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Topping the Charts

Each year, using data collected by the Center for City Park Excellence, the Trust for Public Land releases its City Park Facts: a collection of rankings comparing the parks of America's 100 most populous cities. Like in years past, Madison came out on top in 2011, earning high marks across the board, including first in some competitive categories.

"Our work is ultimately about making Madison a beautiful, fun city for its residents," Parks Superintendent Kevin Briski said. "It's an honor that the Trust for Public Land has recognized us as achieving just that."

The survey found that just over 10 percent—4,463 acres—of Madison's total acreage is park land, an impressive accomplishment considering many cities fall below the double-digit mark. This percentage means there exist 22.3 acres of park land for every 1,000 Madison residents. In comparison, Chicago, although it has roughly the same percent of park land, only has 4.2 acres for every 1,000 residents.

"Parks are for the people," Briski said, "and as the survey showed, there is plenty to go around in Madison."

For the second year in a row, Madison topped the lists for most basketball hoops per resident and most playgrounds per resident. Additionally, Madison ranked sixth in number of off-leash dog parks per 100,000 residents, Orton Park was ranked the 45th oldest park in the country, having been built in 1850, and Warner Park is the 103rd most visited park in the U.S.

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 place to live.

Look for more Madison Parks chart topping stats in this magazine!



Content

It's Cool in the Pool

Discover what over 55,000 Madisonians already know - it's cool at Goodman Pool. Enjoy the two large waterslides and zero-depth splash features.

Celebrate Madison Parks

Discover the year-round fun with a Madison Parks Special Event: Rubber Ducky River Race, Ride the Drive, the Big Rig Gig, or a Madison Parks Hayride

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.

Golf Madison Parks

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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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Madison, WI 53701

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

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
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 premiere 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.

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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 unequalled. 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.



Hike

Madison's Wild Side
Free guided tours through
Madison's conservation parks



Madison Parks is hosting 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 will focus on a different park and unique natural feature of that park. Madison Parks has 14 conservation parks comprising over 1600 acres. Each conservation park focuses on the restoration of native plant and animal communities while providing educational areas and opportunities for all. For more information on Madison's Wild Side visit our website.

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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.

#7 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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Goodman Pool

COME RIDE THE WAVES OF FUN AT GOODMAN POOL!

Goodman Pool on Olin Aveune is the place for the whole family to spend its summer days. Teach your future Olympian the front crawl, build sand castles and memories, or just lounge through the lazy days of summer.

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 sun or shade, there is something for everyone. The pool area is also complete with family changing rooms, sand play areas and concessions. AND, it's easy to get here no matter how you travel - conveniently located off the Beltline by car, on the Madison Metro line by bus or just a bike ride away on a scenic bike path.

**325 Olin Ave.
Madison, WI 53713
608.264.9292
www.cityofmadison.com/parks/pool**



Goodman Pool offers American Red Cross Learn to Swim classes. Lessons are available for swimmers of all ages and abilities, and are taught by highly qualified, WSI certified staff. Scholarships are available for Goodman Pool programs and passes.



FOR 2012

- The Goodman Pool Waves - a new 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!



Beaches

SOAK UP THE SUN AND FUN AT ONE OF MADISON'S BUSTLING BEACHES!

On a sweltering summer day, nothing is better than a day at the beach. Bring the family, a blanket and a picnic lunch and enjoy the beauty of one of Madison's lakes.

REGIONAL BEACHES

B.B. Clarke Beach
835 Spaight St.

Tenney Park
1330 Sherman Ave.

Olbrich Park
3527 Atwood Ave.

Vilas Park
1339 Vilas Park Dr.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEACHES

Bernie's Beach
901 Gilson St.

James Madison Park
614 E. Gorham St.

Spring Harbor Beach
1918 Norman Way

Esther Beach
2802 Waunona Way

Olin Park
1156 Olin-Turville Ct.

Warner Park
1101 Woodward Dr.



Swim Team

The Goodman Pool Waves Swim Team is Madison's newest addition to the All-City Swim League. The Waves welcomes beginning to advanced swimmers, ages 6-18, to the team. 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 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



Cypress Spray Park

Madison Parks Cypress Spray Park is wet and wild fun and a great way for kids to cool off during the scorching summer season. Located on Madison's south side, the park offers kids a fun, safe and free place to get wet! Stop by and enjoy everything from a calm mist of water to a wild rain shower. Cypress Spray Park is open daily from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. during the summer season.

Cypress Spray Park, 902 Magnolia Ln.
Mid-June through Labor Day; Admission: FREE



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! Rentals are available in **Vilas Park**, **Wingra Park** and next to **Warner Beach**.

Wingra & Vilas Park Boat Rentals

Lake Wingra is one of Madison's most pristine lakes and a perfect place to go boating. Surrounded by the Arboretum and limits on motor boats, this is a great place for friends and family to get outside and have some fun! Wingra Boats has over 150 boats to rent including canoes, kayaks, rowboats, stand up paddleboards and even a boat that looks like a giant swan. Visit www.wingraboats.com or call (608) 233-5332 for more information.

Rentals

- Canoes
- Kayaks
- Row Boats
- Paddle Boats
- Stand Up Paddleboards
- Pontoon Boat

Memberships

- (Unlimited Access)
- Individual
- Couple
- Family

Marina

- Canoe
- Kayak
- Shell
- Row Boat
- Sail Boat
- SUP Boards

Special Events

- Full Moon Paddle
- Ice Cream Boat Float
- Potlucks
- Beach Party
- Paddle & Portage Practice
- Jazz in the Park
- "It's My Lake" 5k Run/Walk

Other Programs

- SUP Lessons
- Lakeside yoga
- SUP yoga
- Early Morning Birding
- Free Water Workshops
- Camp Wingra (kids camp)
- 6 Lake Canoe Trip
- Cherokee Marsh Trip
- Isthmus Trip
- "Tour de terrace" Trip
- "Tour de Wingra" Trip





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.

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



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

- Premiere 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 premiere soccer field.

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

PREMIERE 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



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.



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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. Please check our website for finalized dates, times, and location for Madison Parks events.

UPCOMING MADISON PARKS PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- Kids Day Out- April 14
- Earth Day Challenge- April 21
- Visit a Park Week, begins April 23
- Rubber Ducky River Race- May 19
- Ride the Drive-Downtown- June 3
- Family Fun Pool Days –begin in June
- Parks and Recreation Month Celebration- July
- Elver Park Fireworks- July 3
- Madison Parks Night at the Duck Pond- July 16
- Movie Night at the Pool- July 13
- Kids to Kids Garage Sale- August 4
- Ride the Drive-Northside- August 12
- Fall Festival featuring Big Rig Gig- September
- Candlelight Cross Country Ski
- Madison Parks Ice Skating Parties
- Daddy Daughter Dance
- Dog Park Clean Up day- March 30

LEARN TO SERIES

This year, Madison Parks is introducing an exciting new “Learn To” series in which we offer one-hour free workshops and demonstrations on various topics. These are free and designed for beginners of all ages to introduce some of the many recreational and fitness opportunities available in our city parks. The 2012 “Learn to” series will include such topics as: Pickleball, fitness boot camps, kayaking, canoeing, stand up paddle boarding, birding, ice skating, snowshoeing and much more.

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.

Hay Rides

HAVE BALES OF FUN ON MADISON PARKS HAYRIDES

Enjoy an old fashioned hayride 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!





RIDE THE DRIVE

In 2012, the City of Madison and Madison Parks are pleased to bring Ride the Drive, presented by Trek, back for its fourth year! We will be hosting two events this year: Ride the Drive-Downtown on June 3, 10am-3pm and Ride the Drive- Northside, August 12, 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 3, 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 - Northside, August 12, 10am-3pm

In addition to the downtown event, the Northside has been chosen to be the first neighborhood location and is a great opportunity to showcase another area of town. Ride the Drive - Northside will have the traditional Ride the Drive elements but will also have a block party atmosphere and will provide the Northside the chance to show off their streets, parks, businesses, neighborhoods, and welcoming small town vibe. Ride the Drive-Northside will include streets and areas such as Sherman Avenue, Warner Park, and Troy Drive.

