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**Events and Activities in the
Madison Area under \$10**



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Places to Visit

Memorial Union

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

Phone: 608-265-3000

Location: 800 Langdon St., Madison

Cost: Free

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

Open Mic at the Rathskeller

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

Memorial Union Terrace

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

Walk through the Capitol Building and the Monona Terrace

Location: Capitol Square

Cost: Free

Capitol Building

(608)266-0382

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



Places to Visit

Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center

www.mononaterrace.com

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

GrandView Café

Monday–Saturday

8 a.m.–2 p.m.

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

Lake Monona Bike & Pedestrian Path

An essential design element of the building was to keep the 12 km pathway around Lake Monona. The bike path and walkway wrap around this building and there is an elevator on the east side that can accommodate up to three bicycles and riders at a time. The elevator, which was the first of its kind in Madison, enables bikers to move from the lake level to the Wilson Street level.

William T. Evjue Rooftop Garden

Open Sunday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. - midnight

The Otis Redding Memorial

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

Concerts on the Roof at Monona Terrace

Cost: Free and open to the public

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



Places to Visit

T'ai Chi at Monona Terrace

Location: Rooftop. At noon in the summer Tuesdays & Thursdays

Cost: Open to the public and at no charge

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

Food and Wine



Africana Restaurant and Lounge

<http://www.africarestolounge.com/>

Location: 2701 Atwood Ave, Madison
Cost: Lunches under \$8

Fun atmosphere and good food from another culture.

Cafe Zoma

(Currently not open for business)

Location: 2326 Atwood Ave.; Madison
Cost: About \$6 for a sandwich

This is a great little neighborhood sandwich and coffee shop. It has local art for sale on the walls, a great backyard area connected to a bike path, and a nice sandbox for the kids. The food is great. Next door is Absolutely Art where you can also find great deals for under 10 bucks.

Having coffee and dessert at Cloud 9 Restaurant (or other fancy places like the Concourse, Edgewater Hotel, Magnus, etc)

Location: Cloud 9 is at 876 Jupiter Dr., between Madison and Cottage Grove
Cost: about \$6.00 per person for coffee and splitting dessert.

It's fun to do something "fancy" with a friend without spending a lot of money. Cloud 9 has a lounge with comfy seats and great views. It's a nice atmosphere for good conversation and gives you a chance to pamper yourself.

El Pastor Restaurant

(608) 280-8898

Location: South Park Street (next to Taco Bell-- Ha! Ha!)
Cost: \$1.50 and up

They have great tacos, which are sold a la carte and are wonderful! You can get 3 tacos for \$4.50, choosing your choice of meat or vegetarian. The waitstaff are friendly, and this is way way better than Taco Bell. Very authentic Mexican food!

Dane County Farmers Market

<http://www.madfarmmkt.org/>

Location: Capitol Square (in the summer)
Saturday mornings, 6am - noon, around the Capitol Square. The pastries at 25 N. Pinckney St. are great. A smaller version of the market is on Wednesdays 8am - 2pm along Martin Luther King Blvd.

Or the Madison Senior Center, 330 West Mifflin St. (in the winter)
Full breakfast available from 8:30 am to about 11:00 am

Cost: Free

This is the largest producer-only farmers' market in the country. All items are produced locally by the vendor behind the table.

Other Farmers Markets around Madison:

Eastside

Eastside Farmers' Market

When: Tuesdays, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

May - October (go to website for exact dates)

Where: 201 Ingersoll Street

Website: <http://www.willystreet.coop/ESFM/index.html>

Isthmus

Wednesday Farmer's Market and Monona Terrace

When: Wednesday Market, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (go to website for exact dates)

Where: 200 block of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd (in front of the City-County Building)

Website: <http://www.madfarmmkt.org/>

I first participated in this event while working at a local preschool. We first visited the Farmer's Market that takes place on Wednesday. Everyone bought a small treat from one of the local vendors and then we made our way to the Monona Terrace for their weekly free Lakeside Kids event. On this particular day we got the chance to see a group of drummers perform. It was great opportunity to promote local businesses, teach our kids about fresh local food and enjoy from live music.



