Recreation Opportunities In and Around Dane County, Wisconsin

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DESTINATIONS

Memorial Union

http://www.union.wisc.edu/

Phone: 608-265-3000

Location: 800 Langdon St., Madison
Cost: Free

Sit by the fireplaces in the Rathskeller or in the main lounge on second floor. View live bands. Babcock Hall ice cream made at the University is sold inside the Union.

Open Mic at the Rathskeller

I like that you can see live music from aspiring musicians.

Memorial Union Terrace

Relax at the University of Wisconsin Memorial Union Terrace Outdoor terrace and tables on the shore of Lake Mendota. Free, outdoor, live music Wednesday - Saturday 9pm-midnight and Friday 5-7pm.

Ice Cream

University of Wisconsin Babcock Hall Ice Cream may be purchased at the Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., or, if you also want to see it being made (before noon), at the Babcock Hall Dairy Plant, 1605 Linden Dr. on the University of Wisconsin campus.

Michael's Frozen Custard, 2531 Monroe St. This store is very near the Lake Wingra canoe and kayak rental place.

Capitol Building

(608) 266-0382

The best way to experience the beauty and grandeur of Wisconsin’s Capitol Building is to see it for yourself. It is open to the public weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and weekends and holidays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free tours are offered daily, year round except on the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. Tours start at the information desk Monday through Saturday at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 p.m.; and Sundays at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 p.m. A 4:00 p.m. tour is offered weekdays (Monday - Friday), excluding holidays, during Memorial Day through Labor Day. The sixth floor museum and observation deck are open during the summer months. Be sure to view the holiday tree in the winter!

Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center

www.mononaterrace.com

Open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grandview Café

Monday–Saturday 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Located in the Grand Terrace, this lake-view café serves gourmet coffee, pastries, sandwiches and desserts.

Lake Monona Bike & Pedestrian Path

An essential design element of the building was to keep the 12 km pathway around Lake Monona. The bike path and walkway wrap around this building and there is an elevator on the east side that can accommodate up to three bicycles and riders at a time. The elevator, which was the first of its kind in Madison, enables bikers to move from the lake level to the Wilson Street level.
William T. Evjue Rooftop Garden
Open Sunday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. - midnight

The Otis Redding Memorial
A memorial to soul singer Otis Redding is located in the
William T. Evjue Rooftop Garden. In December 1967, Otis
Redding died in a Lake Monona plane crash near where
Monona Terrace is today.

Concerts on the Roof at Monona Terrace
Cost: Free and open to the public

Wednesdays, 5:30-7PM. Enjoy an evening of dancing and
great music with friends... all at no charge! Tunes at
Monona Terrace has become a Madison tradition thanks
to the generous support of the Evjue Foundation, Inc.,
the charitable arm of The Capital Times. Themed menu
specials, snacks, beer, cocktails, and soft drinks are
available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m.

T’ai Chi at Monona Terrace
Location: Rooftop. At noon in the summer Tuesdays &
Thursdays
Cost: Open to the public and at no charge

Ease the stress out of your busy workday! Connect with
your mind and body through the fundamentals of T’ai Chi
in an easy to learn routine. Registration is available on-
site. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes.
In the case of inclement weather, class will be cancelled.
Please call Monona Terrace at 608.261.4000 after 11
a.m. the day of event for cancellation information.
Instruction provided by T’ai Chi Center of Madison, LLC.

Wollersheim Winery
www.wollersheim.com
1-800-VIP-WINE

Location: Wollersheim Winery, Hwy 188, Prairie du Sac
WI

Cost: Tour fees are $3.50 for adults, children 11 & under
are free when accompanied by an adult. Tours are on a
first-come first-served basis and are limited to 25 people.
Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., year-round. Tours daily at
10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, and 4:15.

The natural beauty surrounding the Wollersheim Winery
has been the backdrop for a remarkable historical
heritage, one told in rich detail during the winery’s
guided tour. The tour points out interesting aspects of
the property, which has earned a listing in the National
Register of Historical Places.

Madison Metropolitan School District
Planetarium
http://planetariumweb.madison.k12.wi.us/
Phone: 608-663-6102

Location: Memorial High School, 201 South Gammon
Road, Madison
Cost: $2 per person

3rd Wednesday of the month: October – May. See
website for specific schedule. Seating is first come, first
serve. Planetarium shows change monthly and last about
an hour.

Eagle Watching
www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org/eagledays

Location: Sauk City
Cost: Free or Tours: $5 per person (children 5 and
younger are free).

Best in the month of January. Bald Eagle Watching Days
in Sauk City with events and tours. To reserve a tour spot,
call the Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-
68EAGLE. (Reservations are encouraged.) Eagle
Watching Days bus tours run every hour on the hour
from the Sauk Prairie High School.
Explore State Street
Location: Between Library Mall on Campus and the Capitol Building.
Cost: Free
"...a funky half-mile strip of food, music, craft and clothing shops running from the university campus to the imposing state capitol building." -- New York Times.

