

TOP 10 LIST FOR WILLIAMS COLLEGE

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For the class of 2000: A list of ten things to do before you graduate

10. Watch a sunset from the top of Mount Greylock, preferably hanging upside down on the crossbar you'll find up there.
9. Learn all the words to any Williams College song (you'll be the only one at your 25th reunion to know them).
8. When the leaf freaks come poking around to check out your fall foliage, ask one if they know where they are. Do this with a friend and the first one of you who snags a tourist who answers, "Williams College," instead of "Oh my, I don't know, but aren't the leaves spectacular?" or "William and Mary" is the winner.
7. Look in your tiny Williamstown phone book, notice that everyone has a listed number, call one of your professors and invite them over to your cafeteria for dinner with their family. Not only will they enthusiastically accept, but you'll find yourself with a great reciprocal invitation.
6. Cross country ski on the golf course on a night with a full moon.
5. Develop a friendship with someone who lives in someplace you'd otherwise never expect to visit and spend a vacation at their home. (This can be even more incredible if one or both of their parents do something totally bizarre, i.e. military dictator, embalmer to the stars, crash dummy model.)
4. On the first real Spring day (and no, it won't coincide with the first calendar), go barefoot, play frisbee and make sure that your professor holds class out on the lawn.
3. Get a dog. The rules change, but if the rule says only one dog per student housing unit, remember that there are some professors who live in houses and you can register your dog to their house. If you can't find the way clear for a dog, get an Iguana. They live quietly on your wall without moving for up to a week at a time – and need less care than cactus.
2. Experience a sound and light show in the steam tunnels which go under the campus (ask a cool upper class person to set one up for you). And remember, there are three ways to die in the steam tunnels: scorching heat, flash flood water, and electrocution.

And the **number one thing** to do at Williams before graduation:

Tray down the snow-covered hills behind the Clark Art Institute.

