

# Discover newly-recognized historic places, history-related events

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The Wisconsin Historical Society supplied a list for the Lakes Edition of some of the newest area locations that have achieved national and state registers of historic places. The society also noted some new history-related exhibits and events in the Lakes Edition area. For more information, visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org).

## NEW TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Beck Farmstead, Jefferson, Jefferson County

Michael and Margaritha Beck (Bieck), immigrant farmers from Germany, established this farm in 1865. The Beck Farmstead followed the dairy trend around Wisconsin and was transitioned to dairying, which continued through multiple subsequent owners of the farm. The farm – including a farmhouse, bank barn, machine shed, granary, milk house, corn crib, privy, and flagpole – maintains remarkable integrity and quality in its organization, materials, and appearance. The farm today is architecturally intact and an excellent example of a late nineteenth-early twentieth century dairy farm in rural Jefferson County.

## NEW TO STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES Frank W. Hoyt Park, Madison, Dane County

The original portion of the park was developed by Professor Edward T. Owen in 1892, who then donated it to a private organization originally called the Lake Mendota Pleasure Drive Association, and reorganized as the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association two years later. This private association was instrumental in creating what would become Madison's nationally known public park system and Owen's donation was the first step in creating this system. In the late 1920s, the park system developed by the Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association was donated to the City of Madison, which established its own publicly funded parks department. Frank W. Hoyt Park thus became the city's first suburban park and as such it represents the beginning of a new era in Madison's park development.

**Luther Memorial Church, Madison, Dane County**  
Architect: Claude & Starck (church); Reginald Stehr (addition)

Date of Construction: 1923 (church); 1959 (addition)  
Luther Memorial Church is one of the finest examples of Neo-Gothic Revival style architecture in the city of Madison, designed by the prominent and prolific architectural firm, Claude & Starck. The addition by Madison architect Reginald Stehr, is an excellent example of modern design which interprets the Neo-Gothic style of the church utilizing the Gothic vocabulary in a complimentary, yet restrained, manner. Neo-Gothic Revival characteristics exhibited on Luther Memorial Church include its steeply-pitched roof, projecting bays with parapeted gables, buttresses, pointed-arch openings with tracery, and prominent square tower exhibiting crenellation, finials, and tracery. The tall stained glass window and soaring tower of the front façade are particularly striking features.

- Vincent McCall Company, Kenosha, Kenosha County
- Tenney Building, Madison, Dane County
- Sylvan Avenue-Ridge Road Historic District, Madison, Dane County

## NEW EXHIBITS AT HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS

### Wisconsin Historical Museum, Madison, Wis. NEW Exhibit: "Flavor of Wisconsin"

Join the Wisconsin Historical Society's celebration of flavors that connect us to our diverse heritage in the most delicious way. With exhibitions, demonstrations, tours, and tastes around the state, The Flavor of Wisconsin brings to life the history and living traditions that make us who we are. See all our flavorful events at [www.wisconsinhistory.org/flavor](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/flavor)

### Old World Wisconsin, Eagle, Wis. "Historic Brewing Program"

Brewers use heirloom hops, barley and 19th-century techniques to recreate traditional beers. Explore the process, learn from the brewers, and enjoy a cold brew on select Saturdays throughout the summer season. Dates include: June 2, 16, 30; July 14, 28; Aug. 11, 25; Sept. 8, 22; and Oct. 6.

### "Take the Wisconsin Journey"

The Wisconsin Journey is a new 90-minute, guided experience as you travel the path of immigrant families coming to Wisconsin and becoming American. A costumed host will lead small-groups to three historic structures where you will put yourselves in the shoes of early immigrants. You will explore choices, hold history in your



The "Take the Wisconsin Tour" at Old World Wisconsin. (All photos courtesy of Wisconsin Historical Society)

hands and make connections to your own family story. Offered Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 through Oct. 14.

### Black Point Estate & Gardens, Lake Geneva, Wis. "Beer Baron's Beer Cruise"

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on June 16, July 21 and Aug. 11  
Enjoy an early evening cruising Geneva Lake while learning about the history of the beer barons that vacationed and lived along its shores. No presentation about beer would be complete without a tasting so join us in raising a pint together. This program will highlight the evolution of the brewing industry in Milwaukee and Chicago with a local flavor. Beer tastings, snacks and a souvenir beer mug are included in the ticket price.



Dane County's Frank W. Hoyt Park is new to Wisconsin's Register of Historic Places.

