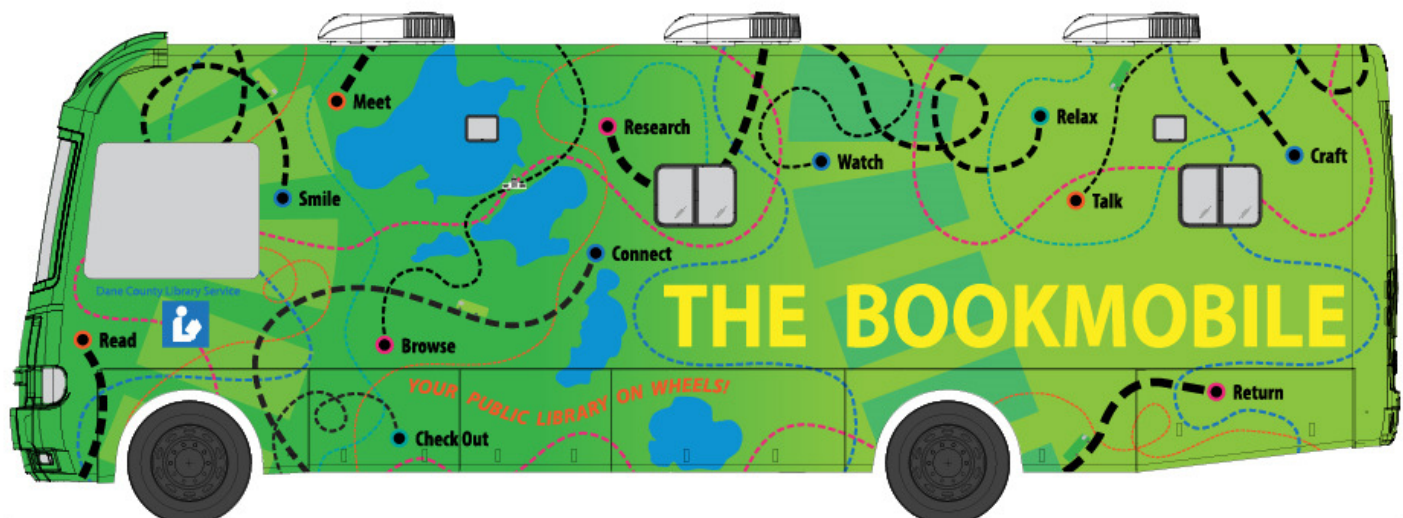


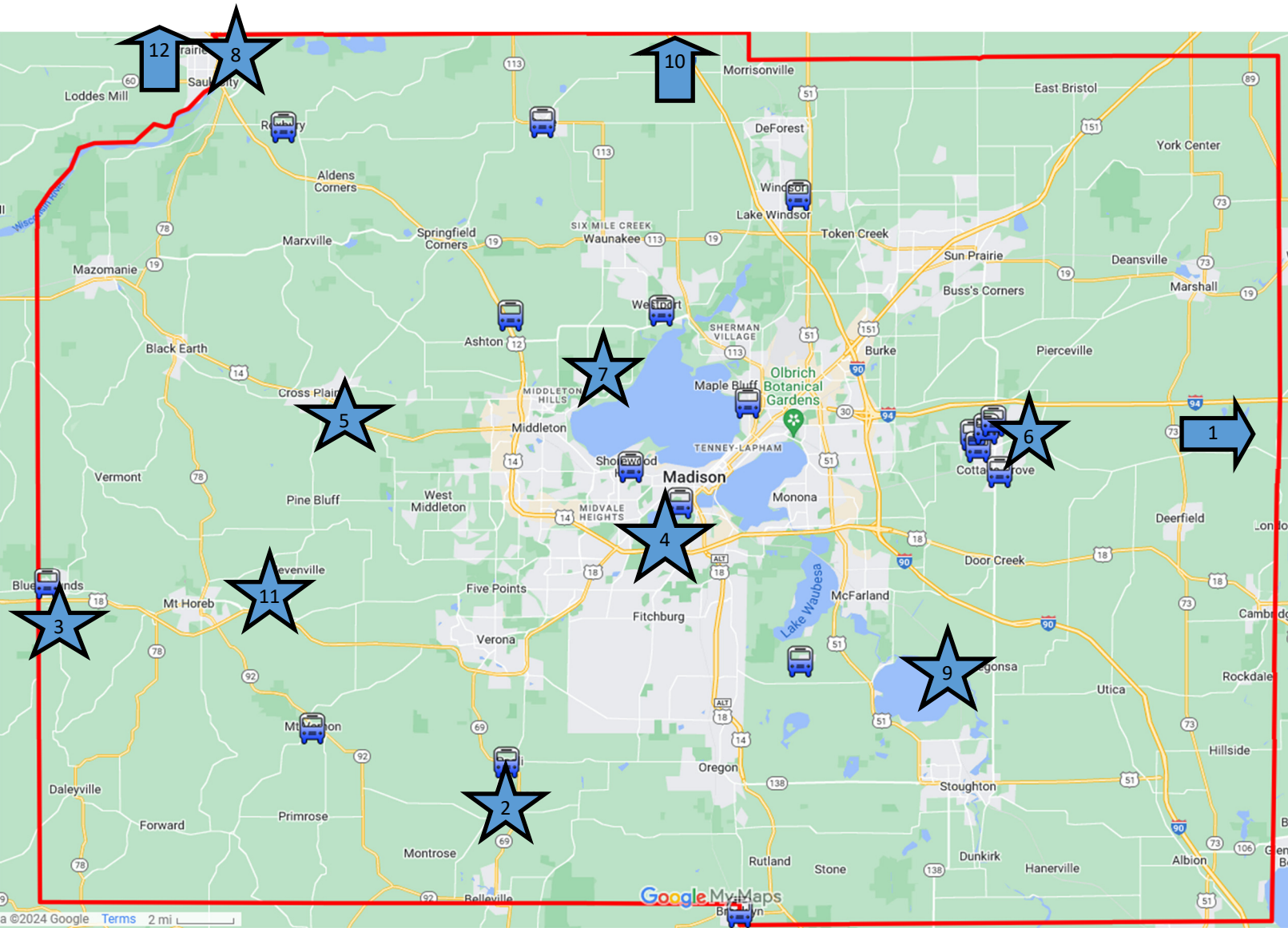


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# Aztalan State Park



Aztalan State Park is a National Historic Landmark and contains one of Wisconsin's most important archaeological sites, showcasing an ancient Middle-Mississippian village that thrived between A.D. 1000 and 1300. The people who settled in Aztalan built large, flat-topped pyramidal mounds and a stockade around their village. Portions of the stockade and two mounds have been reconstructed in the park.

# Badger State Trail



The Badger State Trail travels 40 miles between Madison and the Wisconsin-Illinois border while traversing farmlands, woods, rolling hills, scenic meadows, remnant prairies, ravines, glacial topography and several small communities. The Badger State Trail also connects to many local parks and the Capital City and Sugar River state trails.



# Blue Mound State Park



Perched atop the highest point in southern Wisconsin, Blue Mound State Park offers spectacular views and unique geological features. A swimming pool is available during summer. Over 20 miles of scenic hiking, off-road biking and cross-country ski trails, as well as a family campground, access to the Military Ridge State Trail with bike-in campsites and a rustic cabin for people with disabilities make Blue Mound a popular destination year-round.

# Capital Springs State Recreation Area



Just minutes from downtown Madison, Capital Springs State Recreation Area and Dane County's Lake Farm Park offer many recreation opportunities, including camping, hiking and skiing trails, picnicking, fishing and a boat launch on Lake Waubesa. The Capital City State Trail connects Capital Springs and Lake Farm Park to the city of Madison.



# Cross Plains State Park



Cross Plains State Park is located just west of Madison near the village of Cross Plains. This area contains an outstanding collection of glacial landforms, a gorge carved by meltwater and expansive views of both driftless and glaciated terrain. The state park is part of the larger Ice Age Complex, a partnership project of public lands cooperatively managed by the Wisconsin DNR, National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dane County Land and Water Resources Department and the non-profit Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA).

# Glacial Drumlin State Trail



Running between Wisconsin's two largest urban areas, this trail stretches for 52 miles through farmlands and glacial topography. The trail travels through 10 small towns from Cottage Grove to Waukesha. The trail is on an abandoned rail corridor, except for a 1.5-mile section northeast of Jefferson, between State Highway 26 and County Highway Y, which uses public roads as the trail route.



