175 Things To Do In The Madison Area



Engage With Nature

- 1. Governor Nelson State Park
- Beaches (<u>Tenney</u>, <u>Vilas</u>, <u>BB Clarke</u>, <u>Troll Beach in Stoughton</u>, Fireman's Park in Verona)
- 3. Arboretum
- Rent a boat/paddle board/kayak (<u>Brittingham</u>, <u>Hoofers</u>, <u>Wingra</u>, Madison Boats)
- Rutabaga Paddle sports (kayak and paddle board rentals at Olbrich, classes and events)
- 6. Bike Trails
- 7. Olbrich Gardens
- 8. Cave of the Mounds
- CamRock Bike Park (422 acre park near Cambridge with mountain biking trails, hiking trails, a prairie restoration area)
- Sledding Elver Park (lit at night!, Has concessions and warming house)
- 11. Ice Skating (<u>Tenney</u>, <u>Vilas</u>, <u>Elver</u> (outdoor), Ice Arenas for indoor)
- 12. Cross Country Skiing (Maintained trails at <u>CamRock park</u>,
 <u>Arboretum</u>, <u>Elver Park</u>, <u>Cherokee Marsh</u>, <u>Turville Point</u>, <u>Yahara</u>
 <u>Hills</u>, <u>Odana Hills Golf Course</u>. Rentals available at Elver and
 Odana Hills)
- Ice Age Trail (There are 8 segments of the Ice Age Trail in Dane County)
- 14. Pontoon Boat Tours (MSCR)
- 15. Indian Lake County Park
- 16. REI Classes and Groups
- Nevin Springs Fish and Wildlife Area (Tours of fish hatchery, fishing, hiking)
- 18. <u>Aldo Leopold Center</u>
- Lakeshore Nature Preserve (Picnic Point, Raymer's Cove, Frautchi Point, listening tour, etc.)
- 20. Dane County Dog Parks

Enjoy Local Art

- 1. Overture Center
- 2. MOMA
- Music Venues: Orpheum, Barrymore, Sylvee, Stoughton Opera House, North Street Cabaret
- 4. Concerts on the Square
- 5. King St. Concerts
- 6. Rooftop Concerts at Monona Terrace
- 7. Art Fair on the Square and WI Art Fair
- 8. Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra
- 9. Madison Circus Space
- 10. Murals- Madison, Monona
- 11. Comedy Clubs
- 12. The Moth Madison and Madison StorySlam
- 13. Movie Theaters
- 14. Fired Up Pottery
- 15. Board and Brush
- 16. The Bodgery
- 17. Ax Throwing
- 18. Improv- Atlas and Monkey Business
- 19. Madison Theatre Guild
- 20. Trivia Nights
- 21. Open Mic Nights
- 22. Drag Queen Bingo
- 23. <u>Madison Film Fest</u>
- 24. Madison Book fest

Spend Time With The Family

- 1. Henry Vilas Zoo
- 2. Kids in the Rotunda (Dec-April, free at Overture Center)
- 3. MSCR Events and Classes
- 4. Story Times and Play Spaces in Madison Public Libraries
- 5. Tour Epic
- 6. Mount Horeb Trollway-Can you find all 34 Trolls?
- 7. Bucky on Parade
- 8. Children's Museums- Madison, Sun Prairie, Black Earth
- Parks- There are more than 175 playgrounds in just the <u>Madison</u> <u>City Parks</u>. Also, check out the <u>Dream Park in Monona</u> and <u>McKee</u> <u>Farms in Fitchburg</u>
- 10. Splash Pads- Elver, Reindahl, McKee Farms, Cypress, Lakeview
- 11. Science Saturdays on campus- at the Discovery Center
- 12. Play N Wisconsin
- 13. Trampoline/Adventure parks -Sky Zone, Urban Air, Laser Tag
- 14. Prairie Kids Club
- Pools- Goodman Pool, Middleton Pool, Monona Pool, Sun Prairie
 <u>Aquatic Center</u> (outdoor); various high school pools, <u>Bakke</u>,
 <u>YMCA</u> (indoor)
- 6. Vitense Mini Golf
- 17. Geeks Mania, Nerdhaven and Aftershock Arcades
- Local small water parks Holiday inn's Crawdaddy Cove and <u>Deer Valley Lodge</u> (indoor), <u>Prairie Athletic Clubs Dolphin's Cove</u> (summer)
- 19. Betty Lou Cruises

Eat Up!

