

# Welcome to campus

**VISITOR  
GUIDE &  
MAP**



Campus and Visitor Relations  
**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**



# Greetings from Chancellor Mnookin

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## UW-MADISON QUICK FACTS

Founded:  
**1848**

Campus size:  
**936 acres**

Faculty and staff:  
**24,186**

Living alumni:  
**459,324**



**O**n behalf of the entire campus community, I want to welcome you to the University of Wisconsin–Madison! We're so happy you're here.

You might already know that we are one of the strongest public universities in the U.S., with students from all 50 states and more than 120 countries around the world. You might even know that our faculty and alumni have won 20 Nobel prizes and 41 Pulitzer prizes, and our discoveries and innovations continue to change the world in areas ranging from immunotherapy cancer treatments to new techniques for exploring the galaxy to answer fundamental questions about the origins of the universe.



But there is so much more to learn about this fascinating place, and this guide will help you orient your visit around your interests.

As you explore our beautiful campus, I hope you'll develop some sense of the extraordinary range of research, teaching and service activities that happen here. Our students and faculty are creating new biofuels, developing wearable technologies that help people with disabilities move better, and expanding what we know about how social media influence civic life. They are finding new ways to address racial disparities in healthcare and exploring a multitude of experiences and cultures through dance, film, printmaking, hip hop, and more.

There is so much happening here that it might feel a bit overwhelming. While you are visiting, consider taking some time to stroll through our beautiful Allen Centennial Garden, explore the Chazen Museum of Art, or watch the sunset at Memorial Union Terrace as UW students and alumni have done for five generations. You might also want to stop at the Babcock Dairy Store for a scoop of delicious ice cream.

Thank you for visiting, and I hope you have a wonderful time while you are here with us.

On, Wisconsin!

Jennifer L. Mnookin

# Our Shared Future

Our Shared Future is a campus-wide commitment to teaching and learning about the special place where UW-Madison is located, the lands, waters, ecosystems, and peoples of the extraordinary cultural center of Teejop ('Four Lakes' in Hoocąk language). UW-Madison describes itself as being the most archaeologically rich campus in the United States as Teejop, or Madison, WI, has at least 12,000-years of extensive human development. In addition to educating about this exceptional place, Our Shared Future also informs about UW-Madison's historic and contemporary relationships with Ho-Chunk people and today's Ho-Chunk Nation.

To help establish fundamental understandings of this place and the evolving relationship between the university and the Ho-Chunk, on June 18, 2019, leaders of UW-Madison and the Ho-Chunk Nation dedicated a new heritage marker on Bascom Hill. At the dedication, Chancellor Rebecca Blank shared, "No plaque

or monument can ever adequately convey a difficult and complicated history," she said. "But it can start a conversation that moves us from ignorance to awareness. So today is the beginning of an intentional effort to teach our shared history."

The Our Shared Future heritage marker reads: The University of Wisconsin-Madison occupies ancestral Ho-Chunk land, a place their nation has called Teejop since time immemorial. In an 1832 treaty, the Ho-Chunk were forced to cede this territory. Decades of ethnic cleansing followed when both the federal and state government repeatedly, but unsuccessfully, sought to forcibly remove the Ho-Chunk from Wisconsin. This history of colonization informs our shared future of collaboration and innovation. Today, UW-Madison respects the inherent sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation, along with the eleven other First Nations of Wisconsin.

Most importantly, Our Shared Future

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



### NATIVE AMERICAN EFFIGY MOUNDS

UW-Madison may be one of the most archeologically rich universities in the United States. Experience more than 12,000 years of human history by visiting ancient earthworks at Observatory Hill, Willow Creek, Picnic Point, Eagle Heights, and the Arboretum that were constructed more than 1,000 years ago.







is a process, or in the words of Ho-Chunk President Wilfred Cleveland, “a spark for the university community to learn about the Ho-Chunk people and the sacredness we hold for this land.” As such, Our Shared Future is not a land acknowledgement or something to

recite. It is a first step that calls on each of us—faculty, staff, and students—to deeply consider our shared past and present with Indigenous peoples in this place, Teejop, and to make our own personal and institutional commitments to achieve a shared future with them.

## OUR SHARED FUTURE HERITAGE MARKER

In October of 2021, the marker was installed in its permanent location near South Hall on Bascom Hill. The marker recognizes the land as the ancestral home of the Ho-Chunk.



## DEJOPE RESIDENCE

**HALL** is located on the shore of Lake Mendota. The hall features indigenous artwork, replica mounds, and an outdoor fire circle that displays the official seals of eleven of the twelve First Nations of Wisconsin. The University received approval from each nation to display their seals.



# Start Your Visit

Welcome to our beautiful and historic campus! Campus and Visitor Relations is here to guide and inform your experience from one of our three guest service locations: Union South, Memorial Union, and the Discovery Building. Our knowledgeable student staff are happy to provide you any information or recommendations you need to craft a memorable visit.

We're here to help! Please contact us at:

**Phone:** 608-263-2400

**Email:** [askbucky@uwmad.wisc.edu](mailto:askbucky@uwmad.wisc.edu)

**Website:** [info.wisc.edu](http://info.wisc.edu)

**Follow us:** @uwmadisoninfo



## CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION DESKS

*Open daily*

### Union South

1308 W. Dayton Street

### Memorial Union

800 Langdon Street

## DISCOVERY BUILDING WELCOME DESK

### Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery

330 N. Orchard Street

## ADMITTED, PROSPECTIVE & TRANSFER UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CAMPUS VISITS

[admissions.wisc.edu](https://admissions.wisc.edu)

Admitted, Prospective and Transfer undergraduate visits provide students and their guests with an opportunity to explore UW–Madison and its resources with the guidance of an admissions counselor and/or student tour guide. Half-day visits include an Admission Information Session and Campus Tour. Stand-alone tours are also available. Please register at least two weeks in advance at [visitbucky.wisc.edu](https://visitbucky.wisc.edu) or call 608-262-3961.

## K-12 AND GROUP SPECIALTY TOURS

[info.wisc.edu](https://info.wisc.edu)

Campus and Visitor Relations is proud to showcase our university by providing specialty tours to K-12 and other groups. Current student tour guides will lead a fast-paced, 75-minute walking tour that highlights UW–Madison's academic excellence, undergraduate research opportunities, our dynamic and diverse campus, student life, and services and programs that support student success.

## UW CAMPUS TOUR APP

[go.wisc.edu/uwtour](https://go.wisc.edu/uwtour)

UW–Madison Campus Tour is a self-guided tour of the UW–Madison campus created for prospective and admitted students and families. The tour can be attended remotely or while on campus, and features narration by UW's very own campus tour guides. The app can be downloaded at [go.wisc.edu/uwtour](https://go.wisc.edu/uwtour) or via this QR code:



## VISITOR PARKING

[transportation.wisc.edu/visitor-parking](https://transportation.wisc.edu/visitor-parking)

A limited supply of hourly parking is available on and off campus. See the center map insert for ramp locations. Visitors to the central and east areas of campus often use Lot 17 (Engineering Drive), Lot 20 (University Avenue) and the State Street Campus Ramp (N. Lake Street and N. Frances Street). Visit the website for a link to real-time on campus parking availability and more information about parking options.

## BCYCLE IN MADISON

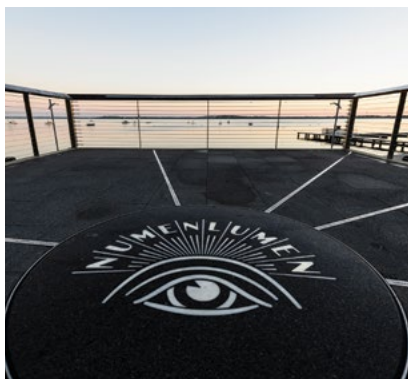
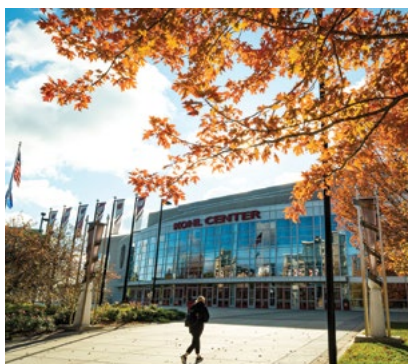
[madison.bcycle.com](https://madison.bcycle.com)

Find out why Madison, WI is consistently ranked one of the most bike-friendly communities in the nation by trying a BCycle electric bike! Madison BCycle offers an easy and fun way to get around campus and the downtown Madison area. Bikes are available for check-out in several locations on campus and in the community at 45+ stations. Check out the BCycle app to find a station, check e-bike availability and to get started. Annual pass discounts are available to UW–Madison students, faculty and staff.

## EXPLORE MADISON

[visitmadison.com](https://visitmadison.com)

Madison is a vibrant capital city often named one of the nation's finest communities. For additional information on attractions, dining, and lodging, contact Destination Madison at 800-373-6376 or [visitmadison.com](https://visitmadison.com).



# Popular Destinations

## KOHL CENTER

[uwbadgers.com/tours](http://uwbadgers.com/tours)

The Kohl Center is home to the UW men's and women's basketball teams and the men's hockey team. Additionally, the Kohl Center serves as a venue for state tournaments, concerts, and university events. Group tours (10 or more) are available by visiting online.

## CAMP RANDALL STADIUM

[uwbadgers.com/tours](http://uwbadgers.com/tours)

Home to the UW football, Camp Randall Stadium comes alive when more than 75,000 Badger fans gather for each football game. Camp Randall Stadium also serves as host to the UW Commencement ceremony each spring. Group tours (10 or more) are available by visiting online.

## ALUMNI PARK AND ONE ALUMNI PLACE

[alumnipark.com](http://alumnipark.com)

Located between Memorial Union and the Red Gym, Alumni Park offers green spaces and gardens, more than 50 inspiring exhibits about alumni and UW, engaging programs, a visitor center, and more.





## **BASCOM HILL**

[oursharedfuture.wisc.edu](https://oursharedfuture.wisc.edu)

UW–Madison’s oldest buildings are located on Bascom Hill. Founded in 1848, UW–Madison’s history comprises only 1.4 percent of the area’s more than 12,000 years of human history. UW–Madison occupies ancestral Ho–Chunk land. Teejop (pronounced day-JOPE), meaning “Four Lakes,” is the name that the Ho–Chunk call the Madison area. Learn more by visiting [oursharedfuture.wisc.edu](https://oursharedfuture.wisc.edu) and by reading the eleven plaques on Bascom Hill.

## **BABCOCK HALL**

[babcockhalldairystore.wisc.edu](https://babcockhalldairystore.wisc.edu)

The Babcock Hall Dairy Store produces and sells dairy products, including milk, award-winning cheese and world-famous ice cream.

## **MEMORIAL UNION**

[union.wisc.edu](https://union.wisc.edu)

No campus visit is complete without stopping by the Memorial Union. Located on picturesque Lake Mendota, it features the iconic Terrace and year-round recreational, cultural, educational, and social opportunities. Stop by the Memorial Union for a bratwurst and experiences for a lifetime.

## **UNION SOUTH**

[union.wisc.edu](https://union.wisc.edu)

Union South serves as a popular campus social center. This modern southern campus hub features multiple dining options, recreational opportunities, studying and gathering spaces, a movie theater, and a boutique hotel.

# Museums & Galleries

## CHAZEN MUSEUM OF ART

[chazen.wisc.edu](http://chazen.wisc.edu)

Home to the second-largest collection of art in Wisconsin, the Chazen Museum of Art contains more than 20,000 works, including paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs, and decorative arts. Exhibits frequently change and admission is free.

## GEOLOGY MUSEUM

[geologymuseum.org](http://geologymuseum.org)

While at the Geology Museum, located inside Weeks Hall, learn about the rich geological history of Wisconsin and discover the ancient sea creatures who once called this state home.

## L.R. INGERSOLL PHYSICS MUSEUM

[physics.wisc.edu/ingersollmuseum](http://physics.wisc.edu/ingersollmuseum)

Established in 1918, the L.R. Ingersoll Physics Museum inside Chamberlin Hall offers hands-on exhibits and instruments ranging from mechanics to modern physics, all in a kid-friendly environment.

## PUBLIC ART AT UW-MADISON

[publicart.wisc.edu](http://publicart.wisc.edu)

From formal gallery and museum settings to outdoor spaces and within university buildings, art can be found across campus. Visit the Public Art website to learn more about UW-Madison's prominent sculptures, murals, monuments, and mixed media objects located in public spaces.



## SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY COLLECTIONS

[sohe.wisc.edu](http://sohe.wisc.edu)

The School of Human Ecology's Nancy Nicholas Hall is home to two galleries. The Lynn Mecklenburg Textile Gallery and the Ruth Davis Design Gallery host exhibitions focused on topics relevant to the fields of design, including built environments, textile history, and other design applications. Exhibitions rotate regularly with pieces from the Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection, as well as graduate and undergraduate student work in interior architecture, textile, and fashion design.

## WISCONSIN UNION GALLERIES

[union.wisc.edu](http://union.wisc.edu)

The Wisconsin Union's Class of 1925 Gallery and Gallery 1308 are home to a variety of art exhibits throughout the year. Exhibits are planned and programmed by the Wisconsin Union Directorate (WUD) Art Committee.

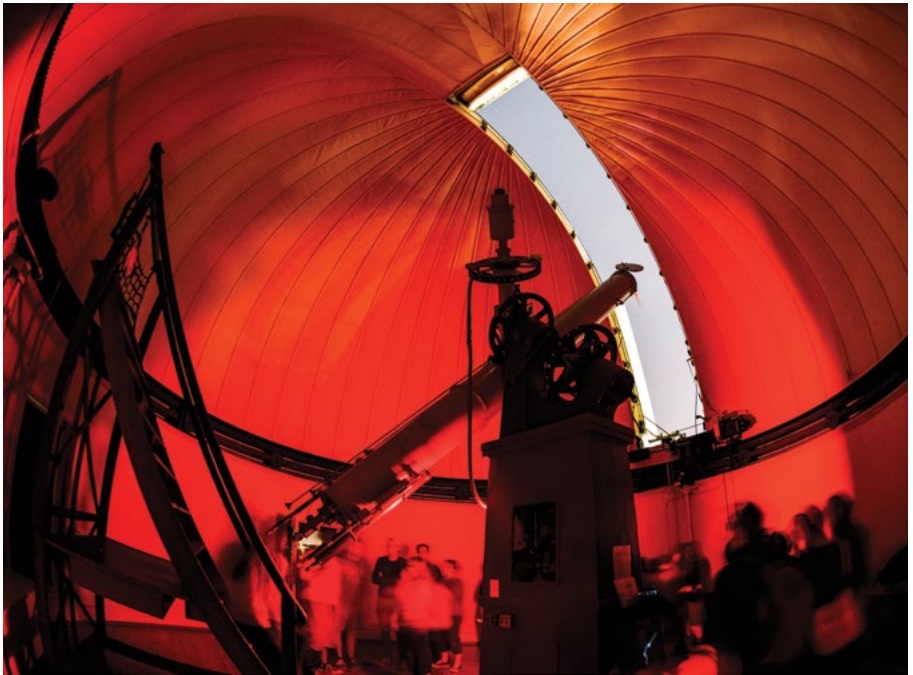
## ART DEPARTMENT GALLERIES

[art.wisc.edu/art/galleries](http://art.wisc.edu/art/galleries)

The Art Department, within the School of Education, is home to galleries and exhibitions throughout campus, including Gallery 7, Art Lofts Gallery, and School of Education Gallery. Visitors can attend receptions and events, as well as see the work of faculty, alumni, and Art Department students.







