

# Madison Parks

2014 - 2015

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## Madison Parks: The Healthiest Place in Town

Madison is consistently ranked as a top park city nationwide, and as one of the healthiest and happiest in America. So what makes Madison so healthy? Look no further than your local park! Madison Parks works to keep your mind, body, and community healthy.

Research shows that parks play a vital role in the improvement of economic, environmental, and public health. Parks are key contributors to youth development and the creation of safer neighborhoods. Madison Parks prides itself on serving our community in more ways than one.

We offer events year-round that are good for the body, engage the mind, and help strengthen our community. Program series like Walk with a Doc and "Learn To" provide members of the community with an opportunity to exercise and learn throughout the year, keeping minds sharp and bodies fit. Festivals and fairs celebrating everything from arts and crafts to Madison's vibrant culinary culture help bring the community together. Our diverse programming, including bird and nature walks and Ride the Drive, provide fun for all ages, helping to keep everyone young at heart.

It is the Madison Parks' mission to enhance the quality of life for everyone in the community. With over 264 parks ranging from spray parks to disc golf courses, and dog parks to conservation parks, Madison Parks truly is the healthiest place in town. Look out for tips, tricks, and facts related to your mind, health, and community throughout the magazine, where you are sure to learn a little, and be inspired a lot.

### WHAT'S NEW IN 2014

#### » Central Park Skate Park

Madison's very first skate park, which has been in the development phase for ten years, is finally set to break ground June 2014! The skate park will include a bowl, ramps and obstacles, and a "plaza" designed to mimic public concrete venues. The park, named **Central Park**, will be built in the Marquette neighborhood between East Washington Avenue and Williamson (Willy) Street. Central Park, which will provide Madisonians with a place to legally skate in the city, will also eventually include community gardens, a playground, and an amphitheater, among many other features.

#### » Splash Parks

Madison is building two new splash parks in 2014! Thanks to a fundraising campaign by the Madison Parks Foundation, kids in the Reindahl Park and Elver Park areas will have a new way to stay cool in the summers! Both **Reindahl Splash Park** and **Elver Splash Parks** will include water features for kids of all ages. Additionally, the splash parks will include water conserving equipment which will treat and recirculate the splash park water. These parks will begin construction in the spring of 2014.

#### » Breese Stevens Artificial Turf

Originally built in the 1920s and named after a former Madison mayor, **Breese Stevens Athletic Field** serves as home for several local soccer teams. The 4,000 seat stadium is beloved by many for its history and its central location. Over the last 5 years, millions of dollars of updates have been put into the stadium, from concrete decking repair, ADA compliance and a new elevated press box. Due to its popularity and the Wisconsin weather, the stadium's natural turf limited how often this popular facility could be used. After years of discussion, artificial turf will be installed at Breese Stevens Field beginning in August 2014. The artificial turf will allow for more frequent and more diverse use of the facility.

**GIVE 6** The Madison Parks Foundation has many ways to give back.



**DISC GOLF 9** It's fun for all and easy to learn!

**MAP 14** Explore all of Madison's parks.

**POOL 20** Discover what over 60,000 Madisonians already know - it's cool at Goodman Pool.

**WINTER 29** Winter is no time to stay inside!

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

Madison Parks Vision  
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, [www.cityofmadison.com](http://www.cityofmadison.com)

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 recommends 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 inform you of any scheduled events.

**GATES OF HEAVEN**

Location: James Madison Park, 302 East Gorham St.  
Contact: (608) 266-4711; [www.cityofmadison.com](http://www.cityofmadison.com)

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.

**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.	John Wall Family Pavilion 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.

## WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

Location: 1625 Northport Dr.

Contact: (608) 245-3694; [www.cityofmadison.com/wpcrc/rentals](http://www.cityofmadison.com/wpcrc/rentals)

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!

## OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS

Location: 3330 Atwood Ave.

Contact: (608) 246-4733; [www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org)

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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"I do"  
at Warner Park  
Community Recreation Center

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- Convenient location
- Game room for kids
- Childcare available
- Affordable pricing

(608) 245-3694  
[cityofmadison.com/parks/WPCRC/rental/](http://cityofmadison.com/parks/WPCRC/rental/)

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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, an inflatable, dunk tank, or stage to your event.

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

**Vending Permit** is required when your event will include the sale of anything in the park.

**Beer Sales Permit** is required when your event will include the SALE of beer 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. Olbrich’s Rose Garden highlights innovative mixed borders of shrub roses and perennials. Other gardens include the Herb, Rock, Meadow, Sunken, Perennial, Rain, Gravel, and Wildflower Gardens.

Hours:	April – Sept.	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Admission: Free
	October	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Donations gratefully accepted
	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 ranges 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:	Mon – Sat	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Admission: \$2 per person
	Sun	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Free – Children 5 & under
	Free for all Wed. & Sat.,	10 a.m. – noon	Free – Olbrich members

## WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT US!

- “This is ‘a gem of a garden.’” – 10/11/13 from Robert of St. Joseph, MI
- “This is one of the finest botanical gardens we have ever visited, and we have been to lots of gardens in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. It’s wonderful, too, that it is free for many who cannot afford to pay!” – 9/30/13 from Jane of West Linn, OR
- “I always leave here feeling better than when I came.” – 10/15/13 from a visitor
- “Your gardens are lovely. We visit every time we’re in Madison.” – undated from Anita of Green Bay, WI
- “What an amazing contribution to Madison’s community. I feel very lucky to have enjoyed it so nicely on a great day. For me, the Discovery garden is particularly enjoyable. I brought my parents from Wyoming.” – 6/13/13 from Tessa of Madison, WI
- “Thank you so much for the wonderful field trip experience this past week! The kids had a great time and the next day we took the 4th grade Science WI Knowledge & Concepts Exam... you guys covered it ALL! Thank you!” – 1/29/14 from a 4th grade teacher at MMSD’s Lincoln School whose students participated in Olbrich’s Explorer Program



## A GRAVEL GARDEN???

Olbrich Botanical Gardens is planting a new gravel garden by the entrance to the Botanical Center in 2014. A gravel garden utilizes drought-tolerant perennials that are well-adapted to the Midwest region's growing conditions. The plants are planted in a 4 to 5 inch layer of small, quartzite gravel over the existing native soil. Once established, gravel gardens require about 80% less maintenance than a typical perennial garden. Stop by Olbrich this season to see the progress!

Also look for examples of gravel gardens in other Madison parks – Olbrich staff has been working with Madison Parks to establish gravel gardens and other low-maintenance gardens in major parks as part of a collaborative "Parks Beautification Project."

## 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. 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 last 45 to 60 minutes. Drop-ins only, no registration needed.

## 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!



## OLBRICH EVENTS

- Leaf Mulch Sales – Bagged & Bulk Sales begin April 10 - while supplies last!
- Plant Sale with the Pros Friday, May 9, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Rhapsody in Bloom Saturday, June 21, 5 – 10 p.m.
- Summer Concerts in the Gardens Tuesdays, June 24 – July 29, 7 p.m.
- Home Garden Tour Friday, July 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, July 12, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies July 16 – August 10, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily
- CRACKLE, Fire & Froth September 26, 7 – 10 p.m.
- Olbrich's Holiday Express December 6 – 31, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily
- Holiday Concerts Sundays in December, 2 p.m.

**MADISON PARKS FOUNDATION**

1402 Wingra Creek Parkway  
Madison, WI 53715  
Phone: (608) 266-4339  
www.madisonparksfoundation.org

The Madison Parks Foundation is an enthusiastic advocate for our city’s parks and open spaces – committed to identifying and supporting park improvement opportunities by encouraging and mobilizing the financial support of neighborhood groups, foundations and citizens.

Our goal is to preserve and expand – for future generations - the true jewels of our city: our bountiful parks and open spaces. To that end, MPF looks to acquire grants and money to improve parks. These resources do not replace, and are not a substitute for, tax revenues generated for the City of Madison Parks Division.

As we move to the future, our vision is to “Renew the Legacy.” Roots of our work are firmly grounded with the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association: a dedicated group of everyday citizens who – many decades ago - laid the foundation for parks we have today. We embrace their grassroots spirit by raising funds for projects such as splash parks, playground improvements, emerald ash borer tree replacement, and other important work for which tax dollars are not available. If you want to be part of modern day park history and become a donor, or if you want to learn more about us, we encourage you to contact us.

Support of the Madison Parks Foundation will make a significant difference in maintaining and enhancing those beautiful gifts that have been handed down from generation to generation, those special places where activities and events take place, and often become cherished, life-long memories.

Our predecessors, citizens just like you: the Olins, Tenneys, Warners, Owens, and Vilases helped build our parks. They are our inspiration. And we are now on a mission: to renew and build upon what they lovingly passed on to us; passed on to you.

Support the Legacy today!

Visit us at [www.madisonparksfoundation.org](http://www.madisonparksfoundation.org) for more information and latest updates or follow us on Facebook.



**CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF 120 YEARS**

Madison’s first park was founded by residents who wanted to escape the city, if only for a few hours. It was the 1890s, and the city limits were roughly from Bascom Hill to Mansion Hill to the hilly south side of the Isthmus. In those days, it was fashionable to celebrate fine summer days on a horse-drawn carriage ride into the countryside and along the lakeshores.

Three Madisonians – Edward T. Owen, Edward E. Hammersley and John M. Olin – created the first such Pleasure Drive by contributing acres of land and generous easements, building bridges, and raising funds to pave their roadways with gravel. On July 7, 1894, the city’s horse-and-buggy crowd organized a group to build more scenic routes. They called it the Madison Park & Pleasure Drive Association and installed Olin as president.

This year marks the 120th anniversary of MPPDA and the Madison Parks Foundation will be celebrating with an exciting week of events. Please join us for:

**July 8, 2014 Concert in the Breeze**

The Madison Parks Foundation is hosting a free community concert at Breeze Stevens Field, featuring local musicians, food, and beverages.

**July 10, 2014 Ice Cream Social**

A community Ice Cream Social featuring ice cream from The Chocolate Shoppe will be held at Olin Park in the pavilion. Join us for ice cream, live music, and kid’s activities.

**July 11, 2014 MPF Legacy Golf Outing**

The first golf outing for the Madison Parks Foundation will also serve as its first fundraiser and will take place at the City’s Yahara Hills Golf Course. Silent & live auction items and reception to follow. Register online at [www.madisonparksfoundation.org](http://www.madisonparksfoundation.org).





**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Our parks and open spaces are an integral part of what makes Madison exceptional. We ask you to renew the legacy of support and make a difference. Please consider the following opportunities for supporting our parks.

**DONATE**

Donations to the area of greatest need allow us to expand our role in building a better, more accessible parks system and provide grants and fundraising dollars to worthwhile projects. Visit [www.madisonparksfoundation.org](http://www.madisonparksfoundation.org) for more information.

**JOIN THE FRIENDS OF MADISON PARKS SOCIETY**

As an annual Friend, your tax-deductible support will assist in making park improvements, promoting widespread recreational use, and providing overall advocacy for our 264 Madison parks and entire park system.

**PICKETS FOR PARKS**

Show your support for our Madison Parks with your name on a fence picket. The engraved pickets will be displayed at one of these parks: Elver, Olin, Tenney or Vilas.

**“Double the Difference”** - From now through 2014, the impact of your gift (of a fence picket) will be doubled with a matching gift from the John M. Olin Trust Fund. Established in 1924 by John Olin, this endowment fund is directed to improve and beautify parks as well as to inspire citizens of Madison to continue Madison’s historic legacy of philanthropic support of the park system. John Olin was a founding member of the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association in 1894. Incredibly, his gift continues to leave an enduring legacy.

**SUPPORT THE SPLASH PARKS**

Two new splash parks will open in August 2014, providing healthy and safe recreation spaces for all Madison residents. The splash parks will be located on the east side at Reindahl Park, and Elver Park on the west side of the city. They will feature interactive water attractions with spray toys and fountains for children of all ages and will be a free public facility open during the summer months for everyone to cool off in.

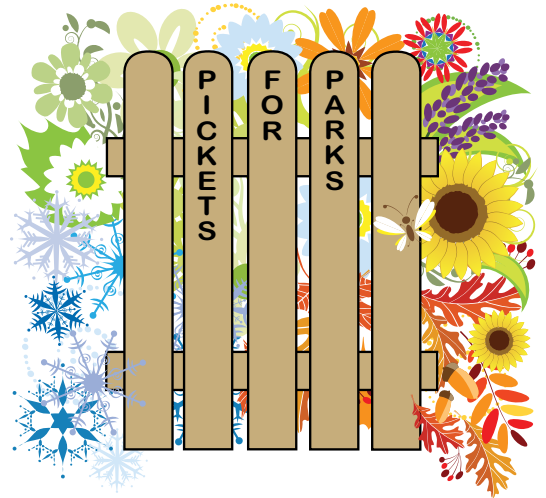
The fundraising efforts continue. Show your support with the purchase of a special splash park fence picket. You can make your “Double the Difference” support through the purchase of the fence pickets which will be matched from the John Olin Trust.

**TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS**

A park gift is a wonderful way to honor a loved one, thank a friend, or showcase a business. The purchase of a park bench, picnic table or a tree is tax deductible. Please contact us for more information.

**SUPPORT THE LEGACY TODAY!**

Donate online at [www.madisonparksfoundation.org](http://www.madisonparksfoundation.org)





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.

# Warner Park Community Recreation Center

“Our goal is 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  
1625 Northport Drive  
Madison, WI 53704  
608.245.3690 • [www.wpcrc.com](http://www.wpcrc.com)



# Disc Golf Courses

Disc golf, which has become one of the fastest-growing sports in recent years, is fun for all, and easy to learn! Playing 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 and Elver Park and are open to the public. The Hiestand Park course is open year-round except during the early months of spring. The Elver Park course is open late spring through late fall.

**MADISON PARKS DISC GOLF COURSES LOCATIONS**

- Elver Park, 1250 McKenna Blvd.
- Hiestand Park, 4302 Milwaukee St.



### DISC GOLF PERMITS

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

Daily: \$5.00

Annual: \$40.00

*Free for kids ages 16 and under*

Permits are on sale at the kiosks at the courses, in the Madison Parks administration office, some retail vendors and on-line:  
[www.cityofmadison.com/parks](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks)

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**Right across the street from Hole #1 at Hiestand Park on Madison's East Side**

**Madison Parks** *The healthiest place in town.*

According to a study by the Department of Exercise Science at the University of Georgia, even exercising for 20 minutes facilitates information processing and memory functions. But with our beautiful parks, there's no way you'll only want to stay for 20 minutes!

**HEALTH**  
**EXERCISE**  
**NUTRITION**  
**REST**  
**POSITIVE THINKING**

*Wellness road*

*play MADISON PARKS*

*celebrate*  
**MADISON PARKS**

**Celebrate with Madison Parks this summer!**

Here are a few ways you can join the fun

- Trucks & Treasures**  
May 10 & September 13
- Fresh Air Craft Fair**  
May 17
- Ride the Drive**  
June 1
- Stargazing in Madison Parks**  
April 14 & July 14
- Fall Festival**  
October 4

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# 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 300 special events a year, from festivals to concerts to runs, walks, and athletic activities, Madison Parks provide a wonderful setting for special events.

When organizing a special event, it is important to plan ahead. Most events will need a minimum of six months lead time for the permitting process. Please contact the Madison Parks Division with your preliminary plans for assistance with the following:

- Determine if the activity/event you are planning qualifies as a special event and requires permits
- Check on the availability of locations and dates for an event
- Direction on completing the appropriate permit application(s)

For more detailed information on special events, visit the Parks Special Events website: [www.cityofmadison.com/SpecialEvents](http://www.cityofmadison.com/SpecialEvents)



For the price of one store-bought bottle of water, you can fill a reusable bottle with Madison tap water 5,000 times.

# drink local

MadisonWater.org

# People for Parks— Volunteers

The People for Parks Program is designed for citizens to actively participate in their parks by either donating time or money.

Many individuals and groups of volunteers dedicate countless hours in one of our 264 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 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** *The healthiest place in town.*

Volunteering may help you live longer and happier! Studies found decrease in mortality and lower levels of depression among volunteers. Madison Parks has plenty of opportunities to get involved.

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# volunteer MADISON PARKS

### Recent Award-Winning Volunteer Groups

#### *Individual Volunteer of the Year – Sarah Brooks*

As a master gardener who has been involved for over 15 years, Sarah Brooks has spent countless hours each spring beautifying the entrance of Forest Hill Cemetery. As a volunteer flower gardener, Sarah has been responsible for planting and maintaining beautiful flower beds each year. In addition, she also has been delighting the community with colorful, creative, and surprise art installations that add a whimsical, magical touch at the Forest Hill Cemetery and as part of Ride the Drive. “It is truly amazing how many people stop in to comment about how it always puts a smile on their face as they pass by on their way to and from work,” Kevin Sorenson said. “My personal favorite was the giant asparagus spears that looked to be straight out of Jack and the Beanstalk!”

#### *Volunteer Group of the Year – 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.

We're Proud of You  
*Friends of Monona Bay*  
In 8 years you  
have collected  
**1,227** bags of  
trash!  
*Keep up the good work!*

# 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 [www.cityofmadison.com/parks](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks).

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WARNER PARK



ELVER PARK



BREESE STEVENS

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

### 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.

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
- Splash Park in 2014
- Winter facilities include sledding hill, ski trail, and skating rink

### 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.

Breese Stevens Field is a historic stadium built in the 1920's. With recent structural renovations and the artificial turf installation planned for 2014, this popular sporting venue is in high demand.

- Inter-scholastic sports
- Seating for 4,000 and lighting
- Youth and adult league play
- Press Box

TO RESERVE A FIELD, CALL  
**(608) 266-4711**

- 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.

# 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 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 sections 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.

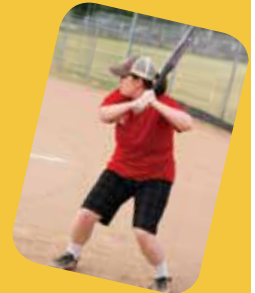


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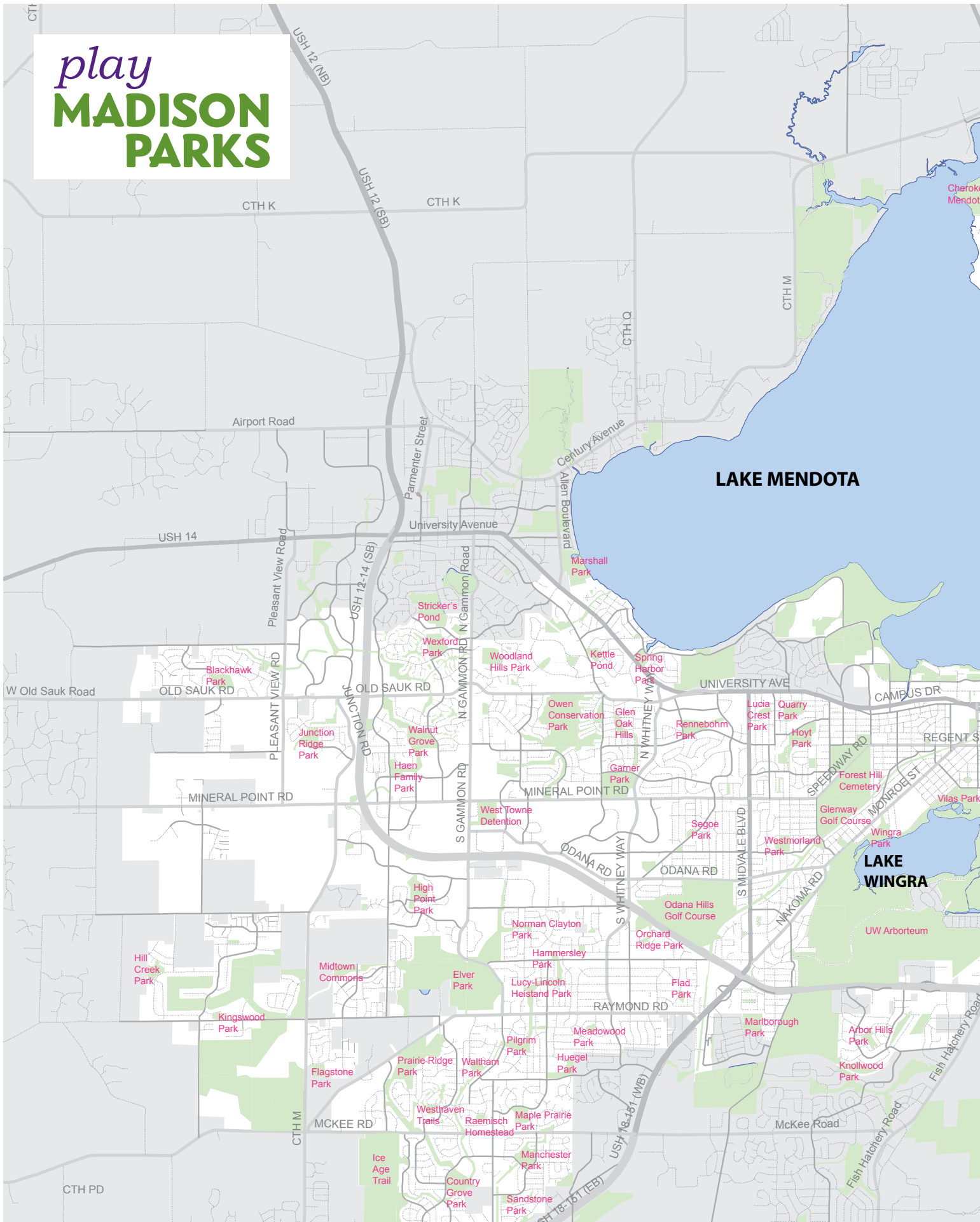


