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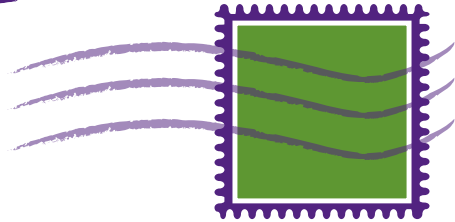
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# Madison Parks PLAYCEATION



## TAKE A VACATION IN YOUR OWN CITY!

You don't need to spend a ton of money to have a great time, instead enjoy a vacation in your own backyard! Madison is a city known for its natural beauty and neighborhood parks. With activities to engage the whole family, you might just realize there is no reason to go somewhere else.

"Madison Parks is known for our diverse programming, we have something for everyone," says Madison Parks Superintendent Kevin Briski.

Year-round events means there is always something fun to do in Madison Parks. From ice skating to swimming to biking to hiking, there are activities and events galore. In addition to our outdoor spaces, Madison Parks puts on a fantastic variety of events that cater to adults and children of all ages. Summer events like Ride the Drive and winter events like Groove and Glide ice skating parties help keep Madisonians active and enjoying the outdoors. Madison has consistently been ranked as a top park city nationwide. With over 265 parks there is plenty of space to create your own adventure or join us for a planned event.

"Every year we host new events as well as our signature events like Ride the Drive or Big Rig Gig," says Briski "no matter what type of activity you are interested in, we have it."

Whether you want to go canoeing, play beach volleyball, or relax and listen to live music, Madison's parks are the place to be. So why go anywhere else when there is so much to explore in your own backyard?

Enjoy our Madison Parks Playcation Travel Blog in this annual magazine. Written in the voice of a long-time Madisonian who enjoys the parks! Maybe it will remind you of a great afternoon in the park with your family, or inspire you to visit a new park or try a new activity.

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## Topping the Charts

Madison Parks earns high marks for its parks! Check out where Madison is ranked!

## Volunteer Madison Parks

Get involved in your neighborhood park! Thousands of hours are donated each year by people wanting to make an impact on their community. Learn how!

## Madison Parks Map

Did you know that Madison has over 260 parks? Explore all of Madison's parks. For driving or biking directions be sure to utilize the directions feature on our website.

## It's Cool in the Pool

Discover what over 60,000 Madisonians already know - it's cool at Goodman Pool. Enjoy the two large waterslides and zero-depth splash features.

## Winter Fun in the Parks

Winter is no time to stay inside! Get outside and play. Outdoor ice skating, cross country ski trails, sledding and snowshoeing opportunities await you and your family.

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210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Suite 104  
PO Box 2987  
Madison, WI 53701

Administration Office Hours  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Phone: 608.266.4711, Fax 608.267.1162

We are proud to serve as a  
Division of the City of Madison  
Paul Soglin, Mayor  
Kevin Briski, Madison Parks Superintendent

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To provide the ideal system of parks, natural resources and recreational opportunities which will enhance the quality of life for everyone.

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**MADISON PARK SHELTERS**

Contact: 608.266.4711, Parks Office; parks@cityofmadison.com  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Whether you're looking for a reception hall for a formal wedding or a carefree outdoor shelter for your next family reunion, Madison Parks offers a variety of scenic locations that can accommodate a gathering of any size or budget!



Fully equipped with picnic tables, restroom facilities, electrical outlets, lights and water, a Madison shelter is a great place for a family reunion, company gathering or even a wedding reception. With most park shelters located near playgrounds, athletic areas, bike paths, beaches and boat launches, entertainment is just a step away.

Reservations can be made in person or over the phone in late fall for the following year. Please remember that your shelter reservation entitles you to exclusive use only of the shelter, not the park. Park Staff highly recommend that you visit your location of choice, prior to reserving a shelter.

Parks that do not have shelters may be used for small ceremonies or parties without a reservation. However, to ensure your day is special, please call Madison Parks in advance and we will alert you to any scheduled events.



**WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER**

Location: 1625 Northport Dr.  
Contact: 608.245.3694;  
[www.cityofmadison.com/wpcrc](http://www.cityofmadison.com/wpcrc)

With its 2700 sq. ft. Community Room framed by two floor-to-ceiling glass windows overlooking beautiful Warner Park and lagoon, it's no surprise that WPCRC has become a popular choice for weddings, company banquets and other social gatherings.

Reservations are available for the Community Room or Meeting Room with three reservation packages depending on the size, nature and duration of the event. For your next event, come to a place that prides itself on offering innovative growth and enrichment opportunities for all!



**Park Shelters**

To reserve, call 608.266.4711

Brittingham Park 401 Brittingham Pl.	Elvehjem Park 1202 Painted Post Dr.	Gates of Heaven 302 E. Gorham St.	Marshall Park 2101 Allen Blvd.	Rennebohm Park 115 N. Eau Claire Ave.	Warner Park 2930 N. Sherman Ave.
Burrows Park 25 Burrows Rd.	Elver Park 1240 McKenna Blvd.	Hoyt Park 3902 Regent St.	Olin Park 1156 Olin Turville Dr.	Tenney Park 402 N. Thornton Ave.	Westmorland Park 4114 Tokay Blvd.
Demetral Park 601 N. 6th St.	Garner Park 333 S. Rosa Rd.	Lake Edge Park 511 Park Ct.	Reindahl Park 1818 Portage Rd.	Vilas Park 702 S. Randall Ave.	James Madison Park 614 E. Gorham St.



## GATES OF HEAVEN

Location: James Madison Park, 302 East Gorham St.  
Contact: 608.266.4711

Built in 1863, Gates of Heaven is the fourth oldest surviving synagogue building in the nation and is an ideal location to commemorate your love through the past, present and into the future.

Gates of Heaven has a capacity of 98 people and is located in James Madison Park. Nearby Victorian-era Period Gardens provide a beautiful setting for outdoor wedding photographs.



## OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS

Location: 3330 Atwood Ave.  
Contact: 608.246.4733; [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org)  
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Looking for a beautiful and elegant location for a wedding? Madison Park's Olbrich Botanical Gardens is one of Madison's premier wedding locations and offers a variety of packages depending on your wedding date and size. These packages include the Outdoor Garden Weddings-Event Garden, the Tropical Conservatory Weddings-Bolz Conservancy and the Winter Wedding package in the beautiful Atrium. No matter which package you choose, your wedding will always be the only ceremony during your selected time.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens also offers beautiful and relaxing meeting spaces for your next reception, meeting or private gathering. Three rooms of varying size are available for rental inside the botanical center from Tuesday through Saturday, and all boast beautiful views of the Gardens.

Food service is available through local contracted caterers. Olbrich provides staff that set up the tables and chairs to support your function. A full range of meeting equipment is available upon request.



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### PERMITS YOU MAY NEED

When planning a special event in a park, you may also need to secure permits, depending on the event.

**P.A. Permit** is required when adding amplified sound to your event, such as a DJ, Band, or karaoke.

**Temporary Structure Permit** is required when adding a tent, bounce house, or temporary gazebo to your event.

**Alcohol Permit** is required when your event will serve alcohol in an alcohol-free park.

**Beer & Vending Permit** are required when your event will include the sale of food or alcohol.



# Olbrich Botanical Gardens

3330 Atwood Avenue  
Madison, WI 53704  
Phone: 608.246.4550  
www.olbrich.org

*Olbrich Botanical Gardens is operated as a public-private partnership between the City of Madison Parks Division and the Olbrich Botanical Society.*



Be inspired by 16 acres of outdoor display gardens and a year-round tropical conservatory, plus a Botanical Center with a gift shop, gardening library, and meeting rooms. Events, concerts, and garden-related classes and workshops for children and adults are offered year-round.

## OUTDOOR GARDENS

Olbrich's outdoor gardens showcase beautiful Midwest-hardy plants set in prairie style landscapes, creating breathtaking displays throughout the year. Visitors can experience the exquisite artistry and exotic culture of Thailand in Olbrich's Thai Pavilion and Garden. The Thai Pavilion is the only such structure in the continental United States. Olbrich's Rose Garden highlights innovative mixed borders of shrub roses and perennials. Other gardens include the Herb, Rock, Meadow, Sunken, Perennial, Rain and Wildflower Gardens.

Hours:		Admission: Free
April – Sept.	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Donations gratefully accepted
October	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.	
Nov. – March	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	

## BOLZ CONSERVATORY

The Bolz Conservatory, a sunny glass pyramid, houses a diverse collection of tropical plants, fragrant flowers, a rushing waterfall, free-flying birds and blooming orchids year-round. The temperature in the conservatory is maintained between 65 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit (and may warm to 95 degrees on hot summer days) with a relative humidity above 60 percent year round. Escape to the tropics without leaving Madison!