Free, outdoor folk music Saturdays 4-7pm at 452 State St.

Shop for a bargain at St. Vincent DePaul Dig ‘n Save
Location: 1900 S. Park St. Madison, WI
$.35/lb for household goods, $1.00/lb. for clothing ($.50/lb on Weds.)
Find a treasure for a great price!

Stuffed Squirrels on Display
(By appointment only: 238-8406)
Location: Cress Funeral Home, 6021 University Ave., Madison, WI
Cost: Free
Bizarre and funny dioramas of stuffed real squirrels doing things like going to the carnival, playing poker, visiting the Wild West.

FARMERS MARKETS

Dane County Farmers Market
http://www.madfarmmkt.org/
Location: Capitol Square (in the summer)
Saturday mornings, 6am - noon, around the Capitol Square. The pastries at 25 N. Pinckney St. are great. A smaller version of the market is on Wednesdays 8am - 2pm along Martin Luther King Blvd.
Or the Madison Senior Center, 330 West Mifflin St. (in the winter)
Full breakfast available from 8:30 am to about 11:00 am
Cost: Free
This is the largest producer-only farmers’ market in the country. All items are produced locally by the vendor behind the table.

Other Farmers Markets around Madison:

Eastside
Eastside Farmers' Market
When: Tuesdays, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
May - October (go to website for exact dates)
Where: 201 Ingersoll Street
Website: http://www.willystreet.coop/ESFM/index.html

Isthmus
Wednesday Farmer's Market and Monona Terrace
When: Wednesday Market, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (go to website for exact dates)
Where: 200 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd (in front
"I first participated in this event while working at a local preschool. We first visited the Farmer's Market that takes place on Wednesday. Everyone bought a small treat from one of the local vendors and then we made our way to the Monona Terrace for their weekly free Lakeside Kids event. On this particular day we got the chance to see a group of drummers perform. It was great opportunity to promote local businesses, teach our kids about fresh local food and enjoy from live music."

**Northside**

**Northside Farmers' Market**

When: Sunday Mornings, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,
May - October (go to website for exact dates)
Where: Northside TownCenter (corner of Sherman and Northport Dr)
Website: [http://www.northsidefarmersmarket.org/](http://www.northsidefarmersmarket.org/)

**Southside**

**Southside Farmers’ Market**

**Labor Temple Market**

When: Tuesdays, 2– 6 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Late April through late October (go to website for exact dates)
Where: Labor Temple, 1602 South Park Street
Website: [http://www.southmadisonfarmersmarket.com/](http://www.southmadisonfarmersmarket.com/)

**Villager Mall Market**

When: Thursdays, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Late April through late October (go to website for exact dates)
Where: The Villager Mall
Website: [http://www.southmadisonfarmersmarket.com/](http://www.southmadisonfarmersmarket.com/)

**Westside**

**Hilldale Farmers’ Market**

When: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
May - October (go to website for exact dates)
Where: Hilldale Mall, west parking lot, at the shopping center entrance from Segoe Road.
Website: [www.hilldalefarmersmarket.com](http://www.hilldalefarmersmarket.com)

**Westside Community Market**

When: Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,
April - November (go to website for exact dates)
Where: Hill Farms Department of Transportation Parking Lot
Website: [http://www.westsidecommunitymarket.org/](http://www.westsidecommunitymarket.org/)

**PARKS, GARDENS, OUTDOORS**

**Pick fruit in season - strawberries, pumpkins, apples...**

**The Tree Farm**

At 8454 Hwy 19 in northwestern Dane County.

**Appleberry Farm**

A local favorite for fresh-picked apples and delicious cider in the Fall. Come visit the Sheep, feed the Chickens and sit by the Duck pond. Enjoy a Hayride or walk through the Orchard and explore our oak savanna with beautiful views towards Blue Mounds. Call 608-798-2780.
8079 Maurer Road, Cross Plains.

**Carandale Farm**

Fresh-picked or pick-your-own apples, Concord grapes, raspberries, and strawberries. Also frozen pies, honey, pears, cherries, and plums.
Call 608-835-5871.
5683 Lincoln Rd, Oregon.
Door Creek Orchard
3252 Vilas Rd, Cottage Grove.

Eplegaarden Orchard
Real farm fun for everyone! Self-pick apples, raspberries and pumpkins. Hayrides, animals and a haunted barn. Call 608-845-5966.
2227 Fitchburg Rd, Fitchburg.

Fabrita Orchard
5939 Hogan Rd, Waunakee.