- Madison Food Tours
- 2. Mustard Museum
- 3. Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream
- 4. DCFM
- 5. Taste of Madison
- 6. Clasen's Bakery
- 7. <u>lan's Pizza</u>
- 8. <u>Jet Room</u>
- Chocolatiers of Madison-<u>Infusion</u>, <u>Gail Ambrosius</u>, <u>CocoVaa</u>, Madison Chocolate Company, Candinas
- 10. Sassy Cow Creamery
- 11. Food Carts (Library Mall and on the Square)



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Sports

- 1. Madison Mallards
- 2. Badger Sports
- 3. Forward Madison
- 4. Crazylegs Run
- 5. Iron Man Madison
- 6. Madison Radicals
- 7. MSCR Sports Leagues
- 8. Ice Rinks
- 9. Boulders Climbing Gym
- 10. Bowling
- 11. Skiing- Blackhawk, Tyrol Basin
- 12. Hoofers
- 13. Volleyball Leagues
- 14. <u>Pickleball</u>
- 15. Madison Curling Club
- 16. Yoga (studios and free)
- 17. November Project Running Group (campus)
- 18. Madison Roller Derby
- 19. <u>Disc Golf</u> Elver, Hiestand, Capital Springs, Token Creek Parks
- 20. Golf
- 21. MadCity Ski Team Water ski Shows

Festivals and Special Events

- Maxwell St Days
- 2. Willy St Fair
- 3. Fete de Marquette
- 4. Atwoodfest
- 5. <u>Madison Night Market</u>
- 6. Syttende Mai (Stoughton)
- 7. St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 8. Holiday Light Displays (Olin Park, Janesville Rotary, Wanaukee
- Rotary, Zoo Lights)

 The Souper Bowl
- 10. Fireworks (Festival Foods Lights on the Isthmus, Waunaboom,
 - Monona Community Festival, Shorewood Hills)
- 11. Bodega at Breese Stevens Field
- 12. Corn Fest
- 13. Indigenous People's Day (Sauk City)
- 14. Frozen Assets
- International Fest
- 16. Juneteenth Celebration

On Campus

- 1. Bucky's Tailgate
- 2. Memorial Union Terrace
- 3. Union South
- 4. Picnic Point
- 5. Chazen Museum of Art
- 6. Wisconsin Union Theater
- 7. University Theatre
- 8. Babcock Dairy
- 9. Discovery Center
- 10. Washburn Observatory
- 11. Allen Centennial Gardens
- 12. <u>University Bookstore</u>
- 13. <u>Lakeshore Path</u>
- 14. Bakke Recreation & Wellbeing Center
- 15. Winter Carnival on Lake Mendota

Take a Field Trip!

- 1. Devil's Lake State Park
- 2. Governor Dodge State Park
- 3. House on the Rock
- 4. Wisconsin Dells
- 5. Circus World
- 6. Milwaukee (Brewers, Bucks, MPM, Betty Brinn, Art Museum)
- 7. Wyalusing State Park/Prairie Du Chien
- 8. EAA Museum
- 9. Chicago
- 10. Steven's Point
- 11. American Players Theatre
- 12. Fireside Theatre in Ft. Atkinson
- 13. Outlet Malls (Wisconsin Dells and Johnson Creek)
- 14. Milwaukee County Zoo
- 15. <u>Aztalan</u>
- 16. Summerfest
- 17. 400 State Trail
- 18. Wineries
- 19. Sheboygan (Kohler Andrae, Kohler Art Museum)
- 20. Lake Geneva
- 21. Bristol Renaissance Fair
- 22. Merrimac Ferry
- 23. Cranberry Fest
- 24. Mackenzie Environmental Center
- 25. Frank Lloyd Wright Trail and Taliesin
- 26. Cave of the Mounds
- 27. Six Flags Great America
- 28. <u>Little Amerrika Amusement Park</u>

Learn!

- 1. UW Geology Museum
- 2. State Historical Society
- 3. Veterans Museum
- 4. State Capitol Tours
- 5. Indigenous Peoples Tour
- 6. Bookstores
- 7. Madison Public Libraries
- 8. Wisconsin Executive Residence Tour

The Wisconsin Experience

- Breweries
- 2. Supper Clubs
- 3. <u>Cheese Shops</u>
- 4. Cows on the Concourse
- 5. <u>Brat Fest</u>
- 6. State Fair
- 7. <u>Culver's</u> (frozen custard)
- 8. Cheese Curds
- 9. Old World Wisconsin
- 10. Farms Schuster's, Eugster's, Treinen, Enchanted Acres
- 11. Dane County Fair
- 12. The Old Fashioned
- 13. Friday Fish Fries



