

## Year Round Attractions

### [Henry Vilas Zoo](#)

One of the nation's only free zoos, Vilas Park Zoo is open year-round and boasts a new state-of-the-art Tropical Forest Aviary.  
>>>702 S. Randall Ave., 608.266.4732  
Admission: Free  
[www.vilaszoo.org](http://www.vilaszoo.org)



### [Overture Center for the Arts](#)

Every Saturday from fall through spring, Overture Center offers free arts programs called [Kids in the Rotunda](#), designed for children and families. Performances feature storytellers, jugglers, magicians, puppeteers, theater troupes, and multicultural artists. The 1:00 p.m. performances are sign language interpreted.  
>>>201 State St. 608.258.4177  
Admission: Free  
[www.overturecenter.com/kir.htm](http://www.overturecenter.com/kir.htm)

### [The UW Arboretum](#)

Walk the nature trails on your own or join one of the guided walks.  
>>>UW Arboretum Visitor Center  
1207 Seminole Hwy., 608.263.7888  
Admission: Free  
[uwarboretum.org](http://uwarboretum.org)

### [UW Geology Museum](#)

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.  
>>>1215 West Dayton Street,  
608.262.2399  
Admission: Free  
[www.geology.wisc.edu/~museum/](http://www.geology.wisc.edu/~museum/)

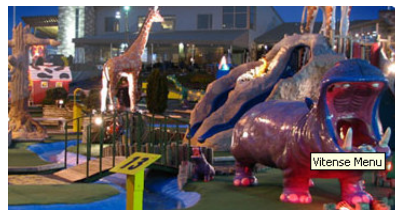


### [Madison Children's Museum](#)

The Museum offers extraordinary exhibits featuring interactive learning activities for children and adults alike.  
>>>100 State St...just across from the Capital, 608.256.6445  
Admission: \$5; \$4 for seniors; Children under one free.  
[www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org)

### [Vitense Golfland](#)

Have fun playing the most interactive, educational and fun miniature golf course around! Vitense also offers batting cages, a climbing wall, junior golf and The Green Tree Grill!  
>>>5501 W. Beltline Hwy at Whitney Way, 608.271.1411  
[www.vitense.com](http://www.vitense.com)



[Wisconsin State Capitol](#), completed in 1917, features the only granite dome in the nation. The interior contains 43 varieties of stone from around the world, murals, glass mosaics and hand-carved furniture.  
>>>2 East Main Street, 608.266.0382  
Admission: Free

### [International Crane Foundation](#)

At the International Crane Foundation you can take a tour, walk the nature trails, or enjoy the art exhibit in the only place in the world where you can see all 15 crane species.  
>>>E11376 Shady Lane Rd.,  
Baraboo. 608.356.9462  
[www.savingcranes.com](http://www.savingcranes.com)

### [Fireside Dinner Theater](#)

The Fireside Dinner Theatre is one of the Midwest's most popular professional theatres and a favorite destination for couples, families and tour groups alike.  
>>>Hwy 26 S, Fort Atkinson.  
1.800.477.9505  
[www.firesidetheater.com](http://www.firesidetheater.com)

### [Madison Parks and Beaches](#)

The City of Madison has 13 [beaches](#) and a public [pool](#) for tons of water fun for the family. There are also over 260 [parks](#) where you can take walks, play on the jungle gyms, play a number of sports or go sledding and ice skating in the winter.



### [Olbrich Botanical Gardens](#)

Olbrich Botanical Gardens offer an indoor tropical conservatory, outdoor gardens with the new Thai Pavilion and educational experiences for all ages.  
>>> 3330 Atwood Ave., 608.246.4550  
Admission: \$1 Adults;  
Children under 5 are free  
[www.olbrich.org](http://www.olbrich.org)

### [Crawdaddy Cove Water Park](#)

Even if you are not staying at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Madison West you can enjoy the Kiddie Waterslides and Adventure Pool!  
>>>1109 Fourier Drive, 608.826.0500  
Admission: 11years old and under \$10,  
12 and up \$15  
[www.wiscohoteles.com/wiscohimadison](http://www.wiscohoteles.com/wiscohimadison)



### [Cave of the Mounds](#)

For more than 60 years, visitors have discovered why this is one of the best one day trips in the Midwest! Guided tours on paved, lighted walkways lead visitors past an unforgettable array of crystal formations.  
>>>2975 Cave of the Mounds Rd.,  
Blue Mound, 608.437.3038  
[www.caveofthemounds.com](http://www.caveofthemounds.com)