Green's Pleasant Springs Orchard
Offering 65 varieties of apples, tomatoes, specialty lettuces, sweet corn, and pumpkins. 10 to 5 pm every day but Thursday. Fresh unpasteurized apple cider pressed weekly in season, pick-your-own and pre-picked apples. Call 608-873-4096.
2722 Williams Dr, Stoughton.

Sutter's Ridge
Call 608-832-6445
2074 Sutter Dr, Mt. Horeb.

Applications can be received by calling the park you wish to attend (Buckhorn State Park at 608-565-2789, High Cliff State Park at 920-989-1106, Kettle Moraine State Forest at 262-594-6200, Kohler-Andrae State Park at 920-451-4080, Mirror Lake State Park at 608-254-2333, Potawatomi State Park at 920-746-2890 or Richard Bong State Recreation Area at 262-878-5600), pick them up at any State park or any Department of Natural Resources District office or visit http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/access/2500085.pdf

Call parks or check the websites for fee information.

Devil's Lake State Park
www.devils lakewisconsin.com
Phone: (608) 356-8301
Near Baraboo, Wisconsin. About 45 minutes north.
Devil's Lake is open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Visitor Center hours are from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily in the summer and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in other seasons.

Governor Nelson State Park
Location: The entrance to Governor Nelson State Park is on the southeast side of County Highway M, about 2 miles west of State Highway 13 and 4.7 miles east of U.S. Highway 12.
Cost: $3-7 Day Pass
Hiking trails. Governor Nelson is a 422-acre day use facility. It has a 500-foot sand beach, bathhouses with solar-heated showers, a four-stall boat launch, a fish cleaning facility, picnic areas, barrier free playground
equipment, prairie restorations, 8.4 miles of hiking/cross country ski trails, and a scenic overlook of Lake Mendota.

For More Information: Governor Nelson State Park, 5140 Cty Hwy M, Waunakee, WI 53597 | (608) 831-3005

Dog Parks
http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/parks/dogParks.html
Location: See website for locations around town.
Cost: Free
Go with or without a dog! Dogs require permits at the dog parks.

Jenni & Kyle Preserve
Location: 925 Post Road, Madison WI 53711
Cost: Free
Fishing ponds are for children 14 years or younger and persons with permanent disabilities who might otherwise not be able to enjoy a fishing trip.

This park is located in the City of Madison on Post Road next to the Madison Area Rehabilitation Center. The Jenni and Kyle Preserve is unique in that the park is intended to serve children and persons with disabilities, and provides accessible fishing and picnic areas, trails, wheelchair swings, and a shelter building around two spring-fed ponds containing trout and panfish.

Pheasant Branch Conservancy
http://www.pheasantbranch.org/
Location: Middleton, access at Hwy M and Branch Street
Cost: Free
This conservancy has a creek, several foot bridges, a natural spring and glacial drumlin to climb, a forest and a meadow.

UW-Arboretum
http://uwarboretum.org/
Location: The Arboretum’s 1260 acres border the southern half of Lake Wingra. Vehicles can enter in two places: from the north at the intersection of McCaffrey Drive, North Wingra Drive and South Mills Street; from the south at the intersection of McCaffrey Drive and Seminole Highway, just north of the Beltline (Highway 12).
Cost: Free
Lilacs in early May are a special treat. Guided hikes are offered throughout the year. The Visitor Center is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. and weekends from 12:30 to 4 p.m. (excluding holidays). Arboretum trails and the Visitor Center parking lot are open year-round from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Other Arboretum parking lots are open from dawn to dusk.

Allen Centennial Gardens
http://www.horticulture.wisc.edu/allencentennialgardens/index.htm
Location: 620 Babcock Drive, Madison, WI
Cost: Free
Gorgeous, Tranquil, Peaceful Space

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
www.olbrich.org
608-246-4550
Outdoor Gardens and Bolz Conservatory
Location: 3330 Atwood Ave. Madison
Cost: Outdoor Gardens are open daily and are free to all. Admission to the Bolz Conservatory is $1 per person and free to all on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 am to noon.
Stroll through 16 acres of outdoor display gardens including the Rose Garden, Thai Pavilion and Garden, Sunken Garden, and Perennial Garden. It's very wheelchair accessible, and everything about the Gardens is beautiful to see and smell!
Enjoy a tropical paradise in Olbrich’s Bolz Conservatory, a glass pyramid filled with exotic plants and flowers, small birds, a rushing waterfall, and fragrant orchids.
Even when it is cold and snowy outside, the Bolz Conservatory is beautiful and blooming.

