





ACTIVITIES


There's something for everyone!

 **DOGS** Leashed dogs are welcome in all parks; visit one of eight dog parks for off-leash adventures.

 **CAMPING & SHELTERS** Stay at a campground or group campsite or reserve a shelter for a special event or celebration.

 **TRAILS** Explore miles of trails, with options for hiking, biking, and mountain biking. Several segments of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail also pass through Dane County Parks.

 **WATER RECREATION** Enjoy canoe launches, boat launch sites, swimming beaches, and fishing in lakes or streams.

 **WINTER RECREATION** Sledding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, winter biking, snowmobiling, and ice fishing keep the fun going all year.

 **UNIQUE RECREATION** Enjoy disc golf, equestrian trails, foraging, geocaching, archery hunting, metal detecting, stargazing, and more.



Some activities require a permit. Purchase at [reservedane.com](https://www.reservedane.com)

ABOUT

The Dane County Park System is the largest county park system in Wisconsin, showcasing some of the state's most beautiful natural areas — all with **no entry fee!**

Enjoy countless opportunities to relax, explore the outdoors, and make lasting memories with friends and family.

Thanks for visiting!

BEFORE YOU GO

- **Hours:** Open daily, 5 a.m.–10 p.m.
- **Trails:** Stay on designated trails to protect natural and cultural resources.
- **Leave No Trace:** Pack out or dispose of waste properly.
- **Accessibility:** recreation opportunities include fishing piers, boat launches, camping, hard surface trails, a reservable all-terrain wheelchair, and more.



Find maps, rules, and activity details at [danecountyparks.com](https://www.danecountyparks.com)

PROGRAMS

Dane County Parks offers programs and environmental education experiences for people of all ages and abilities.

Public Programs – Seasonal events and expert-led sessions exploring parks and environmental topics.

Nature in Session – Hands-on programs for all ages that come to you!

Lil' Explorers and Explorer Series – Sessions that spark curiosity through science, nature, and experiential learning.

Junior Naturalist Summer Camp – A week-long immersive camp connecting children to nature through games, exploration, and discovery.

Field Trips – Guided, hands-on educational adventures for groups.

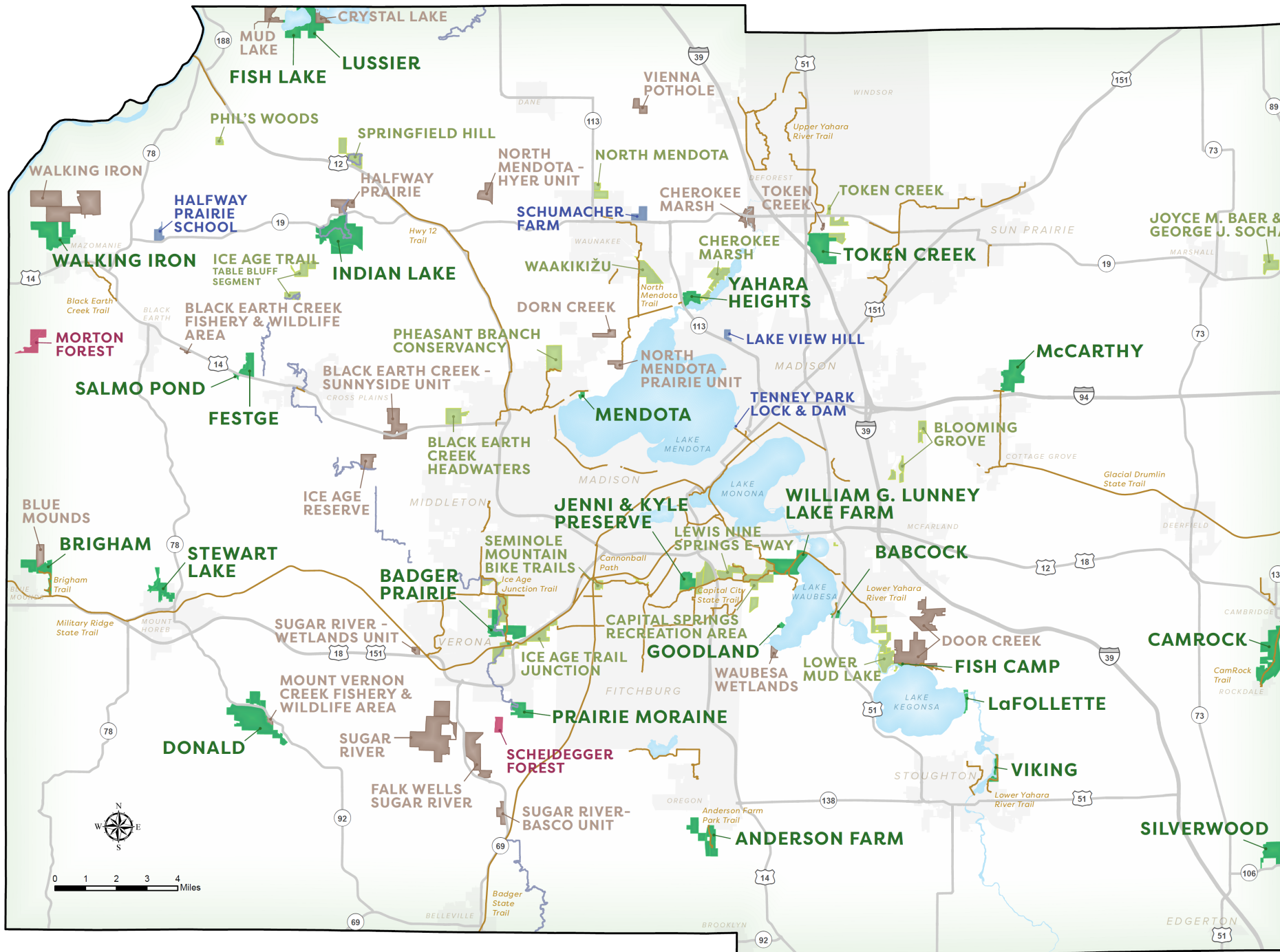
Volunteer – Develop a deeper connection to the parks you love. Volunteers are critical to the health of our parks, contributing thousands of hours each year.



DANE COUNTY, WI PARKS & RECREATION

Always in Season

DANE COUNTY PARK SYSTEM MAP



PROPERTY TYPES

25 Recreation Parks

Large regional-scale parks with developed access and facilities, which may include shelters, restrooms, and specific outdoor recreation attractions.

14 Natural Resource Areas

Designated for the protection of a valuable ecosystem, wildlife habitat, or open space. Limited facilities and amenities.

2 Forests

Land with sustainable timber management and some passive recreation such as hiking, snowshoeing or wildlife observation.

4 Historical/Cultural Sites

Designated for the preservation of features significant to the history or cultural heritage of Dane County.

21 Wildlife Areas

Land primarily undeveloped and open to public hunting. Management practices focus on providing wildlife habitat.

— Regional Bike/Pedestrian Trail

— Ice Age National Scenic Trail



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