## Seasonal Children's Activities

### **International Festival** (February)

This annual event at the Overture Center for the Arts celebrates the diverse cultures of Madison and the world with performances, food and crafts from more than 40 countries.  
>>>201 State Street, 608.258.4157: [www.overturecenter.com/if.htm](http://www.overturecenter.com/if.htm)

### **Midwest Horse Fair** (April)

This event offers education, culture, history and all-around knowledge of horses. With over 36 different breeds of horses on display, along with lectures and clinics that explain different aspects of horses, the Midwest Horse Fair is fun for the whole family.  
>>>1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, 608.267.3976: [www.midwesthorsefair.com](http://www.midwesthorsefair.com)

### **Madison Mallards Kids Days** (summer)

Madison's favorite Baseball team hosts several Kids days through out the summer. Kids Day tickets include admission to Kids Day, lunch, one kids bleacher ticket, a free giveaway, and tons of family entertainment!  
>>>2920 N. Sherman Avenue, 608.246.4277: [www.mallardsbaseball.com/home](http://www.mallardsbaseball.com/home)

### **Betty Lou Cruises Ice Cream Social Sightseeing Cruise** (Summer Months)

Enjoy all the Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream you can eat while cruising on the beautiful Lake Monona!  
>>>Meet at Machinery Row, 608-246-3138: [www.bettyloucruises.com](http://www.bettyloucruises.com)

### **Dane County Fair** (3rd week of July)

For over 150 years, the Dane County Fair has entertained families with a unique combination of youth exhibits, a Kiddie Barn, Marketplace, a food court, Carnival Midway and live entertainment at the Alliant Energy Center.  
>>>1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, 608-224-0500: [www.danecountyfair.com](http://www.danecountyfair.com)

### **University of Wisconsin Madison Football Family Fun Day** (August)

The Badgers take a break from fall camp and catch up with family and friends at Camp Randall Stadium. Here's your chance to meet the team so bring your UW gear and get autographs from your favorite players.  
>>>1440 Monroe Street, 800.462.2343: [www.uwbadgers.com](http://www.uwbadgers.com)

### **Eplegaarden** (September-November)

Head to the Eplegaarden for horse-drawn hayrides through the orchard and "selv plukk" apples, raspberries and pumpkins for lots of old fashion rural farm fun.  
>>>2227 Fitchburg Road, Fitchburg, WI, 608.845.5966: [www.eplegaarden.com](http://www.eplegaarden.com)

### **Schuster's Playtime Farm** (September 20 – November 1)

Get a feel for the country 10 minutes from town! Schuster's promises fun for all ages with hayrides, corn mazes, haunted forest, barnyard, and a pumpkin patch.  
>>>1326 Hwy. 12/18, Deerfield, WI 53531, 608.764.8488: [www.schustersplaytimefarm.com/home.php](http://www.schustersplaytimefarm.com/home.php)

### **Kid's Expo** (November)

The Kid's Expo is full of family entertainment, hands-on activities and educational presentations filled with exciting prizes and giveaways at the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center.  
>>>1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI, 608.267.3976: [www.kids-expo.com](http://www.kids-expo.com)

### **UW Space Place** (special events throughout the year)

This is a vibrant public education center with professionally designed exhibits, classroom space, lecture room, and a roof top deck for sky viewing. The Space Place provides hands-on activities, lively presentations, and informative lectures by UW researchers. Space Place is only open during our scheduled events so their [event calendar](#).  
>>>2300 S. Park Street, 608-262-4779: [www.spaceplace.wisc.edu](http://www.spaceplace.wisc.edu)

## Kid Friendly Restaurants

### **Ella's Deli and Ice Cream Parlor**

2902 East Washington Ave.  
Madison, WI 53704  
(608) 241-5291  
[www.ellas-deli.com](http://www.ellas-deli.com)

### **Uno Grill**

222 W. Gorham Street  
Madison, WI 53703  
608.255-7722  
[www.unos.com](http://www.unos.com)

### **Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co.**

357 Price Place (Hilldale Location)  
Madison, WI 53705  
(608) 661-9400  
[www.greatdanepub.com](http://www.greatdanepub.com)

### **Hubbard Avenue Diner**

7445 Hubbard Avenue  
Middleton, WI 53562  
608.83.6800  
[foodfightinc.com/hubbard.htm](http://foodfightinc.com/hubbard.htm)

### **Tex Tubb's Taco Palace**

2701 University Avenue  
Madison, WI 53705  
608.231.3473  
[www.textubbstacos.com](http://www.textubbstacos.com)

### **Market Street Diner**

110 Market Street  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590  
[www.foodfightinc.com/msd.htm](http://www.foodfightinc.com/msd.htm)