Food and Wine

Northside

Northside Farmers' Market

When: Sunday Mornings, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,

May - October (go to website for exact dates)

Where: Northside TownCenter (corner of Sherman and Northport Dr)

Website: <http://www.northsidefarmersmarket.org/>

Southside

Southside Farmers' Market

Labor Temple Market

When: Tuesdays, 2– 6 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Late April through late October (go to website for exact dates)

Where: Labor Temple, 1602 South Park Street

Website: <http://www.southmadisonfarmersmarket.com/>

Villager Mall Market

When: Thursdays, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Late April through late October (go to website for exact dates)

Where: The Villager Mall

Website: <http://www.southmadisonfarmersmarket.com/>

Westside

Hilldale Farmers' Market

When: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

May - October (go to website for exact dates)

Where: Hilldale Mall, west parking lot, at the shopping center entrance from Segoe Road.

www.hilldalefarmersmarket.com

Westside Community Market

When: Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.,

April - November (go to website for exact dates)

Where: Hill Farms Department of Transportation Parking Lot

Website: <http://www.westsidecommunitymarket.org/>

The Harmony Bar

www.madtownlounge.com

Location: Location: 2201 Atwood Ave, Madison

Cost: \$5.00 and up

They have good food, pool tables, TVs, homemade pizza, live music and it is a gathering place for the neighborhood.

Ice Cream

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

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

Mildred's Sandwiches

(608) 255-2460

Location: 827 E. Johnson Street, Madison
Cost: Many yummy sandwiches under \$10

Healthy, affordable food at a local eatery that also displays art from local artists.

Nifty 50's Sandwich & Malt Shop

Phone: 829-3949

Location: 6750 Odana Rd, Madison
Hasty Tasty sandwich, fries & Coke under \$10. The whole place takes you back to the 50's environment. Free juke box with 50's, 60's tunes.

Perkins Restaurant

Location: 5237 University Ave, Madison
Cost: Lots of meals under \$10

I love the pancakes!



Food and Wine

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

The Tree Farm

Pick Your Own vegetables, herbs and cut-your-own flowers. Cut your own Christmas trees. Open Jul-Oct for vegetables & flowers: Wed Thr Fri, 9-noon & 4-8 or dusk; Sat Sun, 9-5. Open Dec for trees: Sat Sun, 9-5. Call 608-798-2286. Web:

www.TheTreeFarm.org

At 8454 Hwy 19 in northwestern Dane County.

Appleberry Farm

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

8079 Maurer Road, Cross Plains.

Carandale Farm

Fresh-picked or pick-your-own apples, Concord grapes, raspberries, and strawberries. Also frozen pies, honey, pears, cherries, and plums.

Call 608-835-5871.

5683 Lincoln Rd, Oregon.

Door Creek Orchard

Open mid-Aug to late Nov. Mon to Fri 10 to 6. Sat and Sun 9 to 5. Pick-your-own and pre-picked apples and fruit. Fresh apple cider, pressed weekly. Naturally colored yarn from our Black Welsh Mountain Sheep and Lincolns. Call 608-838-4762.

3252 Vilas Rd, Cottage Grove.

Eplegaarden Orchard

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

2227 Fitchburg Rd, Fitchburg,

Fabrita Orchard

Open 9 to 6 daily. Garden accessories, gift items, greenhouse for bedding plants.

Cider . Bakery on weekends. Call 608-849-5846.

5939 Hogan Rd, Waunakee.

Green's Pleasant Springs Orchard

Offering 65 varieties of apples, tomatoes, specialty lettuces, sweet corn, and pumpkins.

10 to 5 pm every day but Thursday. Fresh unpasteurized apple cider pressed weekly in season, pick-your-own and pre-picked apples. Call 608-873-4096.
2722 Williams Dr, Stoughton.

Sutter's Ridge

Call 608-832-6445.

2074 Sutter Dr, Mt. Horeb.

Tex Tubb's Taco Palace

<http://foodfightinc.com/textubbstaco.html>

Location: 2701 University Ave. and 2009 Atwood Ave., Madison
Cost: \$2.50 tacos on Tuesday

Love the tacos and they are filling!

Wah Kee Noodle House

Location: 600 Williamson Street, Madison
Cost: \$5.00 and up

It is a multicultural experience, food is great, large menu and they make all their own noodles! You can get a really large bowl of yummy soup for around \$6.

Wollersheim Winery

www.wollersheim.com

1-800-VIP-WINE

Location: Wollersheim Winery, Hwy 188, Prairie du Sac WI
Cost: Tour fees are \$3.50 for adults, children 11 & under are free when accompanied by an adult. Tours are on a first-come first-served basis and are limited to 25 people.

Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., year-round. Tours daily at 10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, and 4:15.

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



Music and Concerts



Concerts on the Square

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

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

Hilldale Holiday Concerts

(608) 238.6640

Location: Hilldale Shopping Center, 702 N. Midvale Blvd., Madison
Cost: Free
In November and December - Monday-Saturday 10AM-9PM | Sunday 10AM-8PM.

Jazz at Five

www.jazzat5.org

Location: On State Street, just off the Capitol
Cost: Free

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

Madison Symphony Orchestra Open Dress Rehearsals

<http://www.madisonsymphony.org/>
Phone: (608) 257-3734

Location: Overture Hall, 201 State Street
Cost: This is a community service that is free and open to the public. The MSO is one of the few orchestras in the nation that allows the public to attend its dress rehearsals free of charge. Advance reservations are required so that the MSO can monitor attendance and maintain this free program for the community. Registration opens approximately one month prior to each event. Attendance is limited to the first 250 reservations to preserve the professional decorum of a working rehearsal. Schedule, artists and programs subject to change.



Music and Concerts

Olbrich Gardens Summer Concerts on the Lawn

www.olbrich.org
608-246-4550

Location: 3330 Atwood Ave. Madison
Cost: free

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

Opera in the Park

www.madisonopera.org

Location: Garner Park, Madison's West Side
Free Admission

Opera in the Park features familiar opera hits, the best of Broadway, as well as musical highlights from the upcoming Madison Opera mainstage season. Opera in the Park is a FREE community event perfect for audiences of ALL ages! The 2009 season begins Saturday, July 25th.

Summer Concert Series at Warner Park

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

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



For your viewing pleasure...

Waisman Center Films in the Field

www.waisman.wisc.edu

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

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

Madison Metropolitan School District Planetarium

<http://planetariumweb.madison.k12.wi.us/>

Phone: 608-663-6102

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

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

Silver Cinemas Market Square

<http://www.mrmovietimes.com/movie-theaters/Silver-Cinemas-Market-Square.html>

Location: 6604 Odana Rd, Madison 53719
Cost: \$3/person

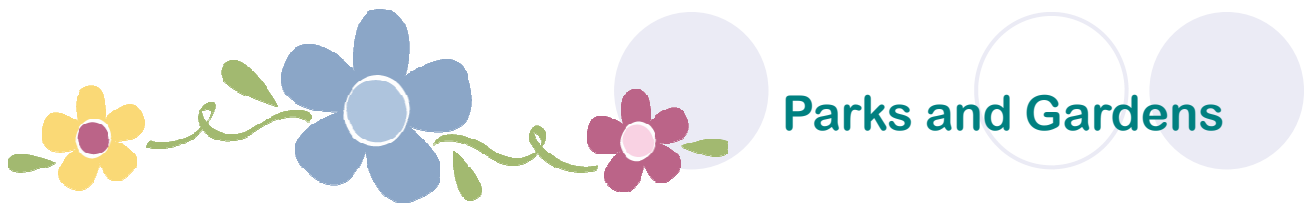
It is a cost-effective way to go to the movies.

Stuffed Squirrels on Display

(By appointment only: 238-8406)

Location: Cress Funeral Home, 6021 University Ave., Madison, WI
Cost: Free

Bizarre and funny dioramas of stuffed real squirrels doing things like going to the carnival, playing poker, visiting the Wild West.



Allen Centennial Gardens

<http://www.horticulture.wisc.edu/allencentennialgardens/Index.htm>

Location: 620 Babcock Drive, Madison, WI
Cost: Free

Gorgeous, Tranquil, Peaceful Space

Hike or rock climb at Devil's Lake State Park

www.devilslakewisconsin.com
Phone: (608) 356-8301

Near Baraboo, Wisconsin. About 45 minutes north.
Devil's Lake is open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Visitor Center hours are from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily in the summer and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in other seasons.

Dog Parks

<http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/parks/dogParks.html>

Location: See website for locations around town.
Cost: Free

Go with or without a dog! Dogs require permits at the dog parks.