## Lakes of Dane County Lake Waubesa

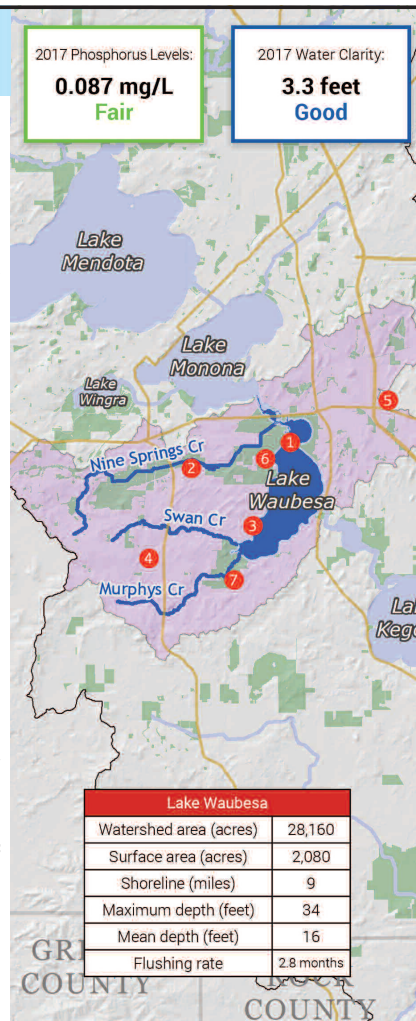
Lake Waubesa is the third in the Yahara chain of lakes as the Yahara River flows south from Lake Monona through Upper Mud Lake. Work in the Mendota and Monona watersheds to prevent phosphorus runoff is helping Lake Waubesa since much of the phosphorus in the lake comes from upstream.

The watershed has a mix of urban and rural land use. The north end of the lake is surrounded by the Capital Spring State Recreation Area and features the new Lower Yahara River Trail and bike-pedestrian bridge. The south end of the lake receives spring water from Swan Creek, Murphy Creek and Bogholt Deep Spring, which buffers the high-quality Waubesa Wetlands from nutrient runoff. The outlet of the Yahara River sits at the east shore of the lake and runs south towards Lower Mud Lake before joining Lake Kegonsa.

The following projects reported by partners in 2017 will improve access and use of Lake Waubesa:

### Dane County

- Completed a major phase of the Lower Yahara River Trail, connecting McFarland on the east shore of the lake to Madison and the upper lakes via the Capital City Trail. The new mile-long bridge (1) is the longest boardwalk of its kind in North America, and will eventually extend to Lake Kegonsa
- Purchased 15 acres of land adjacent to wetlands and Nine Springs Creek in the Lewis Nine Springs E-way (2)
- Opened a sand-filtered "Clean Beach Corridor" swim area at Goodland County Beach (3)
- Worked with farmers to put in practices that divert phosphorus from the lake (4)
- Approved \$23 million landfill biogas project that will improve the economics of current digesters and incentivize more treatment facilities (5)
- Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area worked with volunteers to maintain and improve habitat (6).
- Capital Area Regional Planning Commission is studying the Waubesa wetlands (7) to help guide future water quality and development planning.



## Lakes of Dane County Lake Mendota

The explosion of zebra mussels is the big news for Lake Mendota in 2017, which has the potential to drastically change the lake and its shoreline. According to scientists at the UW Center for Limnology, we can likely expect more green, filamentous algae to grow in thick mats along the shoreline.

Other big news was the blue-green algal bloom on Father's Day weekend that colored Lake Mendota from Picnic Point to the Yahara River and into Lake Monona. According to the Center for Limnology, the warm, calm conditions and phosphorus levels created the perfect conditions for the bloom and fish kill. Managing runoff will be more important than ever to mitigate the impact of zebra mussels and blue-green algae.

Lake Mendota, the largest lake in the Yahara chain, is surrounded by mostly agricultural land, along with areas of rapid urban growth. The following projects reported by partners in 2017 will help us meet our Yahara CLEAN water quality goals for Lake Mendota:

Yahara Pride Farms continues to implement cost-effective, farmer-led practices to protect soil and water quality. In 2017, the group cost-shared 10,600 acres of conservation practices (1).

### Dane County

- Worked with farmers to put in conservation practices that divert 10,600 pounds of phosphorus from the lakes (1)
- Permanently protected 54 acres along Token Creek (2) and 123 acres of land along the Yahara River near Cherokee Marsh (3)
- Restored 35 acres of prairie and 12 acres of wetland in Cherokee Marