



## GREATER MADISON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HISTORY & HERITAGE

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The Greater Madison area is steeped in history, from the glaciers that inhabited our land thousands of years ago, to the State Capitol that anchors the city's downtown. Spend your days touring the area's historic attractions, museums and restaurants and leave with a great appreciation for the city's past.

### Wisconsin Historical Museum

You can experience Wisconsin's distinctive history, heritage and shared experiences at the Wisconsin Historical Museum. Located across from the Capitol, this museum highlights and celebrates the many cultures that settled in this remarkable area.  
30 N Carroll St, 608.264.6555  
[historicalmuseum.wisconsinhistory.org](http://historicalmuseum.wisconsinhistory.org)

### Wisconsin State Capitol

The granite-structured Wisconsin State Capitol provides a rich history of the state's diverse ethnic heritage. Experience the Capitol through a free guided tour or explore on your own.  
2 E Main St, 608.266.0382  
[wisgov.state.wi.us](http://wisgov.state.wi.us)

### Wisconsin Veterans Museum

Located on the Capitol Square, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum's galleries tell the story of Wisconsin men and women who served in America's conflicts from the Civil War to present.  
30 W Mifflin St, 608.267.1799  
[wisvetsmuseum.com](http://wisvetsmuseum.com)

### Governor's Mansion

This Southern Classical Revival home, which has housed Wisconsin governors since 1949, sits on Lake Mendota. View the elegant showcase of art and decoration through a guided tour that highlights the historical significance of the residence.  
99 Cambridge Rd, 608.246.5501  
[wisgov.state.wi.us](http://wisgov.state.wi.us)

### Frank Lloyd Wright Attractions

Renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright spent his childhood years in nearby Spring Green and returned to build numerous buildings in the area, including Taliesin, Wright's famous home, studio, school and farm.  
[visitmadison.com/plan/itineraries/mr-wright/](http://visitmadison.com/plan/itineraries/mr-wright/)

### Madison Trust for Historic Preservation

Discover the fascinating history of State Street and Madison's historic neighborhoods via walking and biking tours. Or walk the UW-Madison's campus and learn about architecture from the mid-1800s to modernist structures.  
21 E Wilson St, 608.441.8864  
[madisonpreservation.org](http://madisonpreservation.org)

### Camp Randall

Home to the Badgers football team today, Camp Randall was originally a staging place and POW camp during the Civil War. Almost 70,000 troops were trained there, nearly all of the state's military at the time.  
1440 Monroe St, 608.262.1866  
[uwbadgers.com/facilities/camp-randall.html](http://uwbadgers.com/facilities/camp-randall.html)

### Cave of the Mounds

In 1939 this cave was accidentally discovered during a dynamite blast. The geologic formation of the cave began over 400 million years ago and is now home to an array of colorful crystals.  
2975 Cave of the Mounds Rd, Blue Mounds, 608.437.3038  
[caveofthemounds.com](http://caveofthemounds.com)



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### University of Wisconsin Geology Museum

Take a look into Wisconsin's deep geological history at this museum, located on the UW-Madison campus. Get a glimpse of the dinosaurs that once roamed this area and view the rocks and minerals from Wisconsin. 1215 W Dayton St, 608.262.2399 [geology.wisc.edu](http://geology.wisc.edu)

### Madison Masonic Center

The Madison Masonic Center showcases an impressive collection of historic Masonic memorabilia and is on the National Register of Historic Places. 301 Wisconsin Ave, 608.256.5734 [madisonmasoniccenter.org](http://madisonmasoniccenter.org)

### Madison Food Explorers

Learn about Madison's history, architecture, and culture while discovering hidden restaurants and tasting local, fresh food. Each tour includes meal-like portions and energetic guides that will give you a glimpse into our capital city. 800.838.3006 [madisonfoodexplorers.com](http://madisonfoodexplorers.com)

**Additional information on arts, architecture, the culinary scene and craft culture can be found on our website, [visitmadison.com/thingstodo](http://visitmadison.com/thingstodo). Also worth a click is our event section, [visitmadison.com/events](http://visitmadison.com/events), which features the latest in upcoming activities, festivals and more.**

### HISTORIC RESTAURANTS

#### Quivey's Grove

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Quivey's Grove's authenticity and quality of the buildings is matched by the restaurant's food and service. 6261 Nesbitt Rd, 608.273.4900 [quiveysgrove.com](http://quiveysgrove.com)

#### Riverview Terrace Café

Located in Spring Green as part of the Frank Lloyd Wright Taliesin Preservation, the Riverview Terrace Café gives diners an unforgettable view overlooking the scenic Wisconsin River. 5607 County Rd C, Spring Green, 877.588.7900 ext. 232 [taliesinpreservation.org](http://taliesinpreservation.org)

#### Capital Tap Haus

Located in one of the oldest buildings on State Street, the Capital Tap Haus brings the tradition of turn of the century beer hall to Madison. 107 State St, 608.310.1010 [capitaltaphaus.com](http://capitaltaphaus.com)

#### The Wonder Bar

The Wonder Bar dates back to prohibition era, when the Chicago gangster Roger "the terrible" Touhy expanded his brewing business to Madison. It is still a full-service bar, and also serves steaks, seafood and much more. 222 E Olin Ave, 608.256.9430 [wonderbarmadison.com](http://wonderbarmadison.com)

#### The Great Dane—Downtown

The combination of historic ambiance, award winning food and brewery products and caring, attentive service has made the downtown Great Dane Pub Madison's most award-winning restaurant. Come for an ale and stay to learn about the building's history, which dates back to 1883. 123 E Doty St, 608.284.0000 [downtown.greatdanepub.com](http://downtown.greatdanepub.com)



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