For up to date event information, visit www.cityofmadison.com/ridethedrive.



Organizing A Special Event

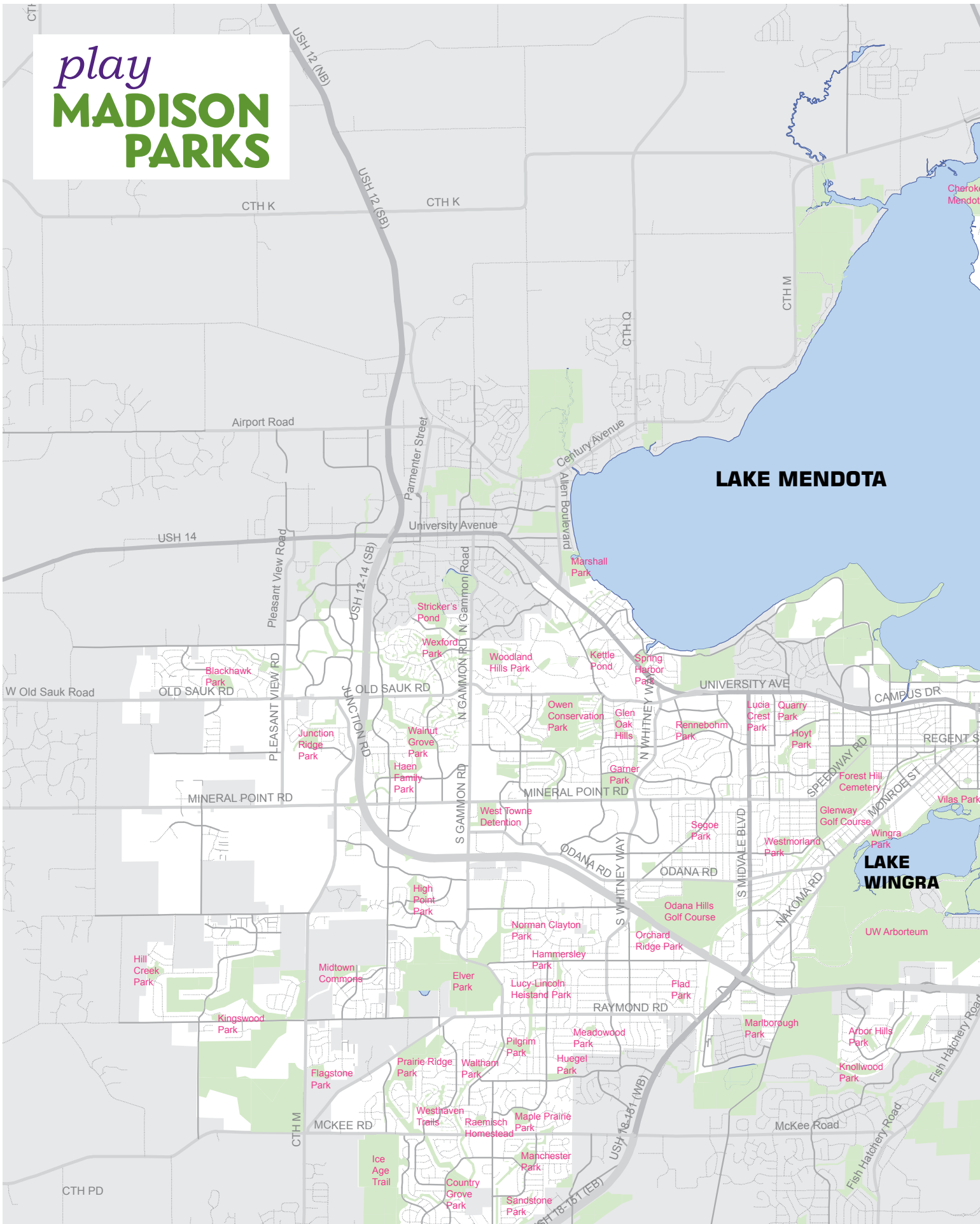
When organizing a special event, it is important that the event organizer contact the Madison Parks Division to review the following:

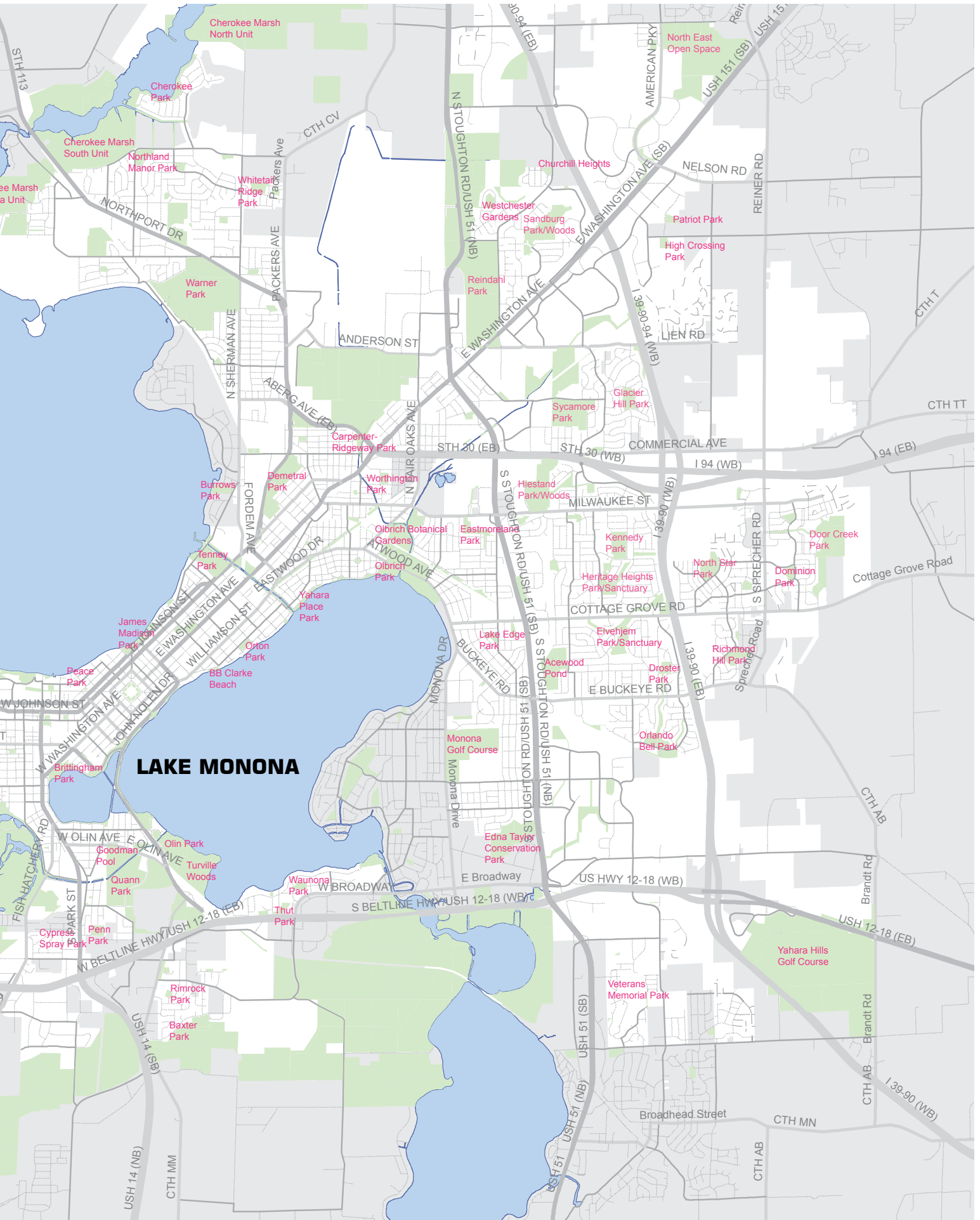
- Determine if the event officially qualifies as a City of Madison Special Event
- Research the date of the proposed event
- Decide on the location and verify its availability
- Format an event plan, including a detailed budget outline
- Acquire the necessary permits for event
- Create a notification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

