:ref:`Semicolon-separated list <CMake Language Lists>` of directories

to be ignored by the various ``find...()`` commands.

For :command:`find\_program`, :command:`find\_library`, :command:`find\_file`,

and :command:`find\_path`, any file found in one of the listed directories

will be ignored. The listed directories do not apply recursively, so any

subdirectories to be ignored must also be explicitly listed.

|CMAKE\_IGNORE\_VAR| does not affect the search \*prefixes\* used by these

four commands. To ignore individual paths under a search prefix

(e.g. ``bin``, ``include``, ``lib``, etc.), each path must be listed in

|CMAKE\_IGNORE\_VAR| as a full absolute path. |CMAKE\_IGNORE\_PREFIX\_VAR|

provides a more appropriate way to ignore a whole search prefix.

:command:`find\_package` is also affected by |CMAKE\_IGNORE\_VAR|, but only

for \*Config mode\* searches. Any ``<Name>Config.cmake`` or

``<name>-config.cmake`` file found in one of the specified directories

will be ignored. In addition, any search \*prefix\* found in |CMAKE\_IGNORE\_VAR|

will be skipped for backward compatibility reasons, but new code should

prefer to use |CMAKE\_IGNORE\_PREFIX\_VAR| to ignore prefixes instead.