Governor Nelson State Park

Location: The entrance to Governor Nelson State Park is on the southeast side of County Highway M, about 2 miles west of State Highway 13 and 4.7 miles east of U.S. Highway 12.
Cost: \$3-7 Day Pass

Hiking trails. Governor Nelson is a 422-acre day use facility. It has a 500-foot sand beach, bathhouses with solar-heated showers, a four-stall boat launch, a fish cleaning facility, picnic areas, barrier free playground equipment, prairie restorations, 8.4 miles of hiking/cross country ski trails, and a scenic overlook of Lake Mendota.
For More Information: Governor Nelson State Park, 5140 Cty Hwy M, Waunakee, WI 53597 | (608) 831-3005



Parks and Gardens

Henry Vilas Park Zoo

www.vilaszoo.org
(608) 266-4732

Location: 702 S Randall Ave, Madison, WI 53715
Cost: Free

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

Jenni & Kyle Preserve

Location: 925 Post Road, Madison WI 53711
Cost: Free

Fishing ponds are for children 14 years or younger and persons with permanent disabilities who might otherwise not be able to enjoy a fishing trip.

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

Olbrich Botanical Gardens

www.olbrich.org
608-246-4550

Outdoor Gardens and Bolz Conservatory

Location: 3330 Atwood Ave. Madison
Cost: Outdoor Gardens are open daily and are free to all. Admission to the Bolz Conservatory is \$1 per person and free to all on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 am to noon.

Outdoor Garden Hours: April - September 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., October 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., November - March 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Growing Gifts Shop Hours: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bolz Conservatory Hours: Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Stroll through 16 acres of outdoor display gardens including the Rose Garden, Thai Pavilion and Garden, Sunken Garden, and Perennial Garden. It's very wheelchair accessible, and everything about the Gardens is beautiful to see and smell!

Enjoy a tropical paradise in Olbrich's Bolz Conservatory, a glass pyramid filled with exotic plants and flowers, small birds, a rushing waterfall, and fragrant orchids. Even when it is cold and snowy outside, the Bolz Conservatory is beautiful and blooming.

Pheasant Branch Conservancy

<http://www.pheasantbranch.org/>

Location: Middleton, access at Hwy M and Branch Street
Cost: Free

This conservancy has a creek, several foot bridges, a natural spring and glacial drumlin to climb, a forest and a meadow.

UW-Arboretum

<http://uwarboretum.org/>

Location: The Arboretum's 1260 acres border the southern half of Lake Wingra. Vehicles can enter in two places: from the north at the intersection of McCaffrey Drive, North Wingra Drive and South Mills Street; from the south at the intersection of McCaffrey Drive and Seminole Highway, just north of the Beltline (Highway 12).
Cost: Free

Lilacs in early May are a special treat. Guided hikes are offered throughout the year. The Visitor Center is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. and weekends from 12:30 to 4 p.m. (excluding holidays). Arboretum trails and the Visitor Center parking lot are open year-round from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Other Arboretum parking lots are open from dawn to dusk.

Parks and Gardens

Camping: Accessible Cabins

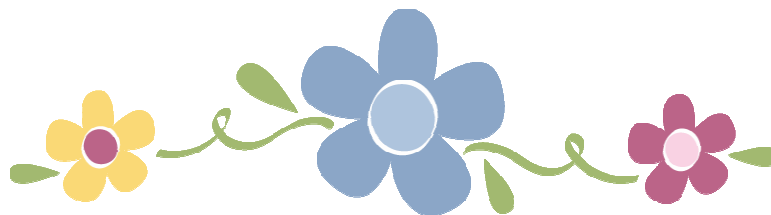
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/>

Buckhorn State Park
High Cliff State Park
Kettle Moraine State Forest (Ottawa Lake)
Kohler-Andrae State Park
Mirror Lake State Park
Potawatomi State Park
Richard Bong State Recreation Area

The State Park system is ready to begin accepting applications for 2009 to the six wheelchair accessible full-size cabins, one each at Buckhorn State Park, High Cliff State Park, Kettle Moraine State Forest at Ottawa Lake, Kohler-Andrea State Park, Mirror Lake State Park and Potawatomi State Park.

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

Call parks or check the websites for fee information.



Visit Local Libraries



Central Library

201 W. Mifflin St.
Madison, WI 53703
(608) 266-6300
madcirc@scls.lib.wi.us
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 9:00; children's
room closes at 6 p.m., Friday: 9:00 - 6:00,
Saturday: 9:00 - 5:00, open Sundays,
October - April: 1:00 - 5:00

Please ask staff in other areas to help you
retrieve a book or other items from the
children's room if it is closed.

Alicia Ashman Branch

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

Hawthorne Branch

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

Lakeview Branch

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

Meadowridge Branch

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

Monroe Street

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

Pinney Branch

204 Cottage Grove Rd.
Madison, WI 53716
(608) 224-7100
Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sequoia Branch

4340 Tokay Blvd.
Madison, WI 53711
(608) 266-6385
Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.,
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.
(January 11 through April 26, 2009)

South Madison Branch

2222 S. Park St.
Madison, WI 53713
(608) 266-6395
Monday-Friday: 10 - 8 p.m.,
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: Free

I love to read, listen to music, and watch
movies. Free public libraries give us books,
CDs, DVDs and Videos, and more.



Festivals and Special Events

Dane County Fair

<http://www.danecountyfair.com/home.cfm>

Alliant Energy Center
July 15th through the 19th
Daily Fee: \$7, Parking is FREE!

All outdoor concerts and entertainment are FREE with fair admission!

Juggling Fest

<http://www.madjugglers.com/>

Location: Juggling Expo at the Field House on UW Campus
Cost: Free
This event takes place every year during the weekend of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Middleton Good Neighbor Festival and Parade

<http://www.goodneighborfestival.com/>

Location: The parade travels along University Avenue in Middleton from Maple Street to Parmenter Street, then on to the festival grounds.
Cost: Free
Mid-August, August 28-30 in 2009. Lots of local politicians, fire engines and candy.

Olin Park Holiday Fantasy in Lights

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Location: around the Capitol Square
Cost: Free

Sunday, March 15, 2009 at 1:30 PM on the Capitol Square

Festivals and Special Events

Marquette Neighborhood Association Summer Festivals

www.marquette-neighborhood.org
608) 256-3527
Cost: Free

Marquette Waterfront Festival

Saturday - Sunday, June 13 – 14, 2009
Yahara Place Park, 2025 Yahara Place

La Fete de Marquette

Thursday - Sunday, July 9 – 12, 2009
50 South Baldwin Street

Orton Park Festival

Friday - Sunday, August 28 – 30, 2009
601 South Ingersol Street

Willy Street Fair

Saturday - Sunday, September 19 – 20, 2009
800-1000 block of Williamson Street

Each year in September: 6 packed stages over 2 days offering the best in music and entertainment, over 150 vendors providing great food and soothing beverages, creative arts and crafts, a colorful and eclectic parade and the city's largest community-based raffle - with hundreds of prizes!

Contact Bob Queen for more information or if you're interested in volunteering to help: festivals@marquette-neighborhood.org



Museums



Chazen Museum of Art, University of Wisconsin

(formally known as Elvehjem Museum of Art)

www.chazen.wisc.edu

608.263.2246

Location: 800 University Avenue, Madison

Admission Is Free

Gallery Hours Tuesday – Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday – Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Check for days and times for the free guided tours.

What I like about this particular museum is that it houses the art collection of the University of Wisconsin. It has a wide range of art objects ranging from 2300 BC to present. An unusual twist to this museum is the musicians who play in one of the galleries on Sunday afternoons from October – May.

Madison Children's Museum

www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org

608-256-6445

Location: 100 State Street (on Capitol Square), Madison

Cost: Non-members: \$4, Seniors: \$3

Members and Children under 1: Free

Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday Noon – 5 p.m. MCM offers a unique opportunity to have fun learning alongside your child, building memories that last a lifetime. The hands-on exhibits and programs are designed to inspire lifelong learning through play, celebrating children's imaginations. Consistently rated a Madison favorite.

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

www.mmoca.org

608-257-0158

Location: 227 State Street, Madison

Free Admission

Hours: Monday – Closed, Tues – Wed – 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Thurs – Fri – 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Saturday – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sunday – Noon – 5 p.m.

The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art is a nonprofit, independent organization that exists to exhibit, collect, preserve, and interpret modern and contemporary art.

Wisconsin Historical Museum

www.wisconsinhistory.org/museum

608-264-6555

Location: 30 N Carroll St (on Capitol Square), Madison

Cost: Admission by Donation (Suggested donation \$4; \$10 Family)

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Wisconsin Historical Museum is located on Madison's Capitol Square and is full of wonderful information about the state's rich history. Explore Wisconsin's distinctive heritage and a variety of other American history topics through artifacts, photographs, full-scale dioramas, audio-visual presentations, and interactive multimedia programs.