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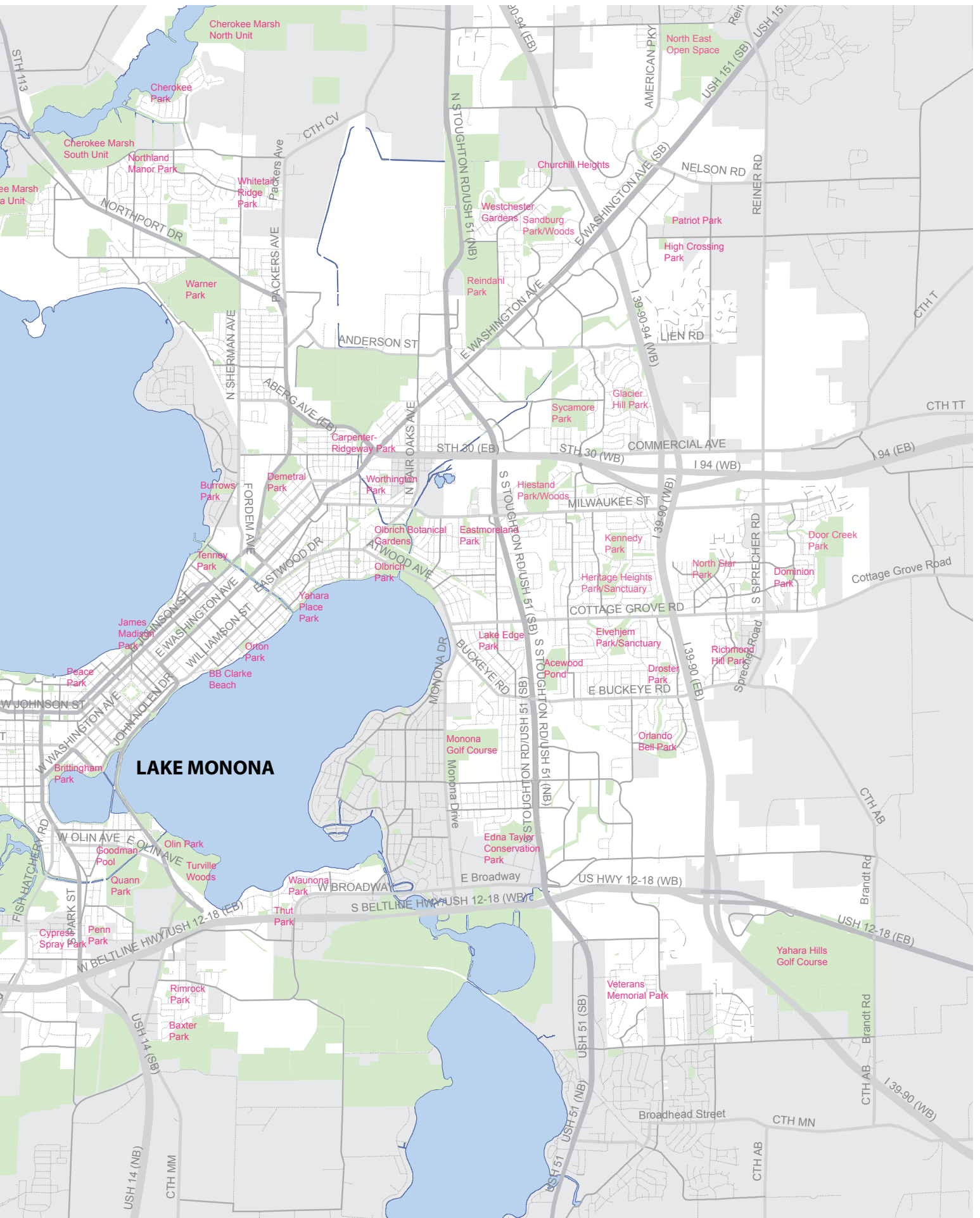
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Where can you go for quality and affordable golf in Madison? There's no need to travel far: Just stop at one of Madison Parks' four public golf courses for a playing experience you won't forget! Whether you're an avid golfer or new to the game, Madison Parks has a golf course just for you.

Affordability and value are top priorities for each course and the prices reflect Madison Parks' commitment to ensuring a great golfing experience at an affordable price. There are a variety of 9-hole and 18-hole green fees, season passes, and special discounts for students, youth and corporate events. The courses are PGA professionally managed. Madison Parks golf courses offer 72 challenging holes at four unique courses and it is all located right outside your front door!

**CORPORATE, GROUP, AND CHARITABLE OUTINGS**

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

**GOLF LEAGUES**

Bring your business, professional association, church or neighborhood golf league to one of the Madison Parks golf courses. Golf is a great way to enjoy the day with friends, neighbors, and colleagues.

To book your golf league, contact one of the city golf courses to check on availability and space.

**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. Private, group, and beginner golf clinics and lessons are available at each golf course. 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 golfers, an afternoon on Glenway's links will surely please. Glenway is conveniently located near the University of Wisconsin campus and downtown.

## 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, Odana Hills Golf Course is a challenge test for golfers of any level. Conveniently located just off the Beltline Highway, this course continues to entice golfers with its long greens, scenic layout and excellent conditions.

## 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 great 9-hole course features a test of golf for people of all skill levels.