Hours:		Admission: \$2 per person
Mon – Sat	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Free – Children 5 & under
Sun	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Free – Olbrich Members
Free for all Wed. & Sat., 10 a.m. – noon		

## Olbrich is sustainable today... and for the future!

Olbrich Botanical Gardens strives to be a model of sustainability in our community. Through sustainable gardening practices, conserving resources, and giving back to the Madison community, Olbrich continues to be a sustainable organization... for today and future generations.

- Bike to the Gardens! Olbrich is located on the Capital City Bike Trail and a B-Cycle station is located in the parking lot, making Olbrich a short pedal-powered ride to many places in Madison.
- Olbrich donates more than 500 pounds of produce from the Children's Kitchen Garden to Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin.

• Have you noticed the Olbrich-inspired planters on State Street? Olbrich staff plants the container gardens on State Street and recently installed a Gravel Garden outside the Triangle Market. More Olbrich-inspired areas will pop up in Madison parks in 2013 as part of the Parks Beautification Project, so stay tuned!

• Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) installed a 'Solar Sunflower' at the Gardens that contributes energy to the power grid and is a great solar demonstration project. Visit [www.mge.com](http://www.mge.com) to get a live look at how much energy is produced by the solar sunflower.

• Olbrich is accessible to everyone in our community – the outdoor gardens are always free (donations appreciated) and the Bolz Conservatory is just \$2 per person and free to everyone on Wednesday & Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Olbrich members always enjoy free admission to the Conservatory.



## MEMBERSHIP

Olbrich members enjoy many benefits: free admission to the Bolz Conservatory, free or reduced admission to many special events, gift shop and class discounts, a member newsletter, reciprocal benefits at other gardens, and more! Become a member today – visit [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org)!

## GROWING GIFTS SHOP

Browse garden-themed items for the whole family, including locally made and sustainable products. A wide selection of jewelry, home décor, books, gifts for children, and more! A proud member of Dane Buy Local, all proceeds from Growing Gifts shop sales benefit the Gardens. Open daily!

## LEARN A LITTLE!

Make your green thumb a little greener! Classes are for all ages and cover many topics. Hear a lecture, take a walk with an expert, get your hands dirty, or play with your child and learn a little along the way. The Greater Madison Writing Project, in partnership with Olbrich Botanical Gardens, is sponsoring a 4-day workshop in summer of 2013 for young writers entering grades 3-8. Visit [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org) for information!

## GUIDED GARDEN STROLLS

Sundays, 1:30 & 3 p.m., June - September

Get an insider's view of Olbrich's outdoor gardens during a free guided garden stroll. All ages are welcome for this casual overview of the Gardens. Guided garden strolls will vary somewhat according to the season to reflect the garden areas that are at peak interest. Strolls start and end in the lobby near the Garden entrance and are about 45 to 60 minutes. Drop-ins only, no registration needed.

## PLEASE PARDON OUR DUST!

Olbrich Botanical Gardens is getting a new roof in 2013. The new roof will have increased insulation, resulting in more efficient energy use, as well as fewer leaks and ice dams. Olbrich's lobby, Growing Gifts shop, Schumacher Library, Bolz Conservatory, and outdoor gardens will remain open during construction. Stop by this season, but please pardon our dust during construction!

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*January* - I awoke to another chilly Madison winter day and realized it was time to make a trip to the lovely Olbrich Gardens. Some days in the winter I feel like I just need to escape to a tropical island, but I can't afford the airfare. Olbrich is just what the doctor ordered.

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# Olbrich Events

### Leaf Mulch Sales – Bagged & Bulk

Sales begin April 11 - while supplies last!

### Plant Sale with the Pros

Friday, May 10, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Rhapsody in Bloom

Saturday, June 15, 5 – 10 p.m.

### Summer Concerts in the Gardens

Tuesdays, June 25 – July 30, 7 p.m.

### Guided Garden Tours

Sundays, 1:30p.m. & 3:00p.m.

June - September

### Home Garden Tour

Friday, July 12, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 13, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies

July 17 – August 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily

### CRACKLE, Fire & Froth

Friday, October 27, 7 – 10 p.m.

### Olbrich's Holiday Express

December 1 – 31, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily

### Holiday Concerts

Sundays, 2p.m. in December

### Winter Concerts

Sundays, 2p.m. in February & March



## #1 in U.S. for Basketball!

### A SLAM DUNK FOR MADISON PARKS

It's nothing but net in Madison Parks, where our hoops per resident ratio is chart topping. The Trust for Public Land's report ranks us number one for basketball hoops per 10,000 residents. With 258 basketball hoops across the city, you can play a game of ball at nearly any Madison Park.

Ranging in size from half courts to two full courts, James Madison and Goodman Park are just a couple of the great places to join a game of pick up. Our website's facility search feature is an easy way to find a court that suits your needs in your neighborhood.



## #1 in U.S. for Playgrounds!

### MADISON KNOWS HOW TO PLAY

Madison Parks is proud to announce that we have the highest playground to resident ratio in the country, according to a report from the Trust for Public Land. The report considered the 100 most populous U.S. cities and Madison tops the playground chart with seven playgrounds per 10,000 residents. With a grand total of 164 playgrounds, there is sure to be a park near you to enjoy!

Whether you're swinging on the monkey bars at Door Creek or climbing the rock wall at Thut Park, you can find playgrounds in all of our major parks. Try the brand new KaBoom! community-built equipment at Wirth Court for a weekend play date. Other great places to find playgrounds include: Wexford, Kennedy, Olive Jones and Olbrich. Don't forget, these are just a few of the places that offer playgrounds and finding one in your neighborhood is a walk in the park!

# Madison Parks Tops the Charts again this year!

Madison Parks works hard to make our city as beautiful and sustainable as possible. These efforts are recognized each year by numerous national city rankings. One of the most prestigious is the Trust for Public Lands City Park Facts; these rankings are a collection of statistics comparing the parks of America's 100 most populous cities. Madison has come out on top in many categories in 2012, continuing a legacy of scenic open spaces in this city. "Madison Parks takes great pride in helping preserve some of Madison's most beautiful spaces," says Kevin Briski, Parks Superintendent. "It is an honor to be recognized again this year by the Trust for Public Lands as one of the top cities nationwide."

Madison continues to dominate certain park categories, ranking #1 for number of playgrounds and number of basketball hoops per resident. In fact, Madison has almost 2 playgrounds more per 1,000 residents than the city that got second place. From Elver Park to Pilgram Park you can barely go around a corner in Madison without finding a unique playground and a sturdy basketball hoop. We are also continually improving our ranking in other categories, Madison jumped to #4 in the nation for number of off-leash dog parks per 1,000 residents, with plans to possibly open new parks in the coming year Madison is sure to continue to rise in this ranking as well. Don't forget to take Rover out to Demetral Park or Quann Park to enjoy these great doggie friendly facilities! Remember one dog park pass gives you access to all six Madison off leash dog parks.

It is not just our rankings in the Public Trust for Lands that makes Madison nationally recognized as an incredible city. With convenient bike lanes and scenic bike paths, it is not a surprise Madison is one of the most bikable cities in America! Madison was given 98 out of 100 for bikability by Walk Score for our 43 miles of bike paths and availability of bike lanes on city streets. In fact, in a 2012 Bicycling Magazine ranked Madison #6 nationwide for most bike friendly city. Never fear, even when winter is here! Madison has also been ranked in the top ten most bikable cities in winter. Madison Parks staff work quickly and efficiently to clear paths of snow for your commuting ease.

Will Rogers, the president of the Trust for Public Land, believes there cannot be a great city without a great park system. While we most certainly cannot take all the credit, the Parks Division is proud to be a part of what makes Madison such a vibrant and livable city.





# Forest Hill Cemetery

1 SPEEDWAY RD., MADISON 608.266.4720

Although the cemetery was established by the city in 1858, its history goes back to approximately 900 to 1200 A.D. when it was a site where American Indians constructed effigy mounds to remember of their loved ones and to uphold the religious beliefs of their ancestors. Traditionally, they built many effigy mounds in the shape of various animals. The mound at Forest Hill, located on the southeast side, is in the shape of a goose.

Popular places for visitors are the two Civil War plots where both Union and Confederate soldiers are buried. In the section known as Confederate's Rest, 140 soldiers were laid to rest and in the plot marked for Union soldiers, 240 burials took place. Many veterans from the Spanish-American War as well as World War I were also laid to rest here.

The 140-acre plot is also the final resting ground for many prominent figures, not only locally but also nationally. Well-known and celebrated surnames like Olin, La Follette, Fairchild, Tenney, Olbrich and Vilas, among many others, are a part of the long lineage of important figures in Madison and beyond.