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LAKE MONONA



CARRIE AND DON BRAXTON

Several years ago, Warner Park Community Recreation Center was only place for Don and Carrie Braxton's son to play basketball. Now, the couple has come to use and appreciate every amenity the facility offers.

"When it first opened, WPCRC was just a nearby place for my young son to play basketball and participate in activities," Carrie recalled. "Soon my husband and I realized that we could exercise or watch television there while our son played."

Don and Carrie were an active couple who struggled with staying in condition during the lingering winter months. Warner Park offered them a place nearby for both to work out independently and also in classes.

MEMBER PROFILE

"I was active before becoming a WPCRC member, but not as much," Carrie explained. "Neither

Don or I are skiers or ice skaters. Warner Park helps us to work off the winter pounds people tend to get."

The Braxtons also appreciate the affordability of WPCRC. The couple found the family membership cost about equal to what other Madison facilities charge for only several months.

"WPCRC is very economical, and although some places are bigger, this works perfectly for us," Carrie said.

Carrie, who like her husband visits WPCRC three to four times a week, has come to enjoy the craft shows and take advantage of the quality rental space for work meetings.

"The location is fabulous," Carrie said. "It is awesome for our son and fitness and fun for us."

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, 1625 Northport Dr., opened in September 1999. For the past 12 years, this award-winning center has offered recreational, educational, cultural and community programs and activities.

The 32,000 square foot center has a mix of recreation, education and community service activities appealing to all age groups, with a special focus on seniors and youth.

The facility's community rooms are available to rent for banquets, company gatherings, weddings and parties. WPCRC also has a gymnasium, fully equipped exercise room, game room, dry and wet craft rooms and meeting rooms.

The WPCRC also serves as an important example of community and state partnership, utilizing youth programming by the Madison School Community Recreation (MSCR) and senior programming by the North Eastside Senior Coalition (NESCO) while being owned and operated by the Madison Parks.



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

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Drive
Madison, WI 53704
608.245.3690 • www.wpcrc.com



People for Parks

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.

volunteer
**MADISON
PARKS**

RECENT AWARD-WINNING VOLUNTEER GROUPS

FRIENDS OF MONONA BAY

The Friends of Monona Bay has been active for almost six years, working diligently to keep Brittingham Park trash-free along the Monona Bay Shoreline. The Friends of the Monona Bay brings its own hardy corps of volunteers for monthly clean-up days (rain or shine), and has removed 876 bags of trash from Brittingham Park since it started in 2006. "I feel like we've really made a difference in our park," says Nina Emerson, volunteer for the FOMB group.

TENNEY PARK SHELTER GROUP

Comprised of committed citizens and neighbors, the Tenney Park Shelter Group was essential in the design and building of the new John Wall Family Pavilion at Tenney Park. This group worked tirelessly and raised \$550,000 in less than five years. This group

MEMBER PROFILES

volunteered many hours, held focus groups and served as an advocate for this project. This

new pavilion will proudly and efficiently serve the community for many generations, and Madison Parks is grateful for the commitment and initiative of the Tenney Park Shelter Group. John Wall stated, "My family has long enjoyed Tenney Park and we were grateful for the opportunity to give back."

FRIENDS OF THE YAHARA RIVER

The Friends of the Yahara River has been active for almost 15 years, working diligently on the historical restoration of the Yahara River Parkway from Lake Mendota to Lake Monona. This group has also worked over the years to get a bike path installed along the river, with under-passes at Johnson Street and East Washington Boulevard. The Friends of the Yahara River brings its own hardy corps of volunteers, and also eagerly supervises several civic group volunteers for some creative projects.

To learn more about how you can help these groups or maybe even start your own, visit our website.



72 Challenging Holes 4 Unique Courses...



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 premiere 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 at 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. All 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 packages that can include golf, carts, food and beverages. Call the course of your choice to book an outing today!

Yahara Hills can accommodate groups of between 20 and 288 people. Your group can play nine or eighteen holes and can walk or ride the course. The Yahara Hills Grill can provide "On The Course" boxed lunches or prepare a meal for your group after you have enjoyed a day of golfing. Call today, 608.838.3126, and let our staff help you plan your next group or corporate golf outing.



Odana Hills offers some of the best play in the Midwest. The outing packages are for groups of 20 to 88 players and can include greens fees, riding cart, meals and drinks, event flags and range balls. Our staff is happy to work with you to arrange an enjoyable outing for your group. If you have any questions, please call 608.266.4724.

Monona Golf Course can accommodate groups of between 20 to 72 players. The staff can customize any of the outing packages to fit your needs, from golf-only to golf and meals. Monona Golf Course is a 9-hole regulation, par-36 course with a fully-equipped clubhouse. It's perfect for all of the golfers in your group. Call today! 608.266.4736

Glenway Golf Course can accommodate groups from 16 to 64 people. This historic west side course offers flexibility and value for your next corporate or group outing. Call today and let our staff help you plan your next golf outing. Call Glenway Golf Course at 608.266.4737.



...Steps from Your Front Door

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.

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.



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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE ~ SEPT. 2, 2012



BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS TO THE SHORELINE OF LAKE MENDOTA!

PARADE: 7:45 pm. Maple Bluff to UW Memorial Union
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Visit our website for details, boat registration & contest!

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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.

#43 Oldest Park in the U.S.

ORTON PARK, ESTABLISHED IN 1850

Orton Park is almost as old as Wisconsin itself. The park's establishment in 1850 ranks it as the 45th oldest park in America, according to the City Park Facts. The land was originally a cemetery, and in 1883, Madison officially declared the site a city park. In fact, it was the first park in Madison. Since then, it has served its surrounding community as a picturesque and useful neighborhood space.

Orton was designated a City of Madison landmark in 1975 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the historic park continues to be a source of neighborhood pride.

#103 Most Visited Park in the U.S.

WARNER PARK

It's a beautiful day in Warner Park's neighborhood, as the Trust for Public Land ranked it the 103rd most visited park in the United States. Home to the Madison Mallards, Warner Park Community Recreation Center, and Rhythm and Booms, it is no surprise this north side gem is popular amongst Madisonians and city guests.

The park's colorful shelter is popular for reunions and parties, while other notable attractions include the off-leash dog park, beach and frequented boat launch. No matter your interests, Warner Park has something for you. Visit our website for more information.



Chef Leah Caplan, Chief Food Officer

COOK BOLDLY. START LOCALLY.

Here at Metcalfe's, whether we're bringing people or flavors together, we start with local ingredients. Give it a try at home with these tips from Leah. Find more bold ideas at shopmetcalfes.com.

Add Clem's Hot Pepper Mustard to scrambled eggs



When bacon is halfway cooked, drizzle with McCluskey Brothers Maple Syrup and add a dash of cayenne



Punch up your grilled cheese with mustard, apples and Wisconsin Gouda



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.



Woof Madison Parks

Madison's six off-leash and eleven 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, 11 on-leash dog park areas, five Dane County parks and a 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.

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

#6 in Nation Woof!

Madison's off-leash dog parks are something to bark about! The **2011 City Park Facts** ranked Madison number six overall in off-leash dog parks per resident.

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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 608.266.4711 to support Madison Parks!

MADISON PARKS FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 2987 Madison, WI 53701 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 parks department, public spaces were purchased, developed and maintained by the 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 that legacy and tradition. Your contribution makes a difference.

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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!

**#1 in Nation
Playgrounds!**

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!



Olbrich Botanical Gardens

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

Be inspired by 16 acres of outdoor display gardens and a year-round tropical conservatory, plus a Botanical Center complete with a gift shop, horticulture 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.