## 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 green. As Madison's largest facility with two challenging 18-hole courses it is the perfect location for company outings, tournaments, and league play.

## AFFORDABLE PRICES

Golf Madison Parks staff are committed to providing you with exceptional customer service. PGA Professionals at the four courses offer lessons and help keep your golf outings a memorable event. Madison Parks' commitment to a quality golf experience is reflected in the affordable prices and exceptional course conditions. There are season passes, discount cards, junior and student specials, as well as Time of Day pricing to keep the green in your wallet!

Book your tee time on-line!

Free WI-FI is available at Glenway and Odana Hills.



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



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.thefirstteescw.org](http://www.thefirstteescw.org) and click on "Register" or "Volunteer."

Let's grow the game we love and the values it teaches.



# Ride The Drive: Two Dates

In 2014, the City of Madison and Madison Parks are pleased to bring Ride the Drive, presented by Trek, back for its sixth year! We will be hosting two events this year:

Ride the Drive-Downtown on June 1, 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. and Ride the Drive-Eastside, August 24, 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Ride the Drive is a carefree, car-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. There is no beginning or ending point of the route; participants enter at any point along the route.



### **Ride the Drive -Downtown, June 1, 2014 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.**

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 - Eastside, August 24, 2014 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.**

The Eastside has been chosen to be the neighborhood location and this is a great opportunity to showcase another area of town. Ride the Drive - Eastside, a 2.2 mile loop, will have the traditional Ride the Drive elements but will also have a block party atmosphere and will provide the Eastside the chance to show off their streets, parks, businesses, neighborhoods, and welcoming small town vibe. Ride the Drive-Eastside will include streets and areas such as Atwood Avenue, South Fair Oaks Ave and Walter Street.



## 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.

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Worried about what to do when the snow starts to fall? Bike lovers, have no fear! Madison is 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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Guests can bring a picnic and enjoy Elver Park beginning at 7pm.

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

Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Pool on Olin Avenue is a summertime destination for the whole family. Hot summer days are no match for the many fun water activities Goodman Pool has available.

With two waterslides, an 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, throughout the summer Madison Parks hosts family fun days where families can enjoy activities as diverse as Disc Golf Day, Pirate Day, 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? 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.

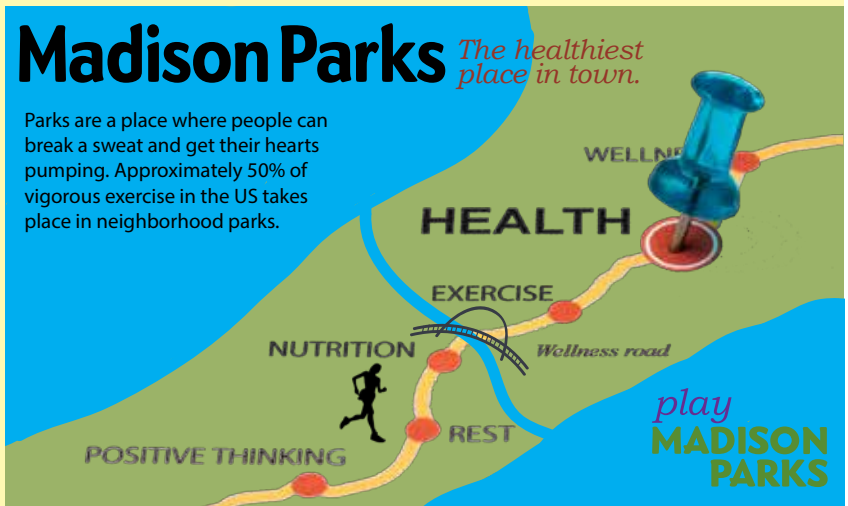
Looking for an exciting place for a special event or a child's upcoming birthday? You can reserve Goodman Pool for birthday splash parties and private events. You bring the party guests, we'll supply the fun!



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## Madison Parks *The healthiest place in town.*

Parks are a place where people can break a sweat and get their hearts pumping. Approximately 50% of vigorous exercise in the US takes place in neighborhood parks.



# 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 is open to beginning through advanced swimmers, ages 5-18. 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 ...  
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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!



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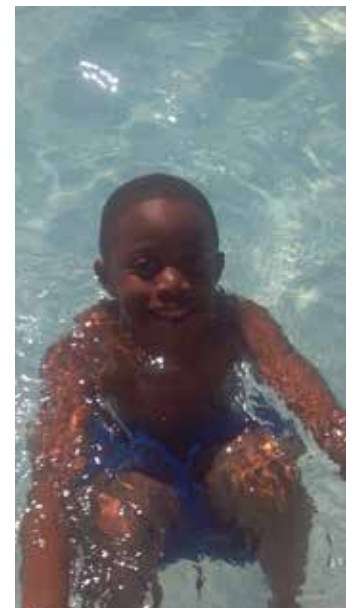
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# SPRAY PARKS & BEACHES

## 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  
Opening in 2014, this interactive water attraction will feature spray toys and fountains for children of all ages and a concession stand for all the best summer treats!
- **Elver Park Spray Park**, 1250 McKenna Blvd  
Also opening 2014, this spray park will add to the interactive fun offered at the popular Elver Park. Located between the two shelters, it will provide the kids a place to cool off in the hot summer months!



## MADISON PARKS BEACHES

Madison Parks has 10 beaches with lifeguard services. The lifeguard service 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 hit the beach!

Regional Beaches (11:00a.m. - 7:00p.m.)

