



MADISON PARKS

Public Information Office

Board of Park Commissioners Presentation

August 12, 2020



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Messaging

- Website updates to individual pages, including new alerts, highlights
- Launched two Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Pages for [Parks](#) and [Golf](#)
- Goodman Pool – webpage, alert, press release and interviews

How to Purchase a Boat Launch, Dog Park & Disc Golf Permit

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posted July 10, 2020 7:13 AM

Due to COVID-19 precautions, a daily or annual **Boat Launch**, **Disc Golf** or **Dog Park** permit must be purchased online or by phone. All onsite kiosks are temporarily unavailable.

Visit cityofmadison.com/parks/permits to purchase or call (608) 266-4711 and leave a message. A staff member will return your call during regular business hours. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

See [Parks Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Updates](#) for precautions and adjustments to these amenities.

Golf Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

(Updated 07/01/2020) In response to COVID-19 and others safety...

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

All Madison Parks are open with some adjustments and closures in [Forward Dane](#) and are evaluating the best way to safely open park information is received and decisions are made. (Updated 07/22/20)

NOTE: Due to limited staffing resources, visitors may see a decrease in staff patience and understanding, as we allocate the limited resources to difficult decisions related to services impact our community and they are...

PRECAUTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Now more than ever, parks and open spaces play a critical role in our mental and physical health. We encourage you to stay active and enjoy the outdoors by following these overall precautions and recommendations when spending time in parks. Please review the individual facility or amenity listed below under the OPEN section and see the information.



Find a Park

Facilities

Play

City of Madison

Parks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

Parks are open. View adjustments, precautions, and closures.

Playgrounds



OPEN: (Updated 06/15/2020) Playgrounds are open with the following precautions:

- Maintain at least 6' between people outside of your immediate household.
- Consider sanitizing common touchpoints.
- Use hand sanitizer after use.

View [COVID-19](#) for all impacted City services. **More information:** [Public Health Madison & Dane County](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Messaging

- News Releases
- Blog Posts

Blog

Explore Madison Parks this Month with a Self-Guided Walk

July 1, 2020 3:56 PM

Celebrate National Park & Recreation Month by exploring Madison Parks with a self-guided nature walk on any day in July.

Tenney Park, 1330 Sherman Avenue
Butterflies and Their Host Plants
Take a beautiful nature walk at Tenney Park to enjoy looking at the native Wisconsin butterflies and shrubs that Wisconsin butterflies and plants need for their life cycles. Can you find a Monarch Butterfly? Use the internet to look up



Blog

Volunteers Needed to Remove Garlic Mustard

May 15, 2020 12:09 PM

You've probably heard about garlic mustard. While sometimes used to make a pesto or as a salad topping, this invasive plant dominates and displaces native vegetation.



Shown in the image, the lookalike on the left is the kidneyleaf buttercup and is a native wildflower. On the right is garlic mustard. The leaf shapes are similar, but note that garlic mustard leaves are much more wrinkled and smell like garlic. (Photo courtesy: [unclear])

Parks Offices Closed to the Public

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - 1:07pm

COVID-19 Update for Madison Parks

Thursday, March 26, 2020 - 9:04am

COVID-19 Update for Madison Parks
In compliance with the [Emergency SAFER AT HOME Order by Governor Tony Evers PDF \(L\)](#), and through guidance from [Public Health Madison & Dane County](#), the City of Madison Parks Division has the following updates to park amenities, activities, and facilities. Recognizing outdoor spaces play a critical role in the physical wellbeing of our community trails and several off-leash dog parks are **OPEN** with safe social distancing precautions taken.

Goodman Pool Set to Open July 15

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 - 1:49pm

The Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Pool is set to open next week, Wednesday, July 15 in three 2-hour sessions with limited capacities. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, pool guests will see a number of adjustments and precautions, including wearing a mask. Detailed information is posted on the [Goodman Pool website](#).

What to Know Before Your Visit

Update for Madison Parks Events

Thursday, March 19, 2020 - 11:45am

All parks remain open! Madison Parks is working closely with Public Health to ensure events are held in a different way. The health and safety of our community is our top priority.

Goodman's Jewelers Sponsors First 500 Swimmers at the Goodman Pool

Thursday, July 16, 2020 - 2:59pm

Today, after a rain delay on Wednesday and more than a month's delay due to COVID-19, the Goodman Pool opened to the public. The first 500 guests were surprised to learn their admission was free today, thanks to Goodman's Jewelers!