**The International Crane Foundation**

http://www.savingcranes.org/

Phone: 608-356-9462

Location: About a 1-hour drive north of Madison. The International Crane Foundation is located in south-central Wisconsin about five miles north of Baraboo, and just two miles south of the Wisconsin Dells vacation area at: E11376 Shady Lane Rd, Baraboo, WI 53913

Admission: Adults $8.50, Seniors $7, Children (5-11) $4, 4-Under Free

_The one place in the world where you can see all 15 crane species!_

**Hiking/Adaptive Trails**

https://www.traillink.com/

To find accessible trails by state and other resources: https://www.traillink.com/stateactivity/wi-wheelchair-accessible-trails/

**MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**Encore Studio for the Performing Arts**

http://www.encorestudio.org/

Location: 1480 Martin Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53713

Phone: 608-255-0310

Encore Studio for the Performing Arts is the only professional theatre company for people with disabilities in the state of Wisconsin, and one of the very few in the United States! Encore offers an innovative, inclusive, and professional environment where all people work together in the pursuit of artistic and theatrical excellence.

**Henry Vilas Park Zoo**

www.vilaszoo.org

(608) 266-4732

Location: 702 S Randall Ave, Madison, WI 53715

Cost: Free

Open 9:30 am - 5:00 pm each and every day. Henry Vilas Zoo recently opened a new exhibit in the Children’s Zoo. It currently houses Asian porcupines, Wallabies, Cockatoos, White-handed Gibbons, Red Pandas, Meerkats, and two new lion cubs!

**Silver Cinemas Market Square**


Location: 6604 Odana Rd, Madison 53719

Cost: $3/person

It is a cost-effective way to go to the movies.
**Comedy Club on State**  
202 State St, Madison, WI 53703  
Phone: (608) 256-0099

Comedy club with a lounge vibe, a roster of nationally known comics & open-mike nights. Fee: $10/person or $1 with student ID on Thursdays at 8:30 PM  
“*It’s an awesome deal and always a great time!*”

**Concerts on the Square**  
Location: Capitol Lawn - The concerts are held at the King St. corner of the State Capitol Square.  
Cost: Free

“*On Wednesday evenings in the summer, you can listen to the Madison Symphony for free! It is a lot of fun, we pack a picnic dinner and head over there after work to lay out our blanket and enjoy the evening of music and fun.*”

**Hilldale Holiday Concerts**  
(608) 238.6640  
Location: Hilldale Shopping Center, 702 N. Midvale Blvd., Madison  
Cost: Free

In November and December - Monday-Saturday 10AM-9PM | Sunday 10AM-8PM.

**Jazz at Five**  
[www.jazzat5.org](http://www.jazzat5.org)  
Location: On State Street, just off the Capitol  
Cost: Free

A free jazz series that features top notch local, national and international performers. The 16th season of Jazz at Five will start Wednesday, August 5 and run through September 2.

**Madison Symphony Orchestra Open Dress Rehearsals**  
Phone: (608) 257-3734  
Location: Overture Hall, 201 State Street  
Cost: This is a community service that is free and open to the public.

The MSO is one of the few orchestras in the nation that allows the public to attend its dress rehearsals free of charge. Advance reservations are required so that the MSO can monitor attendance and maintain this free program for the community. Registration opens approximately one month prior to each event. Attendance is limited to the first 250 reservations to preserve the professional decorum of a working rehearsal. Schedule, artists and programs subject to change.

**Opera in the Park**  
[www.madisonopera.org](http://www.madisonopera.org)  
Location: Garner Park, Madison’s West Side  
Free Admission

Opera in the Park features familiar opera hits, the best of Broadway, as well as musical highlights from the upcoming Madison Opera mainstage season. Opera in the Park is a FREE community event perfect for audiences of ALL ages!

**Summer Concert Series at Warner Park**  
Monday night concerts at Warner Park  
Location: Warner Park Shelter (Northport Drive and N. Sherman Ave.)  
Cost: Free

Mondays in June and July at 6:00 p.m.: Head out to Warner Park on Monday evenings in June and July for the Summer Concert Series sponsored by the North/Eastside
Senior Coalition. You can bring a picnic, and enjoy the park while you listen to the music.

**Olbrich Gardens Summer Concerts on the Lawn**

You can buy a hot dog or brat box lunches from Kiwanis or can bring own picnic. Music is typically local folk bands or low key musicians with small crowds. Good for people who are overwhelmed by Concerts on the Square.

**Libraries**

**Central Library**
201 W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI 53703  
(608) 266-6300  
madcirc@scls.lib.wi.us  
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 9:00; children's room closes at 6 p.m., Friday: 9:00 - 6:00, Saturday: 9:00 - 5:00, open Sundays, October - April: 1:00 - 5:00  
Please ask staff in other areas to help you retrieve a book or other items from the children's room if it is closed.

