OUR LAKES

THE GENEVA LAKE SHORE PATH

The Geneva Lake Shore Path is a 21-mile public footpath created by early settlers of the region. The path meanders along the lakeshore, crossing the front lawns of historic estates, marinas, beaches and public parks. The terrain is suitable for walkers, and varies from grass and dirt to brick and concrete. Here are some of our top recommendations for what to see.

6. PIER 290
Pier 290 is the only restaurant on the lake where you can sit in the sand and have a cocktail or dine just steps from the lake. Slips are available for those who prefer to travel here by boat. See ad P. 62

7. AURORA UNIVERSITY
Established over a century ago as a YMCA training facility, George Williams College of Aurora University continues to attract students in a variety of disciplines. The headquarters of the Water Safety Patrol is also located here. Founded in 1853, the tradition of this private, nonprofit organization is to keep Geneva Lake safe and enjoyable for all.

8. THE ECHOES
This beautiful Queen Anne-style mansion was designed in 1896 by Henry Lord Guy for George R. Brown, one of the founding fathers of Cleveland. In 1938, the property was bought by Amos Lee Cox, owner of Zeno Manufacturing Company, which made chewing gum. Cox and William Whirlsey eventually joined forces to create the Whirlsey Chewing Gum Company.

9. BLACK POINT
Barely visible above the trees, Black Point was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1994 and is open for public tours, accessible only by tour boat. The house was commissioned by boost Barri Dam. Segal in 1888 as a summer cottage enjoyed by four generations of Segal descendants. See ad P. 65

10. LAKE GENEVA COUNTRY CLUB
Established in 1895 and built by Richard Soutter, this was the first golf course in Wisconsin. Because Newport, Rhode Island, had become a popular summer vacation destination in the late 1800s, Lake Geneva decided to build its own country club.

11. CASA DEL SUEÑO
This estate was built in 1929 and its name means “house of dreams” Bill and Lee Phelps built the traditional-style mansion in the style of the nearby estates of Queens Rush and the Best House. The house was designed by Walter Sammons and is a National Historic Landmark. See ad P. 68

12. THE GENEVA INN
This boutique hotel offers panoramic views of the lake and downtown Lake Geneva from the restaurant, patio and many of its rooms. See ad P. 67

13. BIG FOOT BEACH STATE PARK
Nestled against Button Bay, Big Foot Beach State Park welcomes campers, sunbathers, picnickers and bikers. The lagoon, a replica of Geneva Lake, was created by the Maytag family (of washing machine fame) when they owned the property.

A SHORE THING

Navigating the Shore Path has never been easier thanks to the VISIT Lake Geneva app. Available free in the App Store or through Google Play, it will direct you to public access points and restrooms, as well as share the history of the homes and points of interest you’ll see from the path. When opening the app, just choose “Historic Shore Path Tour.”

ACCESS POINTS

- LAKE GENEVA
- CHAPEL ROAD
- WILLIAMS BAY
- FONTANA
- SHADOW LANE
- LINC ROAD
- MAPLEWOOD BEACH STATE PARK

GETTING AROUND

- TROLLEY RIDE
- BIKE RENTAL
- PEDAL BOAT RENTAL

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