Historical tour maps are available online or at the Forest Hill Cemetery office.



# Tributes

## MADISON PARKS TRIBUTE GIFTS

Madison Parks accepts tribute gifts as a special way to commemorate and pay tribute to a special person, birthday, anniversary, retirement or event. Your gift can support any of your favorite park programs such as Goodman Pool scholarships, dog parks or Conservation Parks, to name a few. To acknowledge tribute gifts, Madison Parks will, at your direction, prepare a special letter for the honoree or occasion with a personalized message from you.



## MADISON PARKS MEMORIAL GIFTS

Making a gift to the Madison Parks is a wonderful way to honor the passing of a loved one. Madison Parks supports the needs and principles of allowing memorials in parks and green space areas, but is also mindful that these facilities have many uses and serve a wide range of people. Therefore, the city desires to manage and regulate memorials for the mutual benefit of all. There are a variety of appropriate gifts ranging from trees to benches to play equipment to gardens. To discuss a memorial gift, please call 608.266.4711.



WPCRC is the ideal location for banquets, company gatherings and weddings. The community rooms overlook scenic Warner Park. The facility has free wi-fi, a large screen for PowerPoint presentations and an extensive caterer list to make your next gathering carefree.



The 7,400 sq. foot gymnasium features hardwood floors, two full basketball courts, and open space for classes.



The exercise room has state-of-the-art equipment including treadmills, elliptical machines, a rowing machine, recumbent bicycles, NewStep bicycles, Arctrainer, circuit equipment, dumbbells, fitness balls and stretching mats.



The child care room is available for members who are taking classes or exercising in the center.

## MISSION

“To be a gathering place that provides innovative growth and enrichment opportunities for the Madison community and connects people of all ages, races and cultural backgrounds.”



Warner Park Community Recreation Center, located at 1625 Northport Dr., is the product of the collaboration between different organizations to create a shared community space. For the past 13 years, the award-winning center has offered recreational, educational, cultural and community programs and activities. The partnership between Madison Parks, Madison School Community Recreation (MSCR), and the North Eastside Senior Coalition (NESCO) allows this center to address the diverse needs of the Madison community with a special focus on seniors and youth.

This 32,000 square foot facility has a mix of recreation, education and community service activities. WPCRC features classrooms meant to address many different activities including meeting rooms, wet and dry craft rooms, and a great game room. MSCR runs a varied set of classes at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. From children’s ballet to Tai Chi, there is something fun for everyone! With an emphasis on giving seniors the chance to stay social and active, NESCO provides classes at WPCRC from Chair Yoga to a weekly Sewing circle.

Don’t think you fit the rigid schedule of a weekly class? WPCRC has a state-of-the-art exercise room where you can get a workout on your own schedule! And no need to worry about what to do with the kids while you work out, WPCRC has on-site child care, a full gymnasium, and a fantastic game room to keep them busy while you get in shape. WPCRC memberships are incredibly affordable with packages to fit any budget.



Warner Park Community Recreation Center  
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Madison, WI 53704  
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# Disc Golf Courses



Disc Golf Course, Elver Park

Disc golf, which has become one of the fastest growing sports in recent years, is fun for all and easy to learn! To play a round of disc golf is low cost, low impact exercise, and a great way to explore Madison's Parks. Disc golf courses are located at Hiestand Park, 4302 Milwaukee Street and Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd. The Disc Golf Courses are open to the public. Hiestand Park Course is open year-round except during the early months of spring. Elver Park Course is open late spring through late fall.

Madison Parks requires a permit for players ages 17 and older.

*Free for kids  
ages 16 and under*

## DISC GOLF PERMITS - WHY THE CHANGE?

The courses at Elver Park and Hiestand Park are showing the wear and tear of this increased usage. In order to improve the quality of the courses and the amenities such as benches, tee boxes, turf maintenance, a 'pay to play' permit will be required.

The disc golf permit fee will be used exclusively on disc golf course maintenance and improvements.

Daily: \$5.00  
Annual: \$40.00

Permits are on sale at the kiosks at the courses, in the Madison Parks administration office, some retail vendors and on-line.



### MADISON PARKS DISC GOLF COURSES LOCATIONS:

- Elver Park,  
1250 McKenna Blvd
- Hiestand Park,  
4302 Milwaukee Street

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Hiestand Park on Madison's East Side**



# Organizing A Special Event

If you're interested in hosting a special event, Madison is the perfect place for a celebration. As host to over 250 special events a year, Madison Parks' wide-ranging repertoire of special events from concerts to parades to athletic events has established the city as a popular setting for special events. When organizing a special event, it is important that the event organizer contact the Madison Parks Division to review the following:

- Determine if the event officially qualifies as a City of Madison Special Event
- Research the date of the proposed event
- Decide on the location and verify its availability
- Format an event plan, including a detailed budget outline
- Acquire the necessary permits for event
- Create a notification plan for impacted residents, merchants and alders
- Complete the appropriate Special Event packet application

For more detailed information on special events, visit the Parks Special Events website.

[www.cityofmadison.com/SpecialEvents](http://www.cityofmadison.com/SpecialEvents)



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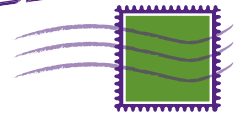


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**March-** Time to sweat for a cause! My neighborhood walking group and I decided that this year we would raise money and participate in the Shamrock Shuffle. Even as the long winter changes to spring, there are still just so many great events in Madison! We are already looking forward to Paddle & Portage, Art Fair on the Square and Taste of Madison!

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# People for Parks- Volunteers

The People for Parks Program is designed for citizens to actively participate in their parks be either donating money or time. People for Parks has two components: volunteer program and People for Parks matching fund.

### Volunteer Program

Many individuals and groups of volunteers dedicate countless hours in one of our 260 parks on a one-time basis while others make an ongoing commitment to a specific park, project or event.



Volunteers can help out on a periodic basis at one our volunteer days including:

- Dog Park Clean Up Day
- Earth Day Challenge
- Take a Stake in the Lakes
- Days of Caring
- Special events such as Ride the Drive and Elver Park Fireworks
- Saturday projects in various parks

Many volunteers also make a more significant commitment to Madison Parks by participating in one of our volunteer programs.

### Volunteer Programs

- Adopt-a-Park: Volunteers agree to maintain a designated park, trail or open space for at least one year
- Adopt Ice Program: Volunteers maintain neighborhood ice rinks in the winter
- Flower Garden Volunteers: Volunteers maintain a flower garden in one of our parks
- Park Watch: Volunteers keep an eye on a park and report any problems or concerns

Volunteers help us do many things in our parks including weeding, invasive species removal, pruning or trimming, trash pickup and other beautification projects.

Madison Parks volunteer registration forms, upcoming volunteer projects, and other details can be found on our website.

### People for Parks Matching Program

The People for Parks Matching Fund is a program for neighborhood associations or groups to participate in a capital improvement in their park. Madison Parks may match private donations up to a one-to-one level. Madison Parks staff work together with these groups to approve a project and determine the funding split between private and city resources. Projects funded through this program vary, but some examples are additional playground equipment, landscaping or sun shelters.

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**April-** Spring is the season to get out and show the neighborhood what you are made of! My neighborhood park was in need of some serious neighborhood loving, so I organized my neighbors to take action in an Earth Day Challenge and we cleaned up the park!

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### RECENT AWARD-WINNING VOLUNTEER GROUPS

#### FRIENDS OF CHEROKEE MARSH

Formed in 2006, the Friends of Cherokee Marsh has maintained their pledge to protect, preserve and restore the beauty, value and health of the Cherokee Marsh and upper Yahara watershed. Their tireless advocacy and volunteer efforts have supported land acquisition, enhanced restoration efforts, and inspired pride in conservation parks and native wetlands. They've written numerous articles in the Northside News educating the public about the unique natural values of the Cherokee Marsh, and have organized numerous restoration projects. The Friends of Cherokee Marsh are a great example to follow in the preservation of our wonderful conservation parks.

#### MADISON PARK SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD – MARY CAULFIELD

Mary Caulfield has been a volunteer since 1982 and a lifelong advocate for Parks in the Waunona Neighborhood. Spending countless hours coordinating efforts and volunteers in Paunack, Waunona and Thut Parks, and Esther Beach, Mary's diligent efforts have been far reaching. She was instrumental in the support for new playground equipment and amenities at Thut Park. Additionally, she has coordinated Earth Day projects and the planting of several trees and flower beds. Her leadership has kept others involved and helped maintain great recreational parks and outlets for her neighborhood parks.