# Science & Discovery

## DISCOVERY BUILDING

[discovery.wisc.edu](http://discovery.wisc.edu)

The Town Center at the Discovery Building represents the university's commitment to scientific innovation, research, and collaboration. Experience a dinosaur-era Mesozoic garden, an interactive mural depicting an inclusive look at contributions to Wisconsin science past, present and future, fossil-filled floors and an interactive exhibit and more. The Town Center and upstairs teaching labs are spaces open for campus and community events and typically welcome about 1,000 events a year that attract more than 100,000 participants. Nearly three-quarters of a million people visit the Town Center each year.

## DAIRY CATTLE CENTER

[dysci.wisc.edu](http://dysci.wisc.edu)

It is no small secret that dairy is a huge part of what makes Wisconsin special. Tours of the Dairy Cattle Center are available by appointment.

## SPACE PLACE

[spaceplace.wisc.edu](http://spaceplace.wisc.edu)

Located in The Villager Shopping Center on Park, Space Place offers over 100 free public programs throughout the year. The programs, ranging from guest lectures to family science workshops, are designed to encourage people of all ages to unleash their inner astronomer by learning about space science and research.





## WEDNESDAY NITE @ THE LAB

[science.wisc.edu](http://science.wisc.edu)

Discover the latest from UW–Madison faculty and staff as they share how their research and inventions are changing the ways we look at life. Topics cover a full range of sciences, engineering, and technology. Come explore the unknown every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the Genetics/Biotechnology Center.

## WASHBURN OBSERVATORY

[astro.wisc.edu/the-public/](http://astro.wisc.edu/the-public/)

Historic Washburn Observatory offers free public observations on the first and third Wednesday of each month and every Wednesday between June and August, weather permitting. Visit the website for the latest scheduling updates.

## BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER

[biotech.wisc.edu/outreach](http://biotech.wisc.edu/outreach)

The Biotechnology Center provides hands-on field trips and tours to school and civic groups of all ages. BioTrek also offers customized “X Marks the Spot” campus tours of sites of history-making discoveries in the life sciences. Advanced reservations required.

## WISCONSIN NATIONAL PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER

[primate.wisc.edu/outreach](http://primate.wisc.edu/outreach)

The Wisconsin National Primate Research Center welcomes visitors to its Marmoset Learning Lobby from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays by appointment.

## WISCONSIN ENERGY INSTITUTE

[energy.wisc.edu](http://energy.wisc.edu)

The Wisconsin Energy Institute is a centerpiece of future renewable energy systems research at UW–Madison and has been awarded with a LEED Gold Certification. Walk through the adaptable “plug and play” laboratories, high-bay laboratory, and education gardens. Tours are available by appointment.

# Arts & Performance

## DIVISION OF THE ARTS

[artsdivision.wisc.edu](http://artsdivision.wisc.edu)

The Division of the Arts supports and promotes a comprehensive variety of arts programs and disciplines. Working with numerous faculty and staff in a wide range of departments and arts-related fields, the Division of the Arts develops and supports a vibrant arts community. Visit the website for a listing of events, attractions, programs, and tour options.

## WISCONSIN UNION THEATER

[union.wisc.edu](http://union.wisc.edu)

Home to Shannon Hall and Play Circle Theater, the Wisconsin Union Theater serves as UW–Madison’s largest, busiest, and primary performing arts facility. It welcomes more than 100,000 attendees each year for dance, music, theater, cultural, and sporting events.

## UNIVERSITY THEATRE

[theatre.wisc.edu](http://theatre.wisc.edu)

Serving as an instructional laboratory and studio for the Department of Theatre and Drama, University Theatre productions provide UW–Madison students opportunities to put classroom theory and training into practice. Performing in the Ronald E. Mitchell Theatre, the Gilbert V. Hemsley Theatre, and the Wisconsin Union Theater, University Theatre offers audiences a range of plays, including classics, contemporary and new plays, and musicals.