**Alicia Ashman Branch**
733 North High Point Road  
Madison, WI 53717  
(608) 824-1780  
Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Hawthorne Branch**
2707 E. Washington Ave.  
Madison, WI 53704  
(608) 246-4548  
Monday-Friday: 10 - 8 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Lakeview Branch**
2845 N. Sherman Ave.  
Madison, WI 53704  
(608) 246-4547  
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Meadowridge Branch**
5740 Raymond Rd.  
Madison, WI 53711  
(608) 288-6160  
Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Monroe Street**
1705 Monroe St.  
Madison, WI 53711  
(608) 266-6390  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1 - 9 p.m., Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday: 12 - 6 p.m., Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Pinney Branch**
204 Cottage Grove Rd.  
Madison, WI 53716  
(608) 224-7100  
Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**Waisman Center Films in the Field**
www.waisman.wisc.edu

Location: Athletic Fields adjacent to the Waisman Center – 1500 Highland Ave

Cost: Free

Saturday nights in August. Watch a G-Rated movie on a giant inflatable screen. Bring a picnic and kite, Frisbee or soccer ball. Eat, play in the athletic fields prior to the movie. Free parking available at the Waisman Center and lots 60, 63, and lots adjacent to the West Athletic Fields.

**Middleton Good Neighbor Festival and Parade**
http://www.goodneighborfestival.com/

Location: The parade travels along University Avenue in Middleton from Maple Street to Parmenter Street, then on to the festival grounds. Cost: Free

Friday, August 25 — Sunday, August 27
Theme for 2017: The Year of the Volunteer

We honor and appreciate all individuals and volunteer groups who dedicate their time, talents and resources to give back to their community.

**Dane County Fair**
http://www.danecountyfair.com/home.cfm

Alliant Energy Center

July 19-23, 2017

Daily Fee: $8, Parking is FREE!

All outdoor concerts and entertainment are FREE with fair admission!

**Marquette Neighborhood Association Summer Festivals**
www.marquette-neighborhood.org

608) 256-3527, Cost: Free

If you’re interested in volunteering to help, email:
festivals@marquette-neighborhood.org

**Marquette Waterfront Festival**
Saturday - Sunday, JUNE 10-11 2017

Yahara Place Park, 2025 Yahara Place

**La Fete de Marquette**
Thursday - Sunday, July 13-16 in Madison’s Central Park
Orton Park Festival
Friday - Sunday, AUGUST 24-27, 2017
601 South Ingersol Street
Features a number of terrific local restaurant vendors, as well as craft beer and wine tents. Kids games, the cakewalk and the ever-popular MNA auction.

Willy Street Fair
Saturday - Sunday, September 16-17, 2017
800-1000 block of Williamson Street
Each year in September: 6 packed stages over 2 days offering the best in music and entertainment, over 150 vendors providing great food and soothing beverages, creative arts and crafts, a colorful and eclectic parade and the city's largest community-based raffle - with hundreds of prizes!

Juggling Fest
http://www.madjugglers.com/
Location: Various locations around Madison. Visit the website for information.
Cost: Free
This event takes place every year during the weekend of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Olin Park Holiday Fantasy in Lights
Location: 1156 Olin-Turville Court
Cost: Donations appreciated upon exit.
Drive-through display with animated light sculptures, November - January

St. Patrick’s Day Parade
Location: around the Capitol Square
Cost: Free
St. Patrick’s Day Weekend, 1:30 PM on the Capitol Square

MUSEUMS
Wisconsin Historical Museum
www.wisconsinhistory.org/museum
608-264-6555
Location: 30 N Carroll St (on Capitol Square), Madison
Cost: Admission by Donation (Suggested donation $4; $10 Family)
Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
The Wisconsin Historical Museum is located on Madison's Capitol Square and is full of wonderful information about the state's rich history. Explore Wisconsin's distinctive heritage and a variety of other American history topics through artifacts, photographs, full-scale dioramas, audio-visual presentations, and interactive multimedia programs.

Chazen Museum of Art, University of Wisconsin
www.chazen.wisc.edu
608.263.2246
Location: 800 University Avenue, Madison
Admission Is Free
Gallery Hours Tuesday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday – Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Check for days and times for the free guided tours.

“What I like about this particular museum is that it houses the art collection of the University of Wisconsin. It has a wide range of art objects ranging from 2300 BC to present. An unusual twist to this museum is the musicians who play in one of the galleries on Sunday afternoons from October – May.”
**UW-Madison Geology Museum**  
[www.geologymuseum.org](http://www.geologymuseum.org)  
608-262-2399  
Location: 1215 West Dayton Street, Madison  
Free Admission  
Hours are Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  

On your visit you can touch rocks from a time when there were volcanoes in Wisconsin; see corals, jellyfish and other sea creatures that used to live and swim where we now walk; and stand under the tusks of a mastodon while imagining yourself in the Ice Age. Also on display at the Geology Museum are rocks and minerals that glow, a model of a Wisconsin cave, dinosaurs and meteorites.

The Geology Museum is a great place for kids and adults. The museum has a small but impressive collection of fossils (dinosaurs, etc.) as well as a cool glow in the dark rock/mineral display. The souvenirs are even relatively affordable.

