 Hawley Street, Northampton, 586-2099.

Valley Transporter. Specializes in transport to Bradley Airport. 479 West Street, Amherst. 253-1350.

Trains

Amtrak. (1-800-872-7245 for schedules and reservations) The station is located in Springfield. Service to Boston, New Haven, and New York is available.

WORSHIP

The local newspaper, the Daily Hampshire Gazette (584-5000) publishes a list of area churches, temples, and synagogues every Friday, listing service times as well.

The Helen Hills Hills Chapel on campus offers several services every week, both nondenominational and specific religious groups), including an hour of silent meditation. Check the Chapel's calendar, posted on its website, for details: www.smith.edu/chapel (x2750).