• Social Media



Madison Parks @madisonparkswi · Jul 8
 Goodman Pool set to open July 15. Get all the details online. Visit: cityofmadison.com/parks/pool

Here's a few adjustments:
 Arrive suit on and ready to swim.
 Wear a mask in line and upon entering.
 Maintain physical distancing.
 Purchase a Pool Play Pass in advance.
 Bring a chair.



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- Get ready for the Goodman Pool opening tomorrow the right -- Pool Play Pass. To the left - cash, che...
- POOL CHECKLIST**
- ✓ REVIEW Rules & Expectations (link provided)
 - ✓ SUIT ON -lockers and changing rooms are closed.
 - ✓ MASK ON - in-line, entering and anytime moving around outside the water.
 - ✓ POOL PLAY PASS OR WALLET READY - two lines, follow queues.
 - ✓ CHAIR - no deck chairs this year, bring your own chair
 - ✓ WATER BOTTLE - touch-free refill stations
- <http://ow.ly/NKoR50AxU10>



Madison Parks
 Published by Hootsuite [?] · June 17 · 🌐

There have been a number of updates this week to park amenities and changes happen rapidly. It's difficult to keep up with everything. The best place to know what's open with adjustments is the Parks Resource Page. <https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/coronavirus>

What to Know
 before you go.
cityofmadison.com/parks/coronavirus


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madisonparkswi Basketball courts are reopening! With more than 200 hoops system-wide, this process is expected to last through next week. Help keep the courts open by playing with members of your immediate household only. Pickup games are not allowed. See link in bio for more info. #basketball #madisonparks #reopening

mocheeks608 Yesss!! 🍌🍌🍌❤️

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Liked by naturenet_wi and 38 others



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Messaging

- Park Signage

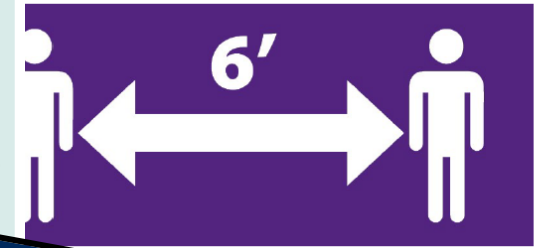
謹慎行事！

請採取以下措施來幫助網球與匹克球場
COVID-19期間保持安全和開放：

每個球場同時僅能夠有兩

Help keep our community healthy and safe

**PLEASE STAY 6 FEET (1.8 M)
AWAY FROM OTHERS**



Nres! Thov Nyeem

Thov pab kom koj cov chaw rau aub mus ua si (dog parks) tsis txhob muaj teeb meem thaum lub calj muaj COVID-19 kab mob thoob ntiaj teb (pandemic). Thov ua kom raws cov ntsiab lus qhia nram qab no kom thiaj li tsis muaj teeb meem (safe) es thiaj pab peb cia cov chaw rau aub mus ua si qhib!

Tsis txhob kov lub rooj vag nkag, cov chaw muaj hnab khaws aub cov quav



PLAY IT SAFE

Help keep the Goodman Pool safe during COVID-19 by practicing the



» **Maintain at least 6 feet** between people of your household



» Stay home if you are sick



» Wear a face-covering when NOT in the pool

» **Use hand sanitizer** frequently

» Avoid direct contact with others.



IRWIN A. AND ROBERT D.
GOODMAN



Crowded parks may lead to closed parks, please do your part to follow CDC guidelines.

FOR MORE PARK CHANGES AND UPDATES DUE TO COVID-19, VISIT:
cityofmadison.com/parks/coronavirus

For More Park Changes and Updates Due to COVID-19, visit:
cityofmadison.com/parks/coronavirus

- » Please, only one (1) individual OR one family from the same household should enter the restroom at one time.
- » Public park restrooms are cleaned once, daily.
- » We need your help. These restroom facilities will only remain open if people respect the space and maintain social distancing.
- » Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- » We need your help to keep our parks safe for everyone and others. Please stay home if you are sick and practice good hygiene. Avoid touching your face, sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow. Please throw garbage in trash receptacles.

Help keep piers open and safe!



One Person per Pier
Please take turns and be courteous to others.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, daily permits may be purchased online at cityofmadison.com/parks/permit

MASK REQUIRED

Masks are required in this space to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SE REQUIERE EL USO DE MÁSCARA

Debe usar máscaras en este espacio para ayudar a prevenir la propagación de COVID-19. Gracias por su cooperación.