**Madison Children’s Museum**  
[www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org)  
608-256-6445  
Location: 100 State Street (on Capitol Square), Madison  
Cost: Non-members: $4, Seniors: $3  
Members and Children under 1: Free  
Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday Noon – 5 p.m. MCM offers a unique opportunity to have fun learning alongside your child, building memories that last a lifetime. The hands-on exhibits and programs are designed to inspire lifelong learning through play, celebrating children’s imaginations. Consistently rated a Madison favorite.

**Madison Museum of Contemporary Art**  
[www.mmoca.org](http://www.mmoca.org)  
608-257-0158  
Location: 227 State Street, Madison  
Free Admission  

**Wisconsin Veterans Museum**  
[www.museum.dva.state.wi.us](http://www.museum.dva.state.wi.us)  
608-267-1799  
Location: 30 W Mifflin St (on Capitol Square), Madison  
Free Admission  

Hours: Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Sundays (April – Sept.) Noon – 4 p.m. The museum features dioramas, consisting of life-size figures and painted murals that realistically and vividly portray events in which Wisconsin veterans participated. The dioramas duplicate a variety of environments, from a snow-covered forest to a tropical jungle.

**SPORTS AND RECREATION**

**Bike around on bike paths**  
Location: All around the city and beyond. Lake Monona bike path is very nice.  
Cost: Free  

Madison BCycle is a great way to get around town or campus. Madison BCycle members can pick up a bike at any B-station and return it to that same station or any other B-station when they’re done. Using their BCards, members can unlock a bike in seconds. Returning a bike is even easier. Just roll it into a dock and walk away. The BCycle trip computer allows members to track all the miles they ride, the calories they burn, and the carbon emissions they avoid.

**Disc golf**  
Location: Elver and Heistenel Parks (Free), Token Creek Park ($5 per day)
Vallarta-Ast DGC, Deforest, Wisconsin 53532: I-90-94 NE of Madison to exit 132 (Hwy 51). Go north 0.25 mile (just past truck stop) to a right into Token Creek Park. Main park road past group camp site, kiosks to hole #1 on right.

**Madison Mallards Games**

www.mallardsbaseball.com
Location: Warner Park, 2920 N. Sherman Ave., Madison
Tickets: $8-25

**Children ages 5 and under do not require a ticket provided they do not require a seat.**

**UW Women's Basketball & Hockey**

All reserved single game tickets are $7.00. Reserved single game tickets MUST be purchased in advance, as there will be no day-of-game reserved single game tickets for sale. All day-of-game sales will be general admission tickets. Adult general admission single game tickets are also $7.00. UW student, youth (ages 2-17), and senior citizen (age 55+) general admission single game tickets are $3.00.

Family Four-Packs include four general admission tickets, vouchers for four hot dogs and regular sodas, and a $5.00 gift card to Famous Footwear, all for the low price of $28.00!

**Picnic Point Bonfire**
Location: UW Lakeshore Path/Picnic Point
Cost: Less than $5

Along the picnic point walking path there are designated fire pits and free fire wood. On a nice fall day, start a bonfire, roast some marshmallows and make s'mores or cook hotdogs, then walk along the lake path to Memorial Union for Babcock Hall ice cream. Note: No fires after dusk so this is a daytime activity.

**Cooking classes/demonstrations**
http://www.willystreet.coop/
Phone (608) 251-6776

Location: Willy Street Co-op, 1221 Williamson St, Madison
Cost: Free to low cost
Visit website or call for schedule.

**Vitense Golfland**
http://www.vitense.com/
Miniature golf course in Madison, Wisconsin
Address: 5501 Schroeder Rd, Madison, WI 53711
Phone: (608) 271-1411

**Paddleboat/canoe rental**

www.wingraboats.com
Location: Lake Wingra, access off Monroe Street
Cost: Starting at $6 per person if you pair up.

On Lake Wingra Wingra Canoe and Sailing, 824 Knickerbocker St., 233-5332. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, windsurfers.

Canoe & Kayak Lessons & Rentals
www.rutabaga.com
608-223-9300

Location: Rutabaga, 220 W Broadway, Monona, WI
Cost: Varies by program. Scholarship aid available.

Adaptive Paddling Services for Adults: You’re interested in canoeing or kayaking, and are intrigued by the thought of gliding freely along the water. Paddling offers people with disabilities freedom from the barriers experienced on land. We can help get you out on the water, integrating you into our regular classes or scheduling a private lesson.

Private Lessons: If you would prefer, you can also schedule an on-water private class. TUITION: $45/hour

Rent a Canoe, Kayak, Sailboat, or Windsurfer

On Lake Mendota
University of Wisconsin Outdoor Rentals
At the Memorial Union boat house, 800 Langdon St., 262-7351. Open 11am - sunset, hours vary with the season. Rent a canoe ($8.50/hour). Use of sailboats may also be available through the Hoofer Sailing Club. Go to http://www.hoofersailing.org/ for more information, or call 262-6897.

