CAMPUS WALKING TOUR

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin–Madison, known throughout the world for excellence in teaching, research and service. Campus visitors soon agree with our students that UW–Madison offers many things to see and do, such as exploring natural areas, studying interesting architecture, taking in the arts, or thrilling to a Big Ten sporting event.

At 935 acres, the campus is large and this walking tour is an introduction to some campus highlights. Free campus bus Route 80 makes round-trip loops and is a good way to see most of the campus. Hop on and off when you like.

Whether you are here for an hour or a day, we are delighted you have chosen to spend time on our beautiful campus. You’ll see why this is one of the best learning and living environments in the world.

Have questions? Campus and Visitor Relations (CAVR) has answers and we can help you make the most of your visit.

There are many ways to contact us:
Visit in-person:
    Campus and Community Information Desks
    Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street
    Union South, 1308 W. Dayton Street
    Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery Town Center
    Welcome Desk, 330 N. Orchard Street
Call 608–263–2400
E-mail: askbucky@uwmad.wisc.edu
Visit online, which includes a live chat: info.wisc.edu

Guided tours are available that provide an in-depth introduction to campus.

Walking Tours: Led by student guides, tours are offered various weekdays at 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday at noon. Tours are not available on home football Saturdays or holidays. Tours begin at Union South.

Prospective Undergraduate Student Visits: Students considering UW–Madison will tour with a student tour guide and receive admissions information and counseling.

Customized Group Visits: Whatever the age or interest, we can design a tour just right for your group.

Tour details and online reservations are available at: info.wisc.edu.

The following helpful links and resources are often used by visitors as well as those who call UW–Madison their home:

UW–Madison home page: www.wisc.edu
Campus map: www.map.wisc.edu
Events calendar: www.today.wisc.edu
Arts on campus: www.arts.wisc.edu
Science on campus: www.science.wisc.edu
Directory Assistance: www.wisc.edu/directories; 608–262–1234
Wisconsin Union: www.union.wisc.edu; 608–265–3000
Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau: www.visitmadison.com;
800–373–6376
HOW TO USE THIS MAP

We’ve grouped some campus destinations by location. You can visit one, a few or all of the destination groups.

A. N. Randall Avenue at Campus Drive

The new Union South opened in April 2011. Please stop in to experience this state-of-the-art setting for arts and entertainment, recreation, dining, retail, special events and overnight accommodations.

Camp Randall Stadium has been the home of Wisconsin Badgers football since 1927.

Genetics-Biotechnology Center is home to Wednesday Night at the Lab, 7 p.m. Wednesday night, 50 times a year, with topics that cover the full range of science, engineering and technology research at UW–Madison. Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery are twin institutes, one public and one private, built to be a hub for interdisciplinary research. The first-floor Town Center welcomes campus and community members for events that celebrate science and creativity, or to grab a bite to eat.

B. University Avenue at Henry Mall

Engineering Campus. Engineering offers 13 majors and both the undergraduate and graduate programs are well-regarded. Careful craftsmanship and period details abound throughout the recently renovated Italian Renaissance-style

Mechanical Engineering Building, which boasts a breathtaking architectural skylight in its spacious, four-story atrium.

Henry Mall and Linden Drive are home to a series of 19 plaques that highlight accomplishments at the natural phenomena. The Microbial Sciences Building is the largest academic building on campus, and features breathtaking architecture as well as The Microbe Place, which offers self-directed explorations at interactive stations.

The DC Smith Greenhouse conservatory has won a major national award for design and is open to the public during regular university building hours.

C. Babcock Drive at Linden Drive

Babcock Hall is home to the famous Babcock Hall Dairy Store, offering a variety of dairy products including ice cream, cheese and milk (which are made right in the Babcock Hall Dairy Plant) as well as a lunch menu including sandwiches, salads and soup.

Russell Laboratories is home to the Entomology Museum (by appointment) and various hallway displays of insects and other fascinating natural phenomena. Microbial Sciences Building is the largest academic building on

D. Babcock Drive at Observatory Drive

Allen Centennial Gardens is an outdoor laboratory for horticulture, landscape architecture, and related disciplines, illustrating 22 different gardening styles from around the world. The former Agricultural Dean’s Residence is on the National Register of Historic Places. Porter Boathouse is home to Wisconsin Crew, and was designed to preserve and protect the beautiful mature oak trees in the neighboring lakeshore area. On your right as you ascend Observatory Hill (and adjacent to Microbial Sciences) you will see Hiram Smith Hall, built in 1896 as the first permanent dairy instruction building in the western hemisphere. Renovated in 2008, it is home to Life Sciences Communication.
E. Observatory Hill

Van Hise Hall is the tallest building on campus and the study of languages and cultures is centered here. The top floors are home to the UW System Administration and Board of Regents. The School of Human Ecology is housed in the new, renovated (and renamed) Nancy Nicholas Hall, which opened in Fall 2012. Washburn Observatory was built in 1881 (and reopened in 2009 after renovation and remodeling). Now over 125 years later, the Observatory's original 15-inch diameter telescope still provides great views of the heavens. Home to the College of Letters & Science Honors Program. Scenic Overlook. From this spot you can see Lake Mendota, and one of the most well-known natural areas on the Madison campus: Picnic Point, a 1/2-mile peninsula with hiking trails, a beach, and picnic sites with fireplaces. As you walk toward Bascom Hill, you will see the Carillon Tower, with 56 bells ranging in size from 15 to 6,823 pounds. The carillon is one of three in Wisconsin, and offers concerts at 3 p.m. on Sundays during the school year (and others in summer).

F. Bascom Hill Historic District

The picturesque land surrounding Bascom Hill was originally designated to be a municipal cemetery. In 1848, when Wisconsin's first governor signed a law establishing a state university "at or near Madison, the seat of government," Bascom Hill became the campus for the University of Wisconsin. John Bascom became president of the university in 1874. While exploring the hill area, watch for plaques highlighting university history. Bascom Hall dates from 1857. A fire in 1916 destroyed its dome, which was never replaced. These days it is home to many administrative offices including Office of the Chancellor, Provost, Vice Chancellors, Division of Student Life, and Graduate School. North Hall was the first building on campus, opening in 1851. For four years, North Hall was the entire campus --- it contained a dormitory, museum, classrooms, mess hall, and library, all within four floors. The Education Building — initially home to the College of Mechanics and Engineering (hence the names on the facade) — recently reopened after a renovation and addition which added the long-missing east wing, and which now features a new green vegetated terrace plaza outdoor space (on the Lake Mendota side). Science Hall, a National Historic Landmark, was built in 1887 to replace a building that was destroyed by fire four years earlier. Science Hall was the first: fireproof building on campus, as well as one of the first to utilize steel beams. Music Hall. Built in 1878 as Assembly Hall, this was the university’s gathering place and also housed the original university library. Today, University Opera performs here, and it is home to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. The Law Building was completed in 1962, replacing the original from 1863. A major expansion and renovation took place in 1996. South Hall was completed in 1855 and is an exact replica of North Hall. In 1863 it became home to the all-female Normal School, which trained students to become teachers. At that time, the Civil War had severely depleted the male university population and women were allowed to enroll. Birge Hall houses the Department of Botany and the Wisconsin State Herbarium, which contains over one million plant specimens. Stop in to experience the spacious and beautiful lobby. The pedestrian bridge across N. Park Street will lead you to the State Street Mall / Library Mall area.
C. Library Mall

- Red Gym (officially Armory and Gymnasium) was built as a citizen militia training facility in 1893, and was used as an athletic and student activity center. The "new" Red Gym, a National Historic Landmark, re-opened in 1998 and is a student services center. Memorial Library is the largest library in Wisconsin, and anchors the UW–Madison library system, which has more than 40 general, professional and special-purpose libraries. State Street offers specialty shops, restaurants, theaters and museums, all close at hand for students and visitors.
- The Mosse Humanities Building is home to music, history and art. In it are Mills Concert Hall, Morphy and Eastman recital halls, and 7th Floor and "734" galleries. Wisconsin Historical Society is home to the beautifully restored and rehabilitated Library Reading Room, fit for the 21st century with modern conveniences and technology carefully integrated into the grandeur of old. Memorial Union is considered the university's living room, and has welcomed visitors since 1928. Phase II of renovations will be finished in Fall 2017.

H. University Avenue at East Campus Mall

- Chazen Museum of Art features impressive collections of paintings, sculpture, prints, and other artwork from the prehistoric to the present day. An expansion was completed in October 2011, adding gallery, classroom and performance space.
- 333 East Campus Mall offers centralized student services, including University Health Services, Student Financial Aid, Registrar, Bursar, Associated Students of Madison, WSUM Student Radio, and more.
- Vilas

Communication Hall is home to University Theatre, Journalism, Communication Arts, and studios for Wisconsin Public Radio and Television. Campus Arts Ticket Office is on the east side. Grainger Hall houses the Wisconsin School of Business.

I. University Avenue at N. Mills Street

- Chamberlin Hall is the historical home of the School of Pharmacy from 1956–2001, and was recently renovated to house the Department of Physics. The Ingersoll Museum of Physics is located on the first floor.
- Botanical Garden provides an area for leisure where examples of plants from around the world demonstrate the diversity and beauty of the plant kingdom.
- Birge Hall Botany Greenhouse serves as a laboratory of learning and oasis of tranquility in the middle of a busy campus, and features more than 1,000 species comprising distinct aquatic, desert, and tropical communities.
- Lathrop Hall opened in 1910 as a social and recreational center for university women, and became home to the country's first academic dance program in 1926. The Renaissance Revival building was restored and renovated in 1998 to include a 240-seat state-of-the-art dance performance space.