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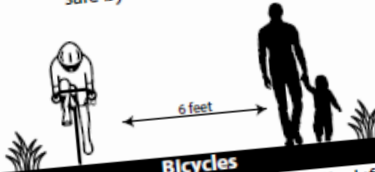
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必須佩戴口罩

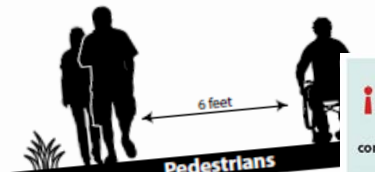
在此空間內必須佩戴口罩，以幫助防止傳播COVID-19。謝謝您的配合。

TRAIL GUIDELINES

Be courteous and help keep our community safe by sharing these paths.



Bicycles
Slow down! Announce "passing on the left"



Pedestrians
Stay to the edge - Maintain social distancing

April 6, 2020
<https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus>

When Visiting the Golf Course

Order #28 by Gov. Evers, and restrictions apply:
• Stay at least 6' at all times.
• Individuals wear a face covering.
• Reservations must be paid in advance, visit www.madison.gov/golf

¡JUEGA A LO SEGURO

Ayuda a que el golf de disco se mantenga abierto en condiciones seguras durante COVID-19 haciendo lo siguiente:



» Compra y muestra comprobación de un día o por un día. Sólo disponible en línea: cityofmadison.com/parks/permit



» **Mantén por lo menos 6 pies (2 metros)** entre las personas. Se debe acatar el distanciamiento en todo momento, a menos de jugadores vivan en la misma casa.



» **No se reúnan** en grupos ni se reúnan antes o después de jugar. Máximo 4 jugadores máximo por hoy.

» Saque el disco **sin tocar** la cesta.

» No compartan el equipo.

» ¡No dejes basura!

» Considera el uso de cubrebolsa.

» Usa desinfectante para manos.

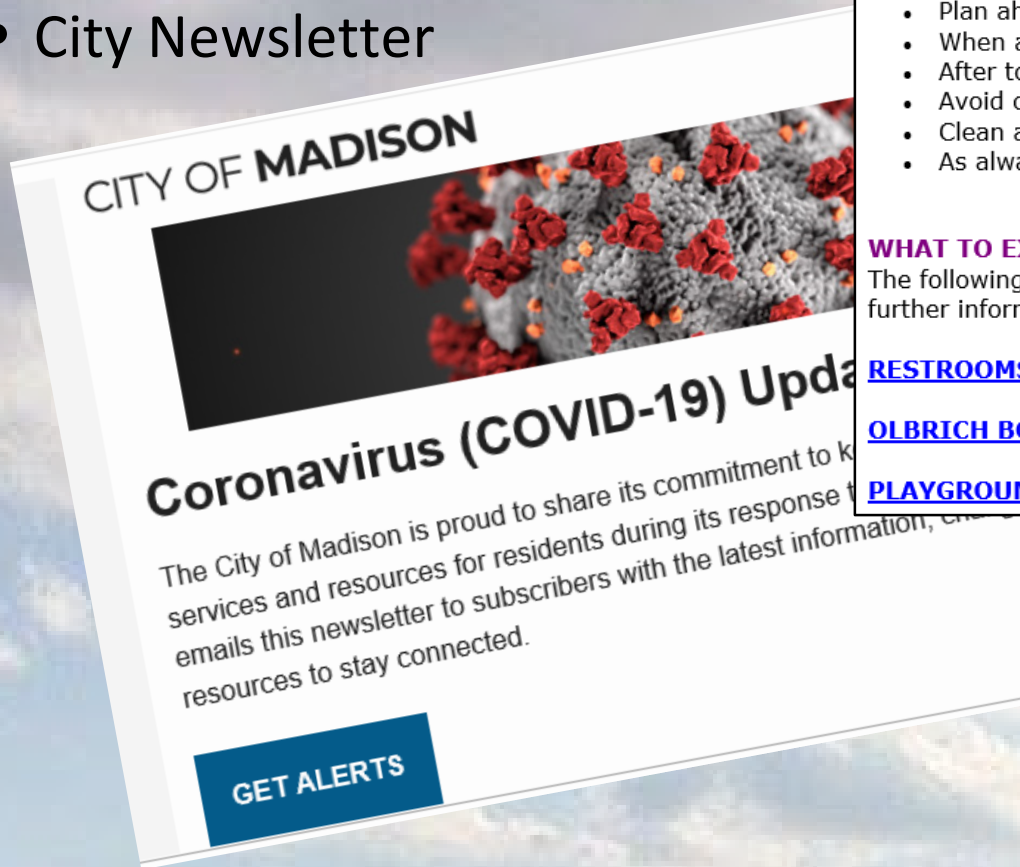


Para más sobre los cambios y últimas noticias de los Parques por COVID-19, visita: cityofmadison.com/parks/coronavirus