Wisconsin Veterans Museum

www.museum.dva.state.wi.us

608-267-1799

Location: 30 W Mifflin St (on Capitol Square), Madison

Free Admission

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

UW-Madison Geology Museum

www.geologymuseum.org

608-262-2399

Location: 1215 West Dayton Street, Madison

Free Admission

Hours are Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

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

Sports and Recreation



Bike around on bike paths

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/trafficEngineering/bicycling.cfm>

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

See web link for a map of city bike routes available. Bike rentals from local bicycle shops. Machinery Row Bicycles, 601 Williamson St., 442-5974. 1/4 mile from Monona Terrace. Bicycles: \$20/day or \$60/week. Tandems: \$50/day or \$150/week. Inline Skates: \$10/day or \$30/week. Yellow Jersey Bicycles, 419 State St., 257-4737. Bicycles: \$18/day or \$55/week. Williamson Bicycle Works, 640 West Washington Ave., 255-5292. Bicycles: \$12/day or \$50/week. Budget Bicycle Center, 930 Regent St., 251-1663. Bicycles: Free with \$75 deposit (Yellow Bikes Project).

Disc golf

Location: Elver and Heistenel Parks (Free), Token Creek Park (\$5 per day)

Vallarta-Ast DGC, Deforest, Wisconsin 53532: I-90-94 NE of Madison to exit 132 (Hwy 51). Go north 0.25 mile (just past truck stop) to a right into Token Creek Park. Main park road past group camp site, kiosks to hole #1 on right.

Madison Mallards Games

www.mallardsbaseball.com

Location: Warner Park, 2920 N. Sherman Ave., Madison
Tickets: \$5-12

Infants 2 years or younger do not require a ticket provided they do not require a seat.

UW Women's Basketball & Hockey are \$3 for a group of 15.

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

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

Sports and Recreation

Shop for a bargain at St. Vincent DePaul Dig 'n Save

Location: 1900 S. Park St. Madison, WI
\$.35/lb for household goods, \$1.00/lb. for clothing (\$.50/lb on Weds.)

Find a treasure for a great price!

Madison Comedy Club

www.madisoncomedy.com
Phone: 608-256-0099

Location: 119 State Street, Madison
Fee: \$10/person or \$1 with student ID on Thursdays at 8:30 PM

It's an awesome deal and always a great time!

Visit the International Crane Foundation

<http://www.savingcranes.org/>
Phone: 608-356-9462

Location: About a 1-hour drive north of Madison. The International Crane Foundation is located in south-central Wisconsin about five miles north of Baraboo, and just two miles south of the Wisconsin Dells vacation area at: E11376 Shady Lane Rd, Baraboo, WI 53913
Admission: Adults \$8.50, Seniors \$7, Children(5-11) \$4, 4-Under Free

The one place in the world where you can see all 15 crane species.

Picnic Point Bonfire

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

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



Sports and Recreation

Paddleboat/canoe rental

www.wingraboats.com

Location: Lake Wingra, access off Monroe Street

Cost: Starting at \$6 per person if you pair up.

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

Canoe & Kayak Lessons & Rentals

www.rutabaga.com

608-223-9300

Location: Rutabaga, 220 W Broadway, Monona, WI

Cost: Varies by program. Scholarship aid available.

Madison Paddle Fest - Free Adaptive Paddling Event

www.rutabaga.com/adaptivepaddling

Location: Rutabaga, 220 West Broadway, Monona, WI

Cost: Free

June 14 at Wingra Park.

Rent a Canoe, Kayak, Sailboat, or Windsurfer

On Lake Mendota

University of Wisconsin Outdoor Rentals

At the Memorial Union boat house, 800 Langdon St., 262-7351. Open 11am - sunset, hours vary with the season. Rent a canoe (\$8.50/hour). Use of sailboats may also be available through the Hooper Sailing Club. Go to <http://www.hoopersailing.org/> for more information, or call 262-6897.

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

On Lake Wingra

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



Sports and Recreation

Pontoon Boat Rides

<http://www.msqr.org>
608.204.4581

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

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

A summer activity on Lake Mendota from Madison Schools Recreation Department.

Drop-in rides provided by Madison School & Community Recreation. Tuesdays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and 7:15-8:45 p.m. Wednesdays: 1:00-2:30 p.m. and 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Thursdays: 5:30-7:00 p.m. & 7:15-8:45 p.m. Call 608-204-3000 to hear about Drop-In rides.