- **BB Clarke Beach**, 835 Spaight St.
- **Olbrich Park Beach**, 3527 Atwood Ave
- **Tenney Park Beach**, 1414 E. Johnson St.
- **Vilas Park Beach**, 1501 Vilas Park Dr.

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.

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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
- 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

- Wingra Boat Rental at Wingra Park
- Brittingham Boats & Cafe at Brittingham Park

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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.

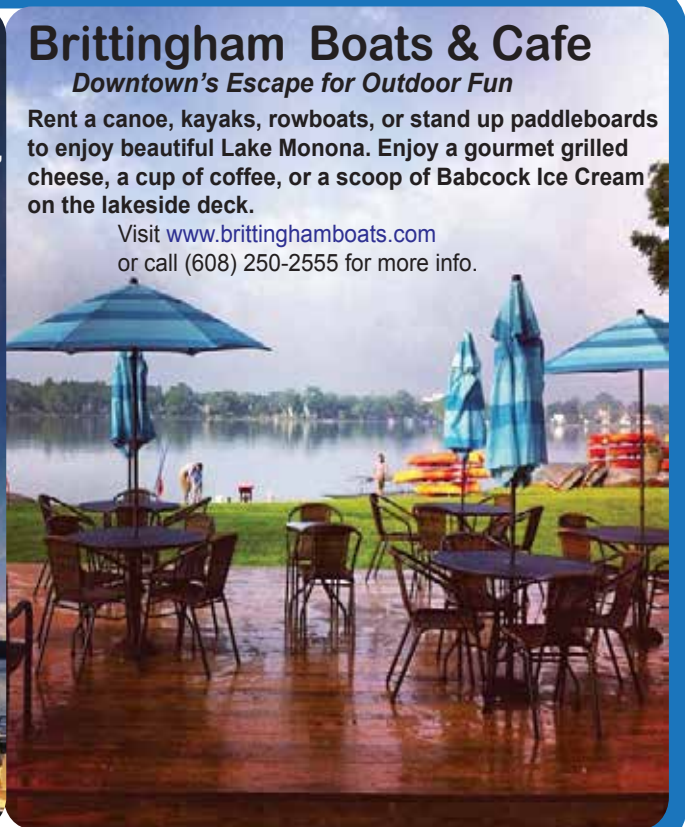


## Brittingham Boats & Cafe

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## conserve MADISON PARKS



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 east side, 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. With 7.1 miles of trails, the park is equipped with observation decks, cross-country ski trails, a boat launch site, and three 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 mix of wetland, prairie, and oak savanna with majestic 200 year old open grown oaks. Trek 1.3 miles of trails and discover an ancient American Indian Effigy Mound.
- **Elvehjem Sanctuary**, 1314 Painted Post Dr., located within Elvehjem Park. The Sanctuary 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., sitting on a glacial moraine blanketed with prairie wildflowers, oak woodlands, and ponds. The park provides a glimpse into what the natural landscape looked like in the mid-1800s.
- **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 oak woodland filled with spring wildflowers such as yellow violets and large-flowered bellwort.
- **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.

# Madison Parks

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Parks clear the mind and promote relaxation. Studies show that time spent in green, outdoor spaces reduces stress and boosts concentration in children and adults.



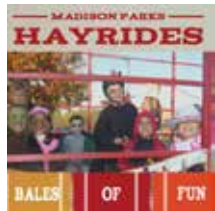
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**MADISON PARKS SPECIAL EVENTS**

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 - 2014**

- Earth Day Challenge – April 19
  - Trucks and Treasures- May 10
  - Fresh Air Craft Fair- May 17
  - Moonlight Movie- May 30
  - Ride the Drive-Downtown- June 1
  - Family Fun Pool Days –begin in June
  - Elver Park Fireworks- July 3
  - Stargazing in Madison Parks- July 14
  - Moonlight Movie-August 22
  - Ride the Drive - Eastside - August 24
  - Trucks and Treasures- September 13
  - Moonlight Movie- September 26
  - Fall Festival- October 4
- Look for these events in the Winter of 2014-2015:
- Candlelight Cross Country Ski
  - Candlelight Snowshoe Event
  - Groove and Glide Ice Skating Parties
  - Daddy Daughter Dance
  - Mother Son Beach Party

**TRUCKS AND TREASURES**

Trucks and Treasures combine two of Madison’s favorite kid-friendly events, the Big Rig Gig and the Kids to Kids Garage Sale, to create a fun experience for the whole family.

**TRUCKS:** The Big Rig Gig is a showcase of Madison’s premiere public services, employees, and equipment. Kids are welcome to get up close and explore the big rigs on display at this exciting event!

**TREASURES:** At the Kids to Kids Garage Sale, youth can reserve a booth to sell their gently used items to other kids. Kids and families may sell items they are no longer using such as toys, books, games, bikes, dress-up attire, DVDs, and more!

**MOONLIGHT MOVIES**

The 2014 Moonlight Movie Series is presented by Madison Parks, Madison Mallards and the Madison Parks Foundation and is sponsored by our friends at Zimbrick Honda. From May through September, Madison Parks and the Madison Mallards will be hosting a series of outdoor movie screenings for the whole family to enjoy. From the classics like Jaws and Apollo 13 to kids favorites such as Bugs Bunny Road Runner Movie, there will definitely be something for everyone. Be sure to check out the Madison Parks website for a complete list of dates, times, and locations. Bring your family and a blanket to the parks to enjoy these movie nights!





# Woof Madison Parks

Madison's off-leash and 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 eight 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.

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).