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| 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!

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| Hours: | | Admission: \$1 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 | |



THAI PAVILION & GARDEN 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Olbrich is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Thai Pavilion and Garden! The Thai Pavilion is the only one in the continental U.S. and the unique Thai-style garden uses Midwest-hardy plants with a tropical feel.

Thai Pavilion & Garden Art Exhibit

July 1 – September 23

Thai Fest

September 23

Flora of Tropical Thailand Bolz Conservatory Exhibit

November 1– March 24





MEMBERSHIP

Olbrich members enjoy many benefits: free admission to the Bolz Conservatory, free or reduced admission to special events, gift shop and class discounts, a member newsletter, reciprocal benefits at Gardens throughout the country and more! Become a member today – visit www.olbrich.org!

GROWING GIFTS SHOP

Browse unique garden-themed items for the whole family, including many 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 directly benefit the Gardens. Open daily!

LEARN A LITTLE!

Make your green thumb a little greener, reconnect with nature or introduce a child to the world of plants! Classes are for all ages and cover many topics. Hear a lecture, take a walk with a garden expert, get your hands dirty or play with your child while learning something along the way.

OLBRICH'S SUSTAINABLE GARDENS

Olbrich Botanical Gardens practices sustainability by conserving resources and using environmentally friendly gardening methods.

- Rain Gardens reduce runoff into the storm sewer system and allow rain to percolate down to the water table.
- Gravel Gardens planted with drought-tolerant plants in 5 inches of quartzite gravel require 80% less maintenance than a typical perennial planting.
- Prairie Dropseed and Sedge meadows showcase alternatives to traditional turf. Traditional turf areas are treated as organically as possible with sustainable products like compost tea.
- Perennials that attract beneficial insects are planted around the Children's Kitchen Garden and the Production Greenhouses.
- A bat house encourages the presence of bats that eat mosquitoes.
- A local bee keeper maintains bee hives in the Gardens, raising healthy bee colonies and researching beehive design. Olbrich honey is occasionally sold in the Growing Gifts shop!
- A lighting project throughout Olbrich's facilities is reducing energy use and maintenance costs. Projected energy savings = 77,000 kWh, or 61.4 tons of CO2.
- MG&E installed a new 20-foot tall "Solar Sunflower" at Olbrich to demonstrate renewable energy sources and the role they play in meeting energy needs.



Olbrich Events

Leaf Mulch Sales – Bagged & Bulk

Sales begin April 12 – 14.

Plant Sale with the Pros

Friday, May 11, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Rhapsody in Bloom

Saturday, June 16, 5 – 10 p.m.

Summer Concerts in the Gardens

Tuesdays, June 26 – July 31, 7 p.m.

Home Garden Tour

Friday, July 13, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Olbrich's Blooming Butterflies

July 18 – August 12, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily

Thai Fest

Sunday, September 23

CRACKLE, Fire & Froth

Friday, October 19, 7 – 10 p.m.

Olbrich's Holiday Express

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

Indulgence – Wine & Chocolate Tasting

Saturday, February 23, 2013, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Spring Flower Show

March 9 – 24, 2013, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily



MSCR Programs



Find Your Fun at MSCR!



Recreation activities for all ages!

Adventure, Arts & Enrichment, Day Camps, Soccer, Boating, Adult Sports, Adult Fitness, Youth Sports, 50+ Fitness, Swimming and more.



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MADISON SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RECREATION

MADISON PARKS FORESTRY

The Forest 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.



In 2012, 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.

Meet our bike shop.



With a comprehensive job training program, DreamBikes offers more than just used bicycles for sale. For low-income teens, it means getting real-world skills and the push they need to go further.



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www.dream-bikes.org



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, 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 10 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



Look for Madison Parks Ice Skating Parties at:

- * Tenney Park
- * Elver Park
- * Vilas Park



Ice Skating Lessons at Elver and Tenney Parks

FOUR PREMIERE 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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