Watertrail Adventures, 614 E. Gorham St., 255-2958. Canoes and kayaks. $10/hour or $40/day.

On Lake Wingra
Wingra Canoe and Sailing, 824 Knickerbocker St., 233-5332. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, windsurfers.

Pontoon Boat Rides
http://www.mscr.org
608.204.4581

Location: Boat dock at Tenney Park, 1615 Sherman Avenue, Madison

Cost: $3/person payable on site. Children 6 and under are free.

A summer activity on Lake Mendota from Madison Schools Recreation Department. Drop-in rides provided by Madison School & Community Recreation. Tuesdays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and 7:15-8:45 p.m. Wednesdays: 1:00-2:30 p.m. and 2:45-4:15 p.m. Thursdays: 5:30-7:00 p.m. & 7:15-8:45 p.m. Call 608-204-3000 to hear about Drop-In rides.

Bring along snacks and a cooler of soda and enjoy an informational and relaxing boat ride around the lake.

Watch the Mad-City Ski Team
Phone: (608) 663-8326
http://madcityskiteam.com/

Location: Located at Law Park at the corner of John Nolen Drive and Williamson Street right next to the Monona Terrace in Madison.
Cost: Free

Sledding

Location: Dane Co Human Services, 1202 Northport Drive, Elver Park, or Heistand Park
http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/parks/html

Cost: Free

Elver Park Hours: 4:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Elver Park is the largest of all Madison Community Parks. During the summer, the disc golf course becomes the park’s most unique feature, but the softball diamonds, soccer fields, and reservable shelters are all very popular. Winter enthusiasts enjoy the ice-skating and hockey rinks, sledding hill, and particularly the lighted cross-country ski trials.
Cross country skiing and trail walking
Location: Cherokee Marsh, Elver Park, Owen Conservancy, Odana Golf Course
Cost: Ski Rental starts at $10 for adults.
Skiing in the winter, skiing lessons at Odana. They’re very good at accommodating. In late July and August the prairie is spectacular. Can often spot wild turkeys as you walk the trails.

Roller Skating at Fast Forward
http://www.fastforwardskate.com/
608-271-6222
Location: 4649 Verona Road, Madison, WI 53711
Cost: Skate rental starting at $1 and up, Skate fee starting at $4.

Take a Walk or Run
To Olin Park: Follow bike path along Lake Monona from the Monona Terrace, keeping the lake on your left. About 2 miles round-trip.
Around Lake Monona: Follow bike path signs; some path but much on city streets. About 20K.
To Picnic Point: Go down State St., turn right at Lake St. until you reach Lake Mendota, turn left and follow the lakeshore path past the Union to Picnic Point. About 10K round-trip. Very scenic path.

Go Ice Skating
Call 266-4711 for more information

Tenney Park
1338 Sherman Ave.
Mon-Fri 2:00 p.m. - 9:30p.m., Sat-Sun 11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Vilas Park
1339 Vilas Park Drive
Mon-Fri 2:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Sat-Sun 11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Elver Park
1236 McKenna Blvd
Mon-Fri 4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Sat - Sun 11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Cost: Skate Rental Prices for Elver, Tenney and Vilas:
Adults/1st hour $6.00, Additional Hours $2.00
Children 14 and under $3.00, Additional Hours $1.00

Other Neighborhood Outdoor Ice Rinks - the following ice rinks have a warming house, lights but no skate rental.

Goodman Park
1402 Wingra Creek Way Mon - Fri, 4:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Sat - Sun, 1:00p.m. - 8:45p.m.

Garner Park
333 Rosa Road Mon - Fri, 4:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Sat - Sun, 1:00p.m. - 8:45p.m.

Olbrich Park (behind the Botanical Gardens)
4:00 - 8:45 p.m.
Sat - Sun, 1:00p.m. - 8:45p.m.

Warner Park
2930 N. Sherman Ave. Mon - Fri, 4:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Sat - Sun, 1:00p.m. - 8:45p.m.

Westmorland Park
4114 Tokay Blvd. Mon - Fri, 4:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Sat - Sun, 1:00p.m. - 8:45p.m.
Fly a kite at Olbrich Park

Location: 3451 Atwood Avenue, Madison
Cost: Free

Olbrich has great wind coming off the lake, and often you can watch people para-sailing/skiing on the water and ice!

YMCA of Dane County
http://www.ymcadanecounty.org

We have conveniently located, full facilities, plus reciprocity throughout Wisconsin. We offer 100s of quality core programs that are free with memberships.

MSCR
http://www.mscr.org/

Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) is the public recreation provider for the residents of Madison (within the boundaries of the Madison Metropolitan School District). MSCR is a department of the Madison Metropolitan School District and is proud to have served the community for over 80 years as the one for fun in Madison!