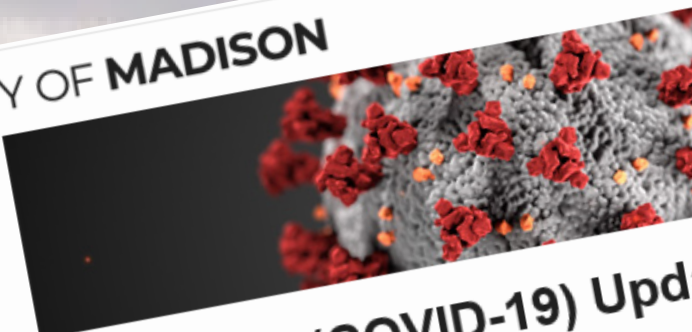
PLAYGROUND CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19
More information: publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Messaging

- Parks E-News
- City-Wide Communication
- Joint Information Center
- City Newsletter




CITY OF MADISON



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The City of Madison is proud to share its commitment to keep services and resources for residents during its response to COVID-19. We email this newsletter to subscribers with the latest information, and we encourage you to visit our resources to stay connected.

GET ALERTS



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MADISON PARKS NEWS

PARKS ARE OPEN

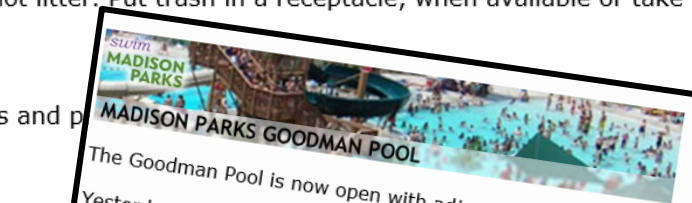
Now more than ever, parks and open spaces play a critical role in our mental and physical wellbeing. In addition to [Public Health Madison & Dane County recommendations](#), help us keep parks open by following these [precautions](#).

- Plan ahead. Use the restroom before you leave your home and bring your own water.
- When at the park, maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from people outside of your household.
- After touching common surfaces, use hand sanitizer or when available, wash your hands with soap and water.
- Avoid crowded locations. Consider an alternate entrance, if available or another park.
- Clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces and objects, such as picnic tables, before using.
- As always, do not litter. Put trash in a receptacle, when available or take it with you.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The following facilities and playgrounds are open. For further information, visit [Parks & Recreation](#).

- [RESTROOMS](#)
- [OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDEN](#)
- [PLAYGROUNDS](#)



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MADISON PARKS GOODMAN POOL

The Goodman Pool is now open with adjustments. Before your visit, review [Rules & Expectations](#).

Yesterday, Goodman's Jewelers sponsored the first 500 guests to the Goodman Pool. As a Goodman Pool subscriber, we are letting you in on a little secret! We have nearly **200 free admissions still available!** Yes, still available on a first-come, first-served basis. So come on down while supplies last!

- See [Hours & Prices](#) for session times, admission, and to purchase a Pool Play Pass.
- Visit [Goodman Pool Scholarships](#) to apply for a pool admission pass by joining the "waitlist."

Madison Parks Foundation is donating \$40,000 towards pool admission scholarships! With decreased support this year due to the impacts of COVID-19, the Foundation is asking area businesses and individuals to consider donating to this important community asset and help make the pool inclusive and accessible to the entire community. Visit [Madison Parks Foundation](#) to support these efforts.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you soon (with your mask on!).