## MARQUEE CINEMA

[union.wisc.edu](http://union.wisc.edu)

The Marquee Cinema, located inside Union South, is your campus home for film. The Wisconsin Union Directorate Film Committee programs the cinema’s free screenings, which are held almost every day during the academic year in the 330-seat cinema.



## DANCE DEPARTMENT

[dance.wisc.edu](https://dance.wisc.edu)

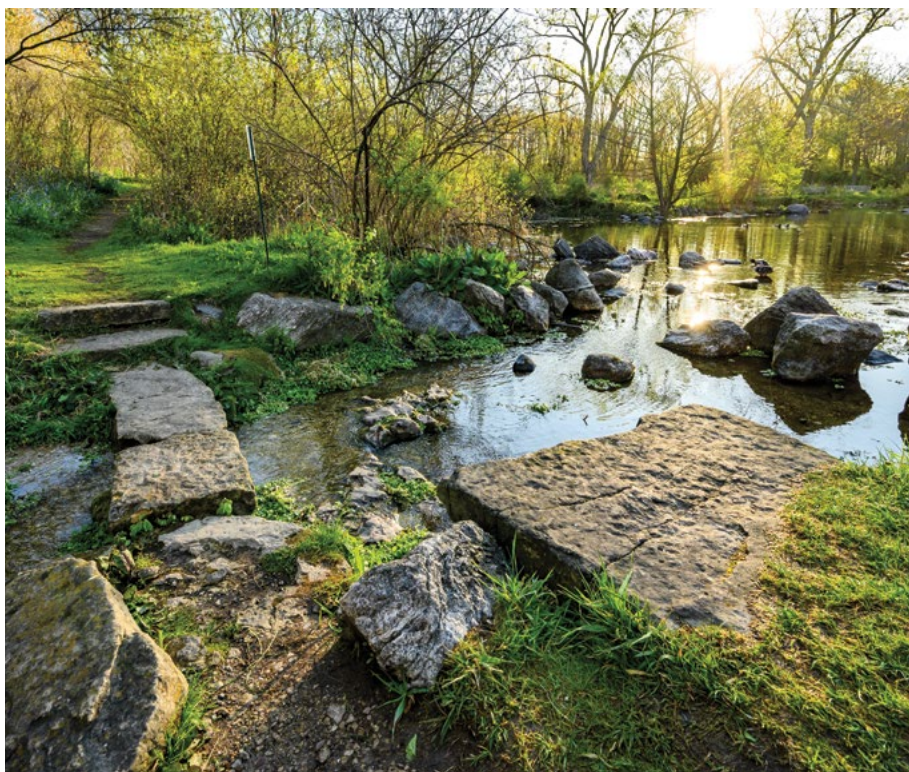
The Dance Department is a leader and innovator in the field of dance with a diverse, world-class faculty and state-of-the-art facilities, including its own theater, the Margaret H'Doubler Performance Space. The department offers concerts and shows throughout the year in Lathrop Hall.

## SCHOOL OF MUSIC

[music.wisc.edu](https://music.wisc.edu)

The Mead Witter School of Music presents an array of choral, orchestral, opera, jazz, percussion, and band performances, led by faculty, students, and guest artists. Performances are held in Music Hall and the new Hamel Music Center.





# Gardens & Nature

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## **UW-MADISON ARBORETUM**

[arboretum.wisc.edu](http://arboretum.wisc.edu)

UW-Madison Arboretum is devoted to ecological restoration research, practice, and education. The 1,200-acre grounds are home to restored prairies, woodlands, wetlands, and savannas, Longenecker Horticultural Gardens, and the Wisconsin Native Plant Garden. Visitors can also enjoy 17 miles of walking trails, four miles of biking road, and many learning and volunteer opportunities.

## **ALLEN CENTENNIAL GARDEN**

[allencentennialgarden.org](http://allencentennialgarden.org)

Allen Centennial Garden is an outdoor classroom for UW-Madison students and the surrounding community, offering a peaceful respite, a beautiful walk, and a visually stimulating place to relax. The garden is open daily from sunrise to sunset.

## **BOTANY GREENHOUSE**

[livingcollection.botany.wisc.edu](http://livingcollection.botany.wisc.edu)

The Botany Greenhouse is a refuge of greenery and serenity showcasing more than 1,000 species in distinct aquatic, desert, and tropical communities. Tours are available by appointment.



## BOTANY GARDEN

[livingcollection.botany.wisc.edu](http://livingcollection.botany.wisc.edu)

With more than 500 different types of plants from all over the world, the Botany Garden is an important resource for teaching and research and provides a leisure area for students and community members. The Botany Garden is located between Lathrop Hall and Chamberlin Hall.

## D.C. SMITH GREENHOUSE

[dcsmithgreenhouse.cals.wisc.edu](http://dcsmithgreenhouse.cals.wisc.edu)

The D.C. Smith Greenhouse is a 10,000-square-foot tropical greenhouse that consists of 10 growing bays and a 1,600-squarefoot conservatory. The conservatory is an example of the relatively new discipline of interiorscaping. The greenhouse is open to the public weekdays. Tours are available by appointment.

## LAKESHORE NATURE PRESERVE

[lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu](http://lakeshorepreserve.wisc.edu)

Lakeshore Nature Preserve is a living classroom laboratory that shelters significant plant and animal communities. It includes 300 acres of woods, wetlands, open fields, restored prairie/savanna, four miles of shoreline, and 12 miles of walking trails. The Howard M. Temin Lakeshore Path extends from the Memorial Union, past Picnic Point, and ends at Oxford Road in Shorewood Hills.

For thousands of years, Native Americans have lived along the shores of Lake Mendota. Within the preserve are examples of ancient earthen mounds used for burials and ceremonies. Near Willow Creek is a group of effigy-style mounds. Other mound groups can be found on Observatory Hill, Picnic Point, and at Eagle Heights.



# Dine & Stay in Madison

## Campus Wi-Fi

Wireless Internet Options on the UW–Madison Campus

Open the Wi-Fi options for your device and select “UWNet.” Open a browser (Firefox, Chrome, etc.). You should be directed to a login page.

On this login page, you will see two boxes: “NetID” and “Password.” Under these boxes is a small link that says “Create a Guest Account.” Click this link. It should redirect you to a page that asks you for an email address.

Fill out the required fields and click “Create a Guest Account.” You will then be directed to a page that shows your information. Click the “Log in” button at the bottom of the page.

If you are a student or staff member with a current campus NetID, you can use this login. You should not have to log in again in most campus buildings.

If you have any problems logging in, you may contact the DoIT Help Desk at 608-264-HELP (4357) or [help@doit.wisc.edu](mailto:help@doit.wisc.edu).

## Dining

### MEMORIAL UNION AND UNION SOUTH DINING

[union.wisc.edu/dine](http://union.wisc.edu/dine)

The Wisconsin Union offers a diverse selection of dining options, including der Rathskeller’s pub classics and Ginger Root’s Asian dishes. Come grab a coffee or enjoy a Bucky Burger while cheering on the Badgers.

### UNIVERSITY HOUSING

[housing.wisc.edu/dining](http://housing.wisc.edu/dining)

University Housing welcomes guests to its dining markets, convenience stores, and coffeehouses. Each of its six marketplace-style dining locations offer daily menus and made-to-order items.

### ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

**Aldo’s Cafe:** offers grab-and-go breakfast and lunch items, baked goods, and coffee.

**State Street and Monroe Street:** both offer an eclectic array of restaurants featuring cuisines from around the world and locally-sourced ingredients.

## Accommodations

### WISCONSIN UNION HOTEL & CLUB SUITES

[union.wisc.edu/hotel](http://union.wisc.edu/hotel)

### THE FLUNO CENTER

[fluno.com](http://fluno.com)





**MADISON, WI:**  
The ultimate college town

This is where big-city opportunities meet small-town conveniences. Where vibrant streetscapes lead to lakeside retreats. Where a Big Ten college and capital city blend together, creating an atmosphere unlike anywhere else. Welcome to Madison.