# Governor Nelson State Park



Located on 10,000-acre Lake Mendota, recreation and nature mingle within sight of the State Capitol. Governor Nelson is a day use park offering a sand beach, boat launch, fish cleaning facility, picnic areas and playground equipment, prairie restorations and over 8 miles of trails. Native American effigy mounds can be seen on the Woodland Trail.

# Great Sauk State Trail



The Great Sauk State Trail parallels the Wisconsin River through the communities of Prairie du Sac and Sauk City, extending through the heart of the Sauk Prairie State Recreation Area. Built on a former rail corridor, this 10.5-mile trail is paved with asphalt. Visitors can enjoy beautiful views as they pass through two historic towns nestled above the Wisconsin River. Parking and accommodations are available in each community.



# Lake Kegonsa State Park



Lake Kegonsa State Park offers a variety of recreational activities set along a 3,200-acre lake. A swimming beach, picnic areas with reservable shelters, and a boat launch are within 1 mile of the campground. Fishing opportunities are excellent, while hiking trails weave among oak woodlands, prairies and wetlands.

# MacKenzie Center State Recreational Area



The MacKenzie Center, just 25 miles north of Madison, is one of the most diverse education centers in Wisconsin. Located on a 285-acre property near Poynette in Columbia County, the MacKenzie Center has interpretive trails, exhibits, museums and programming available for school and youth groups. The MacKenzie Center is a wonderful place to visit and learn about the natural world.



# Military Ridge State Trail



The 40-mile Military Ridge State Trail, in Iowa and Dane counties, connects Dodgeville and Madison by way of an 1855 military route between Verona and Dodgeville. The trail runs along the southern borders of Governor Dodge and Blue Mound state parks passing by agricultural lands, woods, wetlands and prairies.

# Sauk Prairie State Recreation Area



Sauk Prairie State Recreation Area was once designated as an army ammunition plant that operated during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. It was the largest munitions factory in the world during World War II. The plant was declared excess to the Army's needs and has since been transferred to the state and other owners for recreation, conservation and research.

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