## ATHLETIC FACILITIES

From organized softball games to friendly tennis matches, Madison’s athletic fields and facilities are popular places during the warm months.

The high-quality fields and facilities of Madison Parks draw in a variety of patrons and have helped to build and maintain a reputation as the perfect place to host everything from pickup games to league tournaments.

Conveniently, many fields and facilities are available on a first come, first served basis; however, there are several spaces that require a reservation. A reservation is required if you are hosting a tournament or want to begin a new league.

To reserve a field, call the Parks office in advance to find out what fields and facilities are available. Then follow the Madison Parks guidelines in order to secure the space of your choice. It is recommended that leagues requesting space on a regular basis submit a request no later than mid-January for the upcoming season. For one-time reservations, leagues should submit a request at least two weeks prior to their event. Detailed instructions for reservations, as well as a list of available fields and facilities, can be found at the Madison Parks website.

Distinctive for its natural beauty, Warner Park, located on Madison’s north side, is a valuable feature of the park system.

- Premier baseball facility – primarily used by the Madison Mallards, but is available for other baseball rental use – seating capacity of 5,000
- 3 full basketball courts
- 1 football field with bleacher seating and lights
- 4 soccer fields
- 5 softball diamonds
- 3 tennis courts
- 2 sand volleyball courts

WARNER PARK



Breese Stevens Field is a historic stadium built in 1925. While it once hosted baseball and football, it is now reserved for soccer and is Madison’s premier soccer field.

- Spring and fall inter-scholastic sports
- Seating for 4,000 and lighting
- Youth and adult league play

### PREMIER ATHLETIC FACILITIES

ELVER PARK



The largest of all Madison Community Parks, Elver Park, located on Madison’s west side, spans an impressive 250 acres.

- 18 hole disc golf course
- 4 softball diamonds
- 4 soccer fields
- 3 full basketball courts
- 3 tennis courts
- Winter facilities include sledding hill, ski trail and skating rink

BREESE STEVENS



TOO MUCH FUN IS NEVER TOO MUCH FUN.



THE MADISON MALLARDS ARE PROUD TO PARTNER WITH MADISON PARKS AND CALL WARNER PARK “HOME.”

FOR TICKET INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT



### REGIONAL SOCCER FIELDS

- Breese Stevens, 917 E. Mifflin St.
- Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd.
- Garner Park, 333 S. Rosa Rd.
- Hiestand Park, 4302 Milwaukee St.
- Kennedy Park, 5202 Retana Dr.
- Marlborough Park, 2222 Whenona Dr.
- Olbrich Park, 3527 Atwood Ave.
- Reindahl Park, 1818 Portage Rd.
- Rennebohm Park, 115 N Eau Claire Ave.
- Vilas Park, 702 S. Randall Ave.
- Warner Park, 2930 N. Sherman Ave.
- Wexford Park, 1201 N. Westfield
- Wingra Park, 824 Knickerbocker Pl.

### REGIONAL SOFTBALL FIELDS

- Bowman Field, 1775 Fish Hatchery Rd.
- Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd.
- Goodman Park, 1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy
- Olbrich Park, 3527 Atwood Ave.
- Warner Park, 2930 N. Sherman Ave.

TO RESERVE A FIELD, CALL 608.266.4711.



# Building a Legacy ...

“The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.” - William James, 19th century philosopher.

The greatest thing that connects each of us is the power to create and sustain relationships. Making an investment in the community is an endless reward. Investment of your time or a charitable gift helps to strengthen Madison’s tradition of community involvement.

Year after year Madison Parks is blessed with people who say “let me help.” This “lead by example” initiative has a positive ripple effect throughout Madison. An individual gift to the Goodman Pool helps children learn to swim. A contribution of time to Olbrich transforms a space into a new habitat. A thoughtful gift in loving memory of a family member creates a living tribute. Invest in Madison Parks!



**Build Your Legacy**  
Call 608.266.4339 to support Madison Parks!

## MADISON PARKS FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 2987 Madison, WI 53701 [www.madisonparksfoundation.org](http://www.madisonparksfoundation.org)

Madison has more than 260 city parks, open spaces and conservation lands. Our park system is one of the quality of life factors that lands Madison on most livable cities lists year after year.

In truth, we owe it all to an extraordinary civic effort of ordinary Madisonians doing remarkable things. Three decades before Madison had a municipal park department, public spaces were purchased, developed and maintained by private citizen members of the Madison Parks & Pleasure Drive Association.

These gifts created some of Madison’s most popular and charming public spaces and established a citizen tradition of private support for public parks.

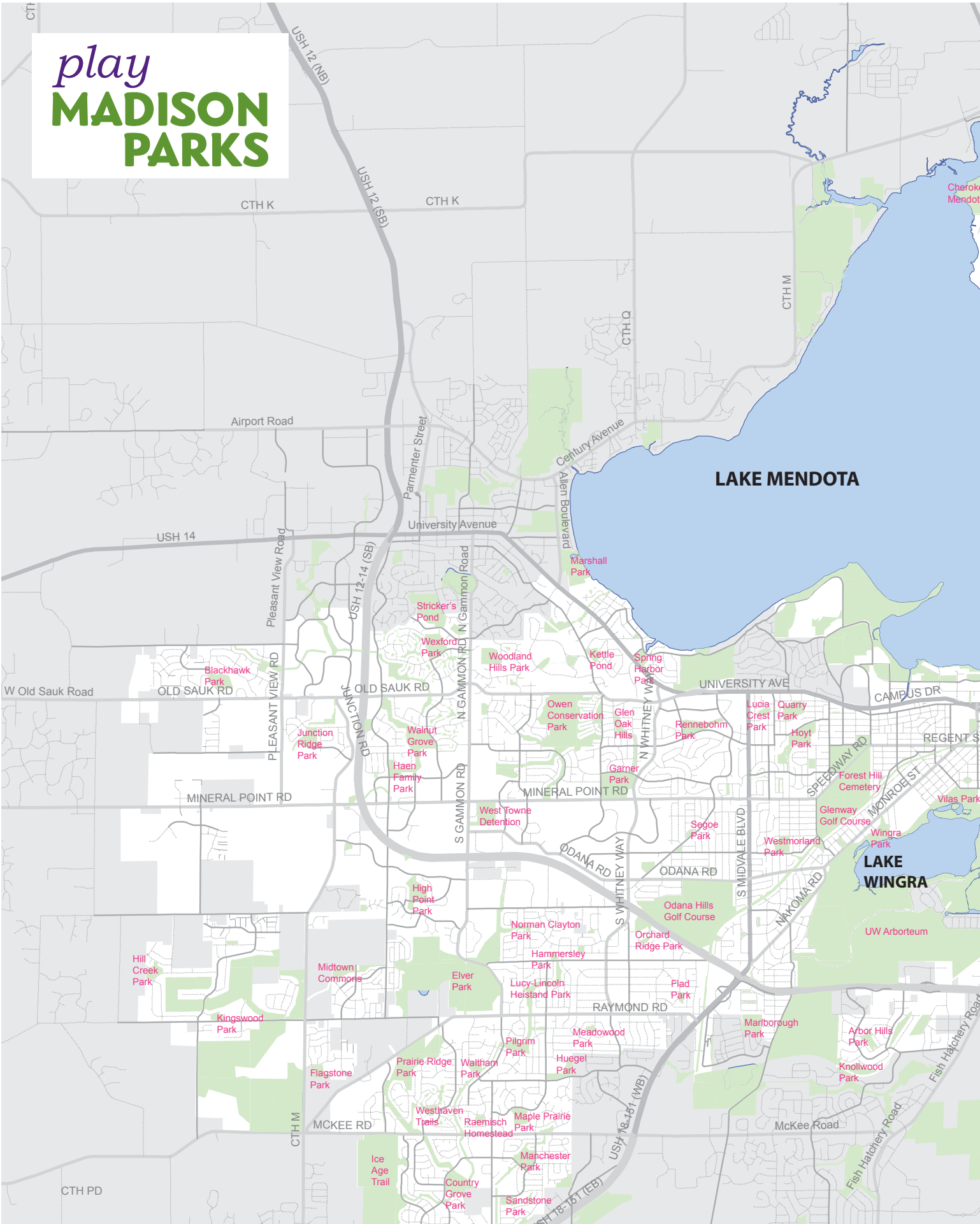
Today, the Madison Parks Foundation renews the legacy and tradition of the Parks and Pleasure Drive Association. As a non-profit organization supporting the conservation of public Madison spaces, we fight for the values that make this city so beautiful. Your contribution to the Madison Parks Foundation and to the maintenance of Madison Parks makes a difference.

In 2013, the Madison Parks Foundation hired its first executive director who will allow the Foundation to fulfill its mission, manage the day to day business and activities, and collaborate directly with Madison Parks. Additionally in 2013, the Madison Parks Division is celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Madison Parks Foundation with an outdoor movie series called Moonlight Movies. Check the website for movie dates and locations.

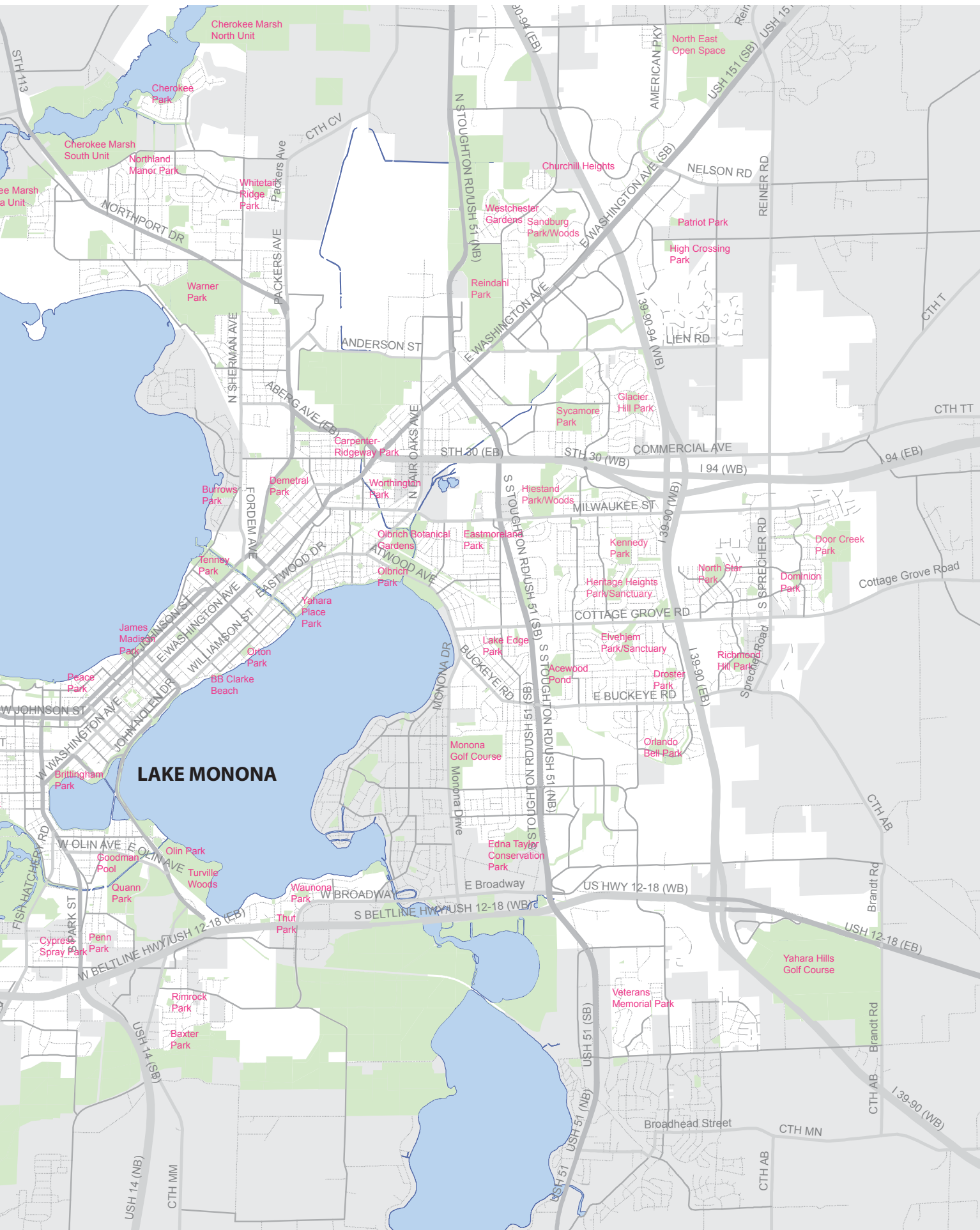
To discuss your gift, please call the Madison Parks Foundation Executive Director at (608) 266-4339 or email [sfranklin@cityofmadison.com](mailto:sfranklin@cityofmadison.com)



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# 72 *Challenging* HOLES, 4 *Unique* COURSES, *Steps from your* FRONT DOOR.



Where can you go for quality and affordable golf in Madison? There's no need to travel far: Just stop at one of Madison Parks' four premier golf courses for a playing experience you won't forget! Whether you're a regular on the green or just starting out, Madison's golf courses are suited for golfers of any level.

Each course offers golfers a variety of playing experiences, from the historical greens of Glenway, to the challenging course at Odana Hills, the scenic greens at Monona and the spacious range at Yahara Hills. Affordability is a top priority for each course and the prices reflect Madison Parks' commitment to ensuring all who are interested can golf. There are also a variety of 9-hole and 18-hole green fees, season passes and special discounts for seniors, youth and corporate events. The courses are PGA professionally managed. At any of Madison Parks' four golf courses, you'll enjoy a great experience at an affordable price.



### **CORPORATE AND GROUP OUTINGS**

Each of the four Golf Madison Parks courses offers unique opportunities for group and corporate outings. Whether you are planning a bachelor party or your annual company department outing, Madison Parks' golf courses are the perfect place to host the party. Madison Parks golf courses offer value, convenient location and flexibility. All four courses offer custom golf packages that can include golf, carts, food and beverages. Call the course of your choice to book an outing today!



### **YOUTH AND ADULT LESSON PROGRAMS**

Golf Madison Parks is proud to partner with The First Tee® of South Central Wisconsin for quality youth lesson programs at all four of our courses. Their mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. Each of the lesson programs for youth ages 5 and up focus on the Nine Core Values: Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Confidence, Responsibility, Perseverance, Courtesy, and Judgment.

Adults wishing to learn the game of golf, or improve their game can take lessons from any of the Assistant Golf Professionals. Affordable lessons are conveniently located at all four of our courses. You will surely find a location and time that suits your schedule!



# Golf Madison Parks

## GLENWAY GOLF COURSE

9-Hole Executive Course  
3747 Speedway Rd., 608.266.4737

This lush, 9-hole course is suited for any golfer. Glenway first opened for play in 1927 and has the character and challenge people love. For those new to the game, as well as seasoned "duffers," an afternoon on Glenway's links will surely please.



## ODANA HILLS GOLF COURSE

18-Hole Regulation Course  
4635 Odana Rd., 608.266.4724

A popular course on the west side and home to several major city tournaments throughout the year, Odana Hills Golf Course is the place to be among golfers of any level. Conveniently located just off the Beltline Highway, this course continues to entice golfers with its long greens and driving ranges.



## MONONA GOLF COURSE

9-Hole Regulation Course  
111 East Dean Ave., 608.266.4736

Come play at Monona Golf Course, conveniently located on Madison's east side. This spacious, 9-hole course features all-natural grass tees along with a full-service clubhouse. Perfect location for company outings, tournaments and league play.



## YAHARA HILLS GOLF COURSE

36-Hole Regulation Course  
6701 E. Broadway, 608.838.3126

This course has served as host to numerous tournaments at both state and national levels and features a 40,000 sq ft practice area. As Madison's largest facility with two 18-hole courses, stay-cationers will have the chance to play on spacious greens with breathtaking views.



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**May-** Nothing better than a game of golf! I spent Mother's Day with my mom playing golf at Yahara Hills Golf Course. What a fantastic way to spend time with mom! She and I even signed up for group golf lessons this summer. Quite frankly, I could use some help with my short game!

**Arnie & Sherri support First Tee. Won't you?**

How?  
 a. Sign-up a kid  
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 c. Donate  
 d. All of the above

Support The First Tee and register your child for golf lessons at any City of Madison golf course or join us and mentor young people on the course. Visit [www.thefirstteesw.org](http://www.thefirstteesw.org) and click on "Register" or "Volunteer." Let's grow the game we love and the values it teaches.

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# RIDE THE DRIVE - TWO DATES

In 2013, the City of Madison and Madison Parks are pleased to bring Ride the Drive, presented by Trek, back for its fifth year! We will be hosting two events this year: Ride the Drive-Downtown on June 2, 10am-3pm and Ride the Drive- Westside, August 18, 10am-3pm.

Ride the Drive is a free community event that turns Madison’s signature streets into a public promenade that is open to bikers, walkers, rollerbladers, and those out to share in the experience and fun atmosphere. These popular events have drawn over 20,000 families, friends, and recreation enthusiasts. Ride the Drive is more than just closed streets, it is a festival on wheels with music, activities, food and fun stopping points along the route. The routes will feature five mile loops of Madison’s signature streets. There is no beginning or ending point of the route; participants enter at any point along the 5 miles.