## 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



## OFF-LEASH PARKS

- **Brittingham Park**  
401 W. Shore Dr. at Broom St.
- **Demetral Park**  
601 N. Sixth St.
- **McCormick Greenspace**  
702 N. McCormick Ave.
- **Odana School Park**  
678 Segoe Road
- **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

**Madison Parks** *thanks*  
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## EMERALD ASH BORER

City of Madison officials received confirmation of the presence of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) on the north side of Madison near Warner Park in November 2013. As a result, Dane County will be quarantined. The quarantine prohibits some wood products from being moved out of the county to areas that are not infested.

### *What is the City of Madison's Response?*

The City of Madison has been working on its tactical response to EAB since 2008. An Emerald Ash Borer Taskforce, including representatives of Madison Parks, Forestry, Mayor's Office, City Streets Division, and City Fleet Division was created. Its job was to coordinate assessment of the EAB threat, plan various response strategies, review the latest research, and act to mitigate impacts on the city's tree canopy, ensure public safety, protect the environment, and contain costs. The EAB Plan was approved by the Common Council in September 2012 and updated in September 2013.

Visit: [www.cityofmadison.com/parks/eab](http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/eab)

The City of Madison has an estimated 21,700 publicly-owned street (terrace) ash trees, an unknown number of ash trees in parks and thousands more on private property. In the Warner Park area where EAB is confirmed, there are over 2600 publicly-owned ash trees.

The following summary of the City's plans for public trees is based off the approved EAB Plan:

1. Madison Parks Forestry will continue with branch sampling in all areas of the city to look for any other infestation locations.
2. Forestry staff will remove publicly-owned ash trees (street and park trees) that are in poor condition and/or are located under power lines.
3. Madison Parks Forestry implemented a chemical treatment program for trees that are in healthy condition and over 10 inches diameter. The city uses an injection treatments rather than soil drench treatments to ensure the protection of ground and surface water quality.
4. Madison Parks Forestry launched an "Adopt-a-Park Tree" program for private citizens to help save, at their own expense, a publicly-owned ash tree in a Madison park.
5. Madison Parks Forestry will replant publicly-owned trees in most locations. To support this undertaking, a specific fund has been created with the Madison Parks Foundation for those who would like to donate.



## 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.

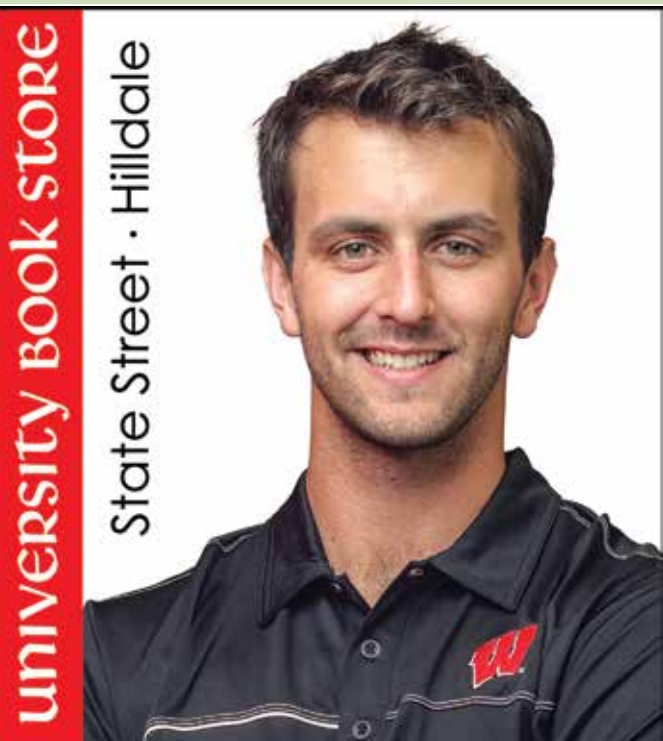
Forestry staff is trained to follow rigid safety standards. Whether planting a new tree or cleaning up after a major wind storm, the safety of the work, public, and property are never compromised.

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 2014, Madison was named a 25 year 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 innovative urban forestry program.

The Heritage Tree Program, started in 2012, fosters appreciation and inspires 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

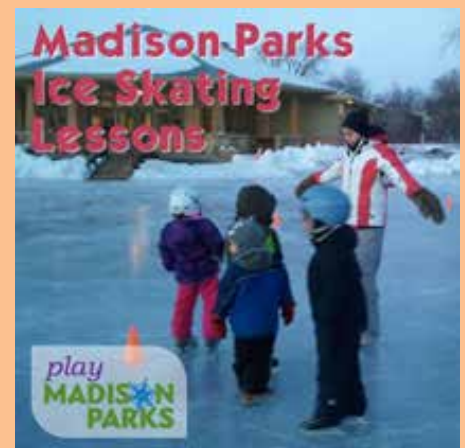
Snowshoeing is a sport you can enjoy your first time out. It is a great way to get out and explore the scenic trails in our city. Anyone from young children to senior citizens can easily learn to snowshoe.

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 XC skiing 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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WARNER PARK,  
 2930 N. SHERMAN AVE

JULY 8

JULY 15

JULY 22

JULY 29

*Central*

BRITTINGHAM PARK,  
 829 WEST WASH AVE

AUGUST 5

AUGUST 12

AUGUST 19

AUGUST 26

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*Westside*

MEADOWOOD SHOPPING CENTER  
 5702 RAYMOND RD

JUNE 19

JUNE 26

JULY 10

JULY 17

JULY 24

JULY 31

AUGUST 7

AUGUST 14

AUGUST 21

AUGUST 28



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