MSCR Main Office
Phone: 608.204.3000
TDD: 608.204.3058
Email: mscr@madison.k12.wi.us

Gardening for Good

http://www.communitygroundworks.org/

Located at Troy Gardens: 500 Troy Drive, Madison, WI
Contact: 608-310-8846

Supported gardening assists people with developmental disabilities to explore gardening in a community setting, where the level of participation is individually tailored to meet the person’s skills and interest.

Hancock Center
http://www.hancockcenter.net/

MOVERS & SHAKERS: Movement and Socialization for Adults with Developmental Issues

A therapeutic class filled with movement, music and opportunities for social interaction. This group is a safe place for people to come and engage with others while relating through the language of movement. During our time together, we will explore issues relating to relationships, health and body-image, self-esteem and positive leisure activities. Please join us as we connect through the universal modality of movement with Ann Wingate, MA, BC-DMT, DTRL.

On-going Wednesdays, 4:00-4:50 pm
Open enrollment
$20/class or $75/5 classes
Call 251-0908 to register or for more information.
Three Gaits
www.3gaits.org
(608)877-9086
3741 Hwy 138 W  Stoughton, WI  53589

Three Gaits is a year-round therapeutic horsemanship program located just south of Madison, about half-way between Oregon & Stoughton. Annually more than 400 volunteers assist Three Gaits in providing equine assisted activities & therapies that enhance the lives of more than 250 people with physical, emotional and intellectual disabilities and special needs. Program participants are able to attend therapy (occupational &/or physical, referred to hippotherapy) or recreational riding lessons depending upon their individual needs and specific goals. Three Gaits is one of five Premier Accredited Center with PATH Intl here in Wisconsin, with all staff certified through PATH Intl as well.

Special Olympics
http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/

Special Olympics Wisconsin provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in 18 Olympic-type sports within five sports seasons for individuals with intellectual disabilities 8 years of age or older.

Boulders Climbing Gym
https://www.bouldersgym.com/
8,000-sq.-ft. indoor/outdoor training routes for rock climbers of all experience levels.
Address: 3964 Commercial Ave, Madison, WI 53714
Phone: (608) 244-8100

Bowling

Schwoegler Park Towne Lanes
444 Grand Canyon Dr, Madison, WI 53719
Phone number (608) 833-7272

Dream Lanes
13 Atlas Ct, Madison, WI 53714
Phone number (608) 221-3596

Bowl-A-Yard Lanes
2121 E Springs Dr, Madison, WI 53704
Phone number (608) 665-1459

Village Lanes
208 Owen Rd, Monona, WI 53716
Phone number (608) 222-7361

Ten Pin Alley
6285 Nesbitt Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53719
Phone number (608) 845-1010

Middleton Sport Bowl
6815 University Ave, Middleton, WI 53562
Phone number (608) 831-5238

Waun-A-Bowl
301 S Century Ave, Waunakee, WI 53597
Phone number (608) 849-5931

Prairie Lanes
430 Clarmar Dr, Sun Prairie, WI 53590
Phone number (608) 837-2586

Spartan Bowl
4711 Farwell St, Mc Farland, WI 53558
Phone number (608) 838-8014
ARTS AND CRAFTS

Fired Up Pottery

http://www.fireduppottery.com/
608-442-9900
4112 Monona Drive, Madison, WI 53716

We have walk in paint your own pottery, glass fusing, canvas painting and now board art! Clay and wheel pottery classes can be signed up for in advance by using the book online tab above. Canvas painting is on your own unless you sign up for a class. Most people spend between $18 to $42 a person, but we do have pottery starting at $5. Glass fusing or pottery painting are ready in about one week, and board art and acrylic painting are taken home the same day. No appointment necessary.

We host guided canvas painting, birthday parties, pottery wheel classes, girl scout troops and team building for companies by reservation. See the book online tab above.

We would love to host your group! Most people have so much fun they are already planning their next visit before they leave! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Paint Nights
https://www.paintnite.com/events/madison

Guests spend two hours creating a one-of-a-kind painting and laughing with friends at a popular local bar.

Michael’s Craft Store events and classes
http://www.michaels.com/

East Side Location
4271 Lien Rd
East Prairie Commons
Madison, WI 53704-3606
Phone: (608) 244-5754

West Side Location
1700 Deming Way, Ste 120
Greenway Station
Middleton, WI 53562-4735
Phone: (608) 824-8959

OTHER IDEAS TO CONSIDER:

Volunteering

Gym membership

Waisman Center Learning Together Programs
http://cow.waisman.wisc.edu/traincon

Location: Usually held at 122 E Olin Ave., Ste 100, Madison
Cost: $5 per person or Free

A variety of fun classes and events ranging from Stamping to Sign Language to cooking.