Madison Parks – non-COVID

Madison Parks @madisonparkswi · Jul 29
Try this new temporary biking trail at Aldo Leopold Park what you think! Perfect for kids and beginners. When you ask? Click link for location and directions. cityofmadison.com/parks/find-a-p... #biking #Madison #madisonparks



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New trail at Aldo Leopold Park

Madison Parks is with Madison Public Library.
Published by Aaron Shea [?] · June 29 ·

Do you love to read outside? Have a favorite park? Park Commissioner Venus Washington and daughter share what their reading and their favorite place. #WeReadOutside #myfavoritepark #WeReadMadison



Partnership with Madison Public Library

Madison Parks
Published by Hootsuite [?] · July 2 ·

Celebrate National Park & Recreation Month by taking a self-guided nature walk on any day in July. Check out our latest blog post for a few suggestions at your favorite Bird & Nature watching locations. <http://ow.ly/5fBA50AnWKQ>



National Park & Rec Month

Goats in Parks!

- News Release: May 21
- Followed by a week series of social media posts and live video
- Local and regional media through July

Goats in Parks: Prescribed Grazing

Thursday, May 21, 2020 - 1:27pm

Fighting invasive plants is an on-going challenge for Parks staff and volunteers. Man... it can also include the application of herbicides in an effort to win the battle. This year... invasive plant management technique. Goats! Yes, goats!

Goats are natural grazers and enjoy snacking on invaders such as buckthorn, hone... average of 8 pounds of vegetation per day. This prescribed grazing is an important... areas and an important component of the [Integrated Pest Management \(IPM\) plan](#).

Madison Parks has hired about 40 adult and young adolescent goats from a local f... two locations this year. [Greenside Park](#) and [Acewood Conservation Park](#) were ide... their size, terrain and overwhelming need to control invasive species.



4,664 People Reached 711 Engagements Boost Post

157 14 Comments 15 Shares

Madison Parks
Published by Hootsuite [?] · May 30 ·

Meet Bill Nye the Goat Guy. With a degree in biological systems engineering and a talent for science communications, Bill uses his powers for good. He's hoping to start his own TV show. For now, his day job entails invasive species surveys and research on management techniques.
<http://ow.ly/mg9R50zNXwB>
Photo Courtesy: HaakHagen Goat Grazing



2,988 People Reached 226 Engagements Boost Post

103 8 Comments 10 Shares

Watch now: Goats grazing at Acewood Park in Madison

Jul 23, 2020 Updated Jul 27, 2020



Madison using goats to devour invasive plants

Goats are Madison Parks's newest hires



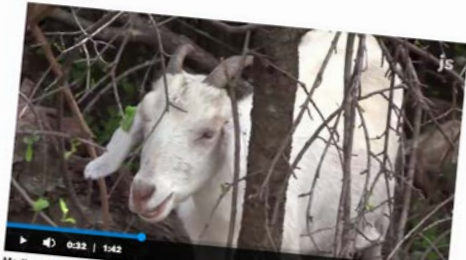
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A herd of 40 goats is helping clean up Madison's overgrown neighborhood

Laura Schutte Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Published 12:30 p.m. CT Jun. 9, 2020 | Updated 12:31 p.m. CT Jun. 6, 2020



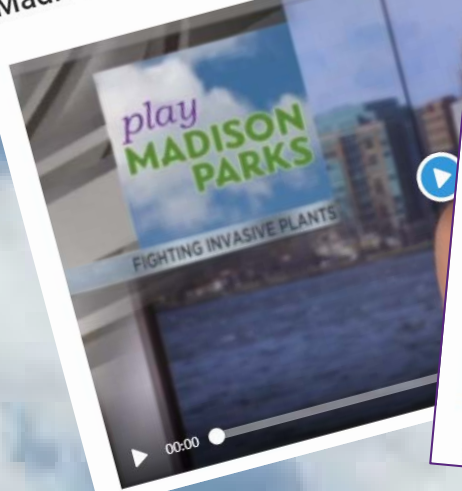
Madison is using goats to help control invasive plant species. Here's how it works.
Goats are used by Madison Parks, Greenside Park, to reduce invasive species. Here Landscape Architect Sarah Chase explains the program. *Almauer Seagr, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*



Goats graze on a plot of land owned by Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport next to a runway Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, in Atlanta. The test program is designed to bring vegetation under control without the use of chemicals that can be harmful to the environment. *David Goldman/AP Photo*

Grazing Goats Abound: Madison Parks Division Hires Herd To Remove Invasive Plants

Goats Reduce Need For Herbicides, Conservation Resource Supervisor Says



Madison Parks annual calendar continues for 2021!



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MADISON PARKS 2021 CALENDAR



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MADISON PARKS 2020 CALENDAR



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MADISON PARKS 2019 CALENDAR



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MADISON PARKS 2018 CALENDAR



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MADISON PARKS 2017 CALENDAR



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