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

Watch the Mad-City Ski Team

Phone: (608) 663-8326

<http://madcityskiteam.com/>

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

Cost: Free

See them at Law Park on Memorial Day weekend in 2009 as they take to the water for the first show of the year.



Sports and Recreation

Eagle Watching

www.ferrybluffeaglecouncil.org/eagledays

Location: Sauk City

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

Best in the month of January. Bald Eagle Watching Days in Sauk City with events and tours. To reserve a tour spot, call the Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-68EAGLE. (Reservations are encouraged.) Eagle Watching Days bus tours run every hour on the hour from the Sauk Prairie High School.

Sledding

Location: Dane Co Human Services, 1202 Northport Drive, Elver Park,
or Heistand Park

<http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/parks/html>

Cost: Free

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

Elver Park is the largest of all Madison Community Parks. During the summer, the disc golf course becomes the park's most unique feature, but the softball diamonds, soccer fields, and reservable shelters are all very popular. Winter enthusiasts enjoy the ice-skating and hockey rinks, sledding hill, and particularly the lighted cross-country ski trails.

Cross country skiing

Location: Cherokee Marsh, Elver Park, Owen Conservancy, Odana Golf Course

Cost: Ski Rental starts at \$10 for adults.

Skiing in the winter, skiing lessons at Odana. They're very good at accommodating. In late July and August the prairie is spectacular. Can often spot wild turkeys as you walk the trails.

Sports and Recreation

Roller Skating at Fast Forward

<http://www.fastforwardskate.com/>
608-271-6222

Location: 4649 Verona Road, Madison, WI 53711

Cost: Skate rental starting at \$1 and up, Skate fee starting at \$4.

Walk up and down State Street

Location: Between Library Mall on Campus and the Capitol Building.

Cost: Free

"...a funky half-mile strip of food, music, craft and clothing shops running from the the university campus to the imposing state capitol building." -- New York Times.

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

Take a Walk or Run

To Olin Park: Follow bike path along Lake Monona from the Monona Terrace, keeping the lake on your left. About 2 miles round-trip.

Around Lake Monona: Follow bike path signs; some path but much on city streets. About 20K.

To Picnic Point: Go down State St., turn right at Lake St. until you reach Lake Mendota, turn left and follow the lakeshore path past the Union to Picnic Point. About 10K round-trip. Very scenic path.

Fly a kite at Olbrich Park

Location: 3451 Atwood Avenue, Madison

Cost: Free

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





Sports and Recreation

Go Ice Skating

Call 266-4711 for more information

Tenney Park

1338 Sherman Ave.

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

Vilas Park

1339 Vilas Park Drive

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

Elver Park

1236 McKenna Blvd

Mon-Fri 4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. , Sat - Sun 11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Cost: Skate Rental Prices for Elver, Tenney and Vilas:

Adults/1st hour \$6.00, Additional Hours \$2.00

Children 14 and under \$3.00, Additional Hours \$1.00

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

Goodman Park

1402 Wingra Creek Way Mon - Fri, 4:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Sat - Sun, 1:00p.m. - 8:45p.m.

Garner Park

333 Rosa Road Mon - Fri, 4:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Sat - Sun, 1:00p.m. - 8:45p.m.

Olbrich Park (behind the Botanical Gardens),

3300 Atwood Ave Mon - Fri, 4:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Sat - Sun, 1:00p.m. - 8:45p.m.

Warner Park

2930 N. Sherman Ave. Mon - Fri, 4:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Sat - Sun, 1:00p.m. - 8:45p.m.

Westmorland Park

4114 Tokay Blvd. Mon - Fri, 4:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Sat - Sun, 1:00p.m. - 8:45p.m.



Classes and Social Gatherings

Cooking classes/demonstrations

<http://www.willystreet.coop/>
Phone (608) 251-6776

Location: Willy Street Co-op, 1221 Williamson St, Madison
Cost: Free to low cost

Visit website or call for schedule.

Stitch 'n Bitch

<http://www.escapejavajoint.com/>

Location: Escape Java Joint
916 Williamson St., Madison
Cost: Free

Wednesday nights: Learn how to knit or crochet at no cost (unless you buy coffee!).

Waisman Center Learning Together Programs

<http://cow.waisman.wisc.edu/traincon.html>

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

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

Drop in Yoga classes at Perfect Knot on Few Street

www.perfectknot.com

Location: 409 S Few St (off Willy)
Cost: \$10

Call 848-2339 for more information.