### **Ride the Drive -Downtown, June 2, 2013 10am-3pm**

This signature event will feature a five mile loop that includes John Nolen Drive, the Capitol Square and State Street. The route features “villages” with fun activities, food and music in various stopping points including Brittingham Park, the tunnel under Monona Terrace and the Capitol Square.

### **Ride the Drive - Westside, August 18, 2013 10am-3pm**

In addition to the downtown event, the Westside has been chosen to be the second neighborhood location and is a great opportunity to showcase another area of town. Ride the Drive - Westside will have the traditional Ride the Drive elements but will also have a block party atmosphere and will provide the Westside the chance to show off their streets, parks, businesses, neighborhoods, and welcoming small town vibe. Ride the Drive-Westside will include streets and areas such as Segoe Road, Rosa Road and Regent Street.

For up to date event information, visit [www.cityofmadison.com/ridethedrive](http://www.cityofmadison.com/ridethedrive).



### **GET ON YOUR BIKE AND RIDE!**

With convenient lanes and scenic bike paths, Madison is the place to bike! USA Today ranked it one of the nations’ top 10 biking cities. Forty-three miles of bike paths stretch across the city and many of them cross through Madison Parks. Take a ride along Monona Bay on the path in Brittingham Park and continue on around Lake Monona through Law Park. Enjoy any of the paths at your own pace and ride with friends or ride solo. Either way, you’ll love the smooth, beautiful ride.

# #6 in Nation for Biking!

Worried about what to do when the snow starts to fall? Bike lovers, have no fear! In 2011, Madison was ranked in the top five best cities to bike in winter. Parks staff work quickly and efficiently to clear paths of snow for your commuting ease. Be sure to check out the bike section of the city’s website. It has all the resources you need to bike all year long.

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*June-* Today I saw the most bikes in one place I have ever seen! I decided on a whim to go to Ride the Drive-Downtown this morning and was having so much fun I stayed all afternoon. I never imagined that biking on John Nolen Drive could be so quiet! What a great way to see Madison in a new way.

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# Goodman Pool

**COME RIDE THE WAVES OF FUN AT GOODMAN POOL!**



Madison Park's Goodman Pool on Olin Avenue is a summer time destination for the whole family. Hot summer days are no match for the many fun water activities Goodman Pool has available. With two waterslides, eight lane lap pool with diving boards, zero depth splash features for pre-school aged children and places to lounge in the sun or shade, you could come every day and not run out of things to do! As if that were not enough, through-out the summer Madison Parks hosts family fun days where families can enjoy activities as diverse as karaoke, Dive-In Movies, and Make Your Own Sundae Sunday. Check the Madison Parks calendar for specific dates of these great events. Don't forget to finish off your day at the pool with a frozen treat or hotdog at the Goodman Pool concession stand! Did you know that it is easier than ever to get to Goodman Pool on Olin? Because Goodman Pool is located just off the beltline it is easy to get to by car, has a stop on the Metro for bus riders, and is just off one of Madison's most scenic bike paths. Goodman pool also offers American Red Cross Learn to Swim classes taught by highly qualified, WSI certified instructors. Scholarships are available for all Goodman pool programs and passes. Looking for an exciting place for a special event or a child's upcoming birthday? You can reserve Goodman Pool for birthday splash parties and private event. You bring the party guests, we'll supply the fun!

**325 W. Olin Ave.  
Madison, WI 53713  
608.264.9292  
[www.cityofmadison.com/parks/pool](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/pool)**



### FOR 2013

- The Goodman Pool Waves - a competitive swim team for kids ages 6-18
- More fun themed days
- Free WIFI in the Goodman Pool cabanas
- BirthdaySplash at Goodman Pool - Celebrate your child's next birthday in a wet and wacky way! You bring the kids, we'll supply the fun!



**July-** Another scorcher! Madison summers seem to get hotter every year. On days like this, Madison Parks Goodman Pool on Olin is my go-to cool-down spot. I even brought my nephew along and enjoyed one of the Family Lu-WOW events!



# Swim Team

The Goodman Pool Waves Swim Team is Madison's newest addition to the All-City Swim League. The Waves is a community partnership between the Shelley Glover Foundation, the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation and Madison Parks. The swim team welcomes beginning to advanced swimmers, ages 6-18. Swimming is one of the few activities that is both an individual and team sport. The emphasis is not necessarily on winning or losing - but on personal development. Swimmers learn sportsmanship and teamwork, achieve a level of physical fitness, and acquire skills for a lifetime. Make friends and memories that will last.



# Lessons

**GIVE YOUR CHILD A SKILL FOR A LIFETIME ...  
TEACH YOUR CHILD TO SWIM**

Goodman Pool offers American Red Cross Learn to Swim lessons. The program has six levels for swimmers of all ages. Build your children's skills and help them gain confidence in the water. Classes are held during the entire summer, but fill up quickly, so sign up today!

Phone: 608.264.9292  
[www.cityofmadison.com/parks/pool](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/pool)



## BIRTHDAY SplashBash @GOODMAN POOL

**Birthday  
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Let Goodman Pool and Gilbert the Goodman Guppy help you host a Splash-tacular Birthday - You bring the kids - we'll supply the fun!



**Family  
GOODMAN POOL Fun Day**

Join us at Goodman Pool for Family Fun Days all summer long!



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# SPRAY PARK & BEACHES

## SPRAY PARKS

- **Cypress Spray Park**, 902 Magnolia Ave.  
Cypress Spray Park is a free, safe, and fun place for kids to cool off. The park has low-spray water features for toddlers and cascading water features for adolescents. The spray area is open daily from 11a.m. to 7p.m. daily throughout the summer.
- **Reindahl Park Spray Park**, 1818 Portage Rd  
This 2200 square foot interactive water attraction is under construction in 2013 and will feature a concession stand and spray toys and fountains for children of all ages. Look for this spray park to open in 2014.

## MADISON PARKS BEACHES

Madison Parks has 10 beaches with lifeguard services. The lifeguard services season corresponds with the summer break for Madison Metropolitan School District. Each beach is different with its own views and points of interest so grab your sunscreen and picnic lunch and check out them all!

Regional Beaches (11a.m. - 7p.m.)

- **BB Clarke Beach**, 835 Spaight St.
- **Olbrich Park Beach**, 3527 Atwood Ave
- **Tenney Park Beach**, 1414 E. Johnson St.
- **Vilas Park Beach**, 702 S. Randall St.

Neighborhood Beaches(12:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.)

- **Bernies Beach**, 901 Gilson St.
- **Esther Beach**, 2802 Waunona Way
- **James Madison Park Beach**, 614 E. Gorham St.
- **Olin Park Beach**, 1156 Olin-Turville Court
- **Spring Harbor Beach**, 1918 Norman Way
- **Warner Park Beach**, 2930 N. Sherman Ave.


The Public Health Department for Madison and Dane County monitors the water quality at each of the locations.



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Canoe and Kayak Storage  
 Madison Parks offers a variety of outdoor locations for Madison residents and non-residents to store their canoes and kayaks. To inquire about an available location, please call 608.266.4711.

- BB Clarke Beach
- Brittingham Park
- Cherokee Park
- Esther Beach
- James Madison Park
- Marshall Park
- Merrill Springs
- Olbrich Park
- Paunack Park
- Spring Harbor Park
- Tenney Park

**Marshall Park** boat mooring  
 Thirty boat mooring spots are rented off the shores of **Marshall Park**, 2101 Allen Blvd.



# Lake Access in Madison Parks

You haven't seen Madison until you have seen it from a lake. A city built on an isthmus, Madison is surrounded by over 15,000 acres of sparkling lakes. Whether you want to enjoy an early morning fishing trip, paddle away the afternoon with a friend in a canoe or test your balance on skis, Madison Parks provides you and your family access to one of our community's greatest assets: the lakes. Madison Parks maintains a number of sight-seeing and boat launch piers. A lake access permit is required for these launch sites and is available on an annual or daily basis.

**Marshall Park**  
 2101 Allen Blvd.

**Warner Park**  
 1511 Northport Dr.

**Olin-Turville Park**  
 1156 Olin-Turville Ct.

**Spring Harbor Park**  
 5218 Lake Mendota Dr.

**Olbrich Park**  
 3527 Atwood Ave.

**Tenney Park**  
 1414 E. Johnson St.

## CANOE AND KAYAK RENTAL

Don't own a boat? Rent one!

- **Wingra Boats**, 824 Knickerbocker Street, Madison, WI  
 (608) 233-5332 [www.wingraboats.com](http://www.wingraboats.com)  
 Rentals (canoe, kayak, stand up paddleboards, paddleboats), Camps, Lessons, Marina, Yoga, Concessions
- **Brittingham Boats & Cafe**, 701 W. Brittingham Place, Madison, WI  
 (608) 250-2555 [www.brittinghamboats.com](http://www.brittinghamboats.com)  
 Rentals (canoe, kayak, stand up paddleboards, paddleboats), Camps, Events, Sunrise & SUP Yoga, Café

### Wingra Boats

*Madison's Best Kept Secret*

Paddle one of Madison's most pristine lakes. Wingra Boats has over 150 boats to rent including canoes, kayaks, rowboats, stand up paddleboards and even a giant swan paddle boat. Lake Wingra is the perfect place to spend time with your friends and family and have some fun!

Visit [www.wingraboats.com](http://www.wingraboats.com) or call (608) 233-5332 for more info.



### Brittingham Boats & Cafe

*Downtown's Escape for Outdoor Fun*

Rent a canoe, kayaks, rowboats, or stand up paddleboards to enjoy beautiful Lake Monona. Enjoy a gourmet grilled cheese, a cup of coffee, or a scoop of Babcock Ice Cream on the lakeside deck.

Visit [www.brittinghamboats.com](http://www.brittinghamboats.com) or call (608) 250-2555 for more info.



## Madison Parks PLAYCEATION



**August-** Madison is a city surrounded by lakes, but many Madisonians don't even get out on the water! How is that possible? When I need a day on the lake I go to my favorite spot to rent a Stand Up Paddleboard: Wingra Boats. This tucked away gem is perfect for getting out on the lakes. Maybe next year I will finally buy that kayak I've had my eye on, and store it at one of the parks.

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Enveloped in an ambience that is both serene and breathtaking, Madison’s diverse and expansive conservation parks play an important role in preserving the city’s wildlife communities while serving as an excellent learning environment for all who visit.

Madison’s innovative Conservation Parks Program began in 1971, and today, with over 1600 acres and 14 unique conservation parks, the program has become a staple in the city. These parks allow visitors and tourists the opportunity to experience unique environments and activities.

- **Cherokee Marsh**, located on Madison’s eastside, Dane County’s largest wetland area. Consisting of wetlands, fields, oak savannahs, two glacial drumlins, and restored prairies, Cherokee Marsh is a diverse habitat and serves as the site for many educational field trips throughout the year. Totalling 7.1 miles of trails, the park is equipped with observation decks, cross-country ski trails, boat launch sites and two Native American effigy mounds.
  - » Cherokee Marsh, North Unit, 6098 N. Sherman Dr.
  - » Cherokee Marsh, South Unit, 5002 School Rd.
  - » Cherokee Marsh, Mendota Unit, 104 W. Sauthoff Rd.
- **Edna Taylor Conservation Park**, 802 Femrite Drive, a marshy park, the perfect place for an environmental field trip. Trek 1.3 miles of trails and discover an ancient American Indian Effigy Mound, among other features.
- **Elvehjem Sanctuary**, 1314 Painted Post Dr., located within Elvehjem Park, is a red oak-basswood forest on a northwest facing hillside with exposed sandstone bedrock.
- **Heritage Sanctuary**, 600 Meadowlark Dr., a peak trillium bloom in mid-May is unequaled. Under an oak forest canopy is a wildflower carpet more typical of a maple forest.
- **Heritage Prairie**, 5414 Queensbridge Dr., although grazed, a remnant of dry prairie persisted on a thin layer of soil over the rocky hillside.
- **Hiestand Woods**, 4302 Milwaukee St., large red oaks dominate this wooded park.
- **Kettle Pond**, 5805 Old Middleton Rd., a park that got its name from a glacier melting leaving many “kettle holes” in the area.
- **Knollwood Park**, 3334 Westview Ln., surrounded by many Black Oak trees, it also features a two-acre sand prairie.
- **Owen Conservation Park**, 6021 Old Sauk Rd., is a densely vegetated environment filled with a variety of plants from goldenrods to bluestems, to coneflowers and countless others resulting in beautiful layers of colors that change throughout the year.
- **Paunack (A.O.) Park**, 6399 Bridge Rd., features a gorgeous backdrop of Lake Monona and is located at the Yahara River outlet. A bike ride around Lake Monona is the perfect way to experience this east-side park.
- **Prairie Ridge Conservation Park**, 2406 Berkley Dr., a 52-acre area located on the city’s southwest side, is a diverse environment that will soon be connected to the Ice Age Trail.
- **Sandburg Woods**, 2902 Independence Ln., a 20-acre park located next to Sandburg School.
- **Stricker’s Pond**, 7214 Longmeadow Rd., is the perfect place for visitors to stay busy exploring the woods and restored grassland while also watching for migrating waterfowl.
- **Turville Point Park**, 1156 Olin Turville Ct., conveniently located near downtown, has a great backdrop of Lake Monona. This 65-acre park houses a variety of wildflowers as well as a 7-acre prairie.



## DISCOVER MADISON'S WILDSIDE

Madison Parks hosts free monthly tours of Madison Conservation Parks. The tours are led by a Madison Parks staff member and co-sponsored by the Madison Audubon Society.

Each tour focuses on a different park and unique natural feature of that park. Madison Parks has 14 conservation parks comprising over 1600 acres. The conservation parks mission is to restore the native plant and animal communities while providing educational areas and opportunities for all. For more information on Discover Madison's Wild Side tours visit our website: [www.cityofmadison.com/parks](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks).



*Madison Parks*  
**PLAYCATION**



**September**- When I think of vacationing with my family, hiking, birding, and sitting in nature are all priorities. Luckily for me I know that Madison has the perfect place to experience nature firsthand, our conservation parks. This month I took advantage of the Discover Madison's wildside hiking tours and learned the behind the scenes stories about preserving these parks.

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## MADISON PARKS SPECIAL EVENTS

Madison Parks coordinates many events and programs throughout the year. We have fun programs for youth and families, education programs, and large community wide events. Please check our website for finalized dates, times, and location for Madison Parks events. Madison Parks continues to develop many unique community events. Look for information on events throughout the year. Check out the calendar at [www.cityofmadison.com/parks](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks).



## UPCOMING MADISON PARKS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- Ride the Drive-Downtown-June 2
- Ride the Drive-Westside-August 18
- Rubber Ducky River Race-June 8
- Fall Festival
- Moonlight Movie - monthly
- Candlelight Cross Country Ski
- Family Fun Pool Days, begins in June
- Groove & Glide Ice Skating Parties
- Parks and Recreation Month Celebration-July
- Family Hoedown, Nov. 2013
- Elver Park Fireworks-July 2, 2013
- Daddy Daughter Dance, Feb. 2014
- Madison Parks Night at the Duck Pond-July 30, 2013
- Mother & Son Beach Party, March 2014
- Trucks & Treasures featuring the Kids to Kids Garage Sale & the Big Rig Gig-September 21, 2013 & May 2104
- Dog Park Clean Up day-March 30
- "Learn to" - monthly
- Walk with a Doc - monthly

## WALK WITH A DOC

In 2012, Madison Parks introduced an exciting new health and wellness walking series. Walk with a Doc is a free program for anyone interested in taking steps for their health by enjoying a refreshing, rejuvenating walk in the park. The organized walks will start in a Madison Park and will be led by a local doctor. The walks will be held at all times of the day: morning, afternoon, evening; weekday/weekends. The physicians, specialists and healthcare professionals will provide 5 minute talk at the beginning of the event about a health topic of their choice and then lead the walk and answer questions from participants. Each walk will be approximately 30-45 minutes.

# Madison Parks Hay Rides

## HAVE BALES OF FUN ON MADISON PARKS HAYRIDES

Enjoy an old fashioned hayride this fall in Madison Parks. Offered in Elver, Warner and Olin Parks, hayrides are perfect for scout troops, community groups or family outings. Madison Parks hayrides will treat your group to a ride through a beautiful park and plus a campfire with s'mores.

Each hayride trip is one hour: 30 minute ride, 30 minute campfire and s'mores. The wagon, pulled by a tractor, will take your group on a scenic ride through the park. Call 608.266.4711 to book your trip today!

**Madison Parks PLAYCATION**

*October* - The crisp fall air brings back memories of childhood adventures. I decided to do something out of the ordinary to commemorate this fall season and helped plan a class hayride for my youngest. The kids will love being in the haywagon and after the ride, enjoying the campfire and s'mores!

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# Woof Madison Parks

Madison's six off-leash and ten on-leash dog parks provide a great place for you and your furry friend to enjoy the outdoors.

All dogs are required to have an annual permit and valid municipal license to enter any public dog park in the City of Madison or surrounding communities. Permits are valid from January through December of the calendar year and are good for access into the six City of Madison off-leash dog parks, ten on-leash dog park areas, six Dane County parks and pet exercise areas in Middleton and Sun Prairie.



## ON-LEASH PARKS

- **Brittingham Park**  
401 West Shore Dr from Bedford to Bassett Streets
- **Burr Jones Field**  
1820 E. Washington Ave.
- **Demetral Park**  
601 N. Sixth Street
- **Elver Park**  
1240 McKenna Blvd.  
below sled hill, March 15 - Nov. 15
- **Glen Oak Hills Park**, 301 Glen Hwy
- **Hoyt Park**  
3902 Regent St. along Owen Pkwy
- **Marlborough Park**, 222 Whenona Dr.
- **Quarry Park**, 3102 Stevens St.
- **Spring Harbor Park**  
5218 Lake Mendota Dr. - eastern portion
- **Warner Park**  
2201 Sheridan Dr. along paths

To purchase a permit for your pet, visit the City Treasurer's Office or the Madison Parks Office. Some veterinary offices and pet food stores also sell dog park permits. For more information, please visit [www.cityofmadison.com/parks](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks).

## OFF-LEASH PARKS

- **Brittingham Park**  
401 W. Shore Dr. at Broom St.
- **Demetral Park**  
601 N. Sixth St.
- **McCormick Greenspace**  
702 N. McCormick Ave.
- **Quann Park**  
1802 Quann-Olin Pkwy.
- **Sycamore Park**  
4517 Sycamore Ave.
- **Warner Park**  
Sheridan Dr. along lagoon
- **Walnut Grove Park** (in 2014)  
202 N. Westfield Road
- **Odana School Park** (in 2014)  
678 Segoe Road

# #4 in Nation Woof!

Madison's off-leash dog parks are something to bark about! The **2012 City Park Facts** ranked Madison number four overall in off-leash dog parks per resident.

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### EMERALD ASH BORER

This exotic beetle is a threat to our beautiful Ash trees. The Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic beetle that quickly spreads from tree to tree and eventually kills the trees it infests. EAB is metallic green and very small - about a ½ an inch long. As of May 2013, they have not been spotted in Madison, but they have been seen as close as Janesville. Know the signs and symptoms to help spot and prevent the spread of this bug!

What can I do to help?

If you see any signs or symptoms contact the City of Madison Forestry section immediately. You can also help prevent the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer by only buying firewood from certified dealers and following firewood movement guidelines in Wisconsin.

The City of Madison Forestry Section has updated its Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) website. There are two new features on the website:  
[www.cityofmadison.com/parks/eab](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/eab)

- Residents can enter their street address to find out if there is an ash street tree planted in front of their home or within the neighborhood
- Residents can email the Forestry Section directly to report a suspected EAB sighting. If you don't know what to look for the website has information about the pest and images for you to help you identify the Emerald Ash Borer.

### MADISON PARKS FORESTRY

The Forestry Section provides tree planting, trimming and maintenance for over 100,000 trees along Madison's 700 miles of city streets. In addition, the Forestry Section is responsible for hundreds of thousands of trees that are located in the city's parks, golf courses, cemetery, and greenways.

Forestry staff is trained to follow rigid safety standards. Whether planting a new tree or cleaning up after a major wind storm, the safety of the work, the public and property are never compromised.

The Madison Parks Forestry Section provides online resources to help you care for trees on your property. These resources include warnings about current pest outbreaks, proper tree care, and what to do with storm damaged trees.



In 2013, Madison was once again named a Tree City USA!! The National Arbor Foundation gives this award annually in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service. Madison has repeatedly been awarded the Tree City USA title due to our city's innovative urban forestry program.

In 2012 the Forestry section launched a new program called the Heritage Tree Program to foster appreciation and inspire awareness of the contribution of city owned street and park trees to the City's history and heritage. This program is a way for citizens to officially recognize special, significant, or cherished city owned trees in their community.





# Winter Recreation

As winter arrives, so does spectacular winter scenery, sledding, cross-country skiing, and skating at our 260 parks and over 6,000 acres of natural areas. We encourage individuals and families to celebrate winter's beauty and fun with a visit to one of our winter facilities for ice skating, skiing, snowshoeing or sledding. Madison Parks offer some terrific opportunities to get outside and enjoy a winter wonderland of exercise, scenery and fun.

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Cross country skiing doesn't require hills and can be enjoyed on almost any snow-covered location. It's also easy to learn and offers an entire body aerobic workout. Madison Parks maintains over 18 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails at Elver Park, Odana Hills Golf Course, Monona Golf Course, Door Creek Park, Turville Woods, Owen Conservation Park and South Cherokee Marsh. Trails are available for skiers of all skill levels. A ski trail permit is needed at Elver Park, Odana Hills Golf Course and at all groomed Dane County Park trails. If you don't own skis, you can rent them at Elver Park and Odana Hills Golf Course.

## ICE SKATING

When winter settles in, lace up the skates or grab a hockey stick to take advantage of one of 12 outdoor rinks. Many offer separate rinks for general skating and recreational uses such as hockey, broomball and pond hockey. Some rinks have warming shelters, concessions, and skate rentals. Our Park crews are committed to providing the best rinks possible despite winter's unpredictable weather. Check our website for updated conditions.

## SLEDDING

Our sledding hills are great places to spend those snowy winter days. We have seven parks with sledding hills: Elver, Olbrich, Sycamore, Hiestand, Garner, Berkley and Warner Parks. At Elver Park we have lights and a snow making machine for the sledding hill, so we can create snow even when mother nature doesn't.

## SNOWSHOEING

Snowshoeing is a sport you can enjoy your first time out. It is a great way to get out and explore the scenic trails in our city. Anyone from young children to senior citizens can easily learn to snowshoe.

*Madison Parks*  
**PLAYCATION**

*December* - The only way to beat a Madison winter is face it head on! The snow may be piling up, but as long as you layer properly there is always a way to get outside and have some fun. The hardest part of any trip outside in the winter is deciding what to do, with cross-country ski trails, snowshoeing paths, ice skating and sledding it can be a tough decision. I may just have to try them all this year!

Department of Madison Parks

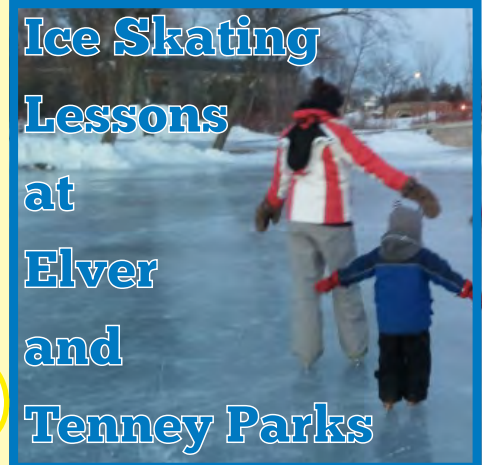
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**Groove & Glide**

Tenney Park \* Elver Park \* Vilas Park

**Ice Skating Lessons at Elver and Tenney Parks**



For the latest updates on winter recreation conditions, visit [www.cityofmadison.com/winter](http://www.cityofmadison.com/winter)

## FOUR PREMIER PARKS FOR WINTER FUN

Madison Parks maintains 4 premiere winter facilities that offer concessions, equipment rentals, and a warming shelter.

- **Tenney Park:** This picturesque location is a great place for ice skating and hockey seven days a week. It features a beautiful new shelter, fireplace, concessions, ice skate rentals, and lighted rinks.
- **Elver Park:** Elver Park offers ice skating, XC skiing, and sledding all with lights to keep the fun going into the evening. This is a great destination that has a warming shelter, concessions, ice skate rentals, XC ski equipment rentals, and a reservable room.
- **Vilas Park:** This central location offers ice skating on a lagoon and hockey rink and offers ice skate rentals, concessions, and lights for evening skating.
- **Odana Hills Golf Course,** 4635 Odana Rd., offers 5.7K of groomed ski trails for traditional and skate skiing. The clubhouse is open on weekends and serves as a warming shelter with XC ski rentals and concessions.

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## SouthSide

VILLAGER MALL,  
 2300 S. PARK ST

- JULY 9
- JULY 16
- JULY 23
- JULY 30

## NorthSide

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
 2126 N SHERMAN AVE

- AUGUST 6
- AUGUST 13
- AUGUST 20
- AUGUST 27

# THURSDAY

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## Westside

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| JULY 25 | AUGUST 29 |

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[CITYOFMADISON.COM/PARKS](http://CITYOFMADISON.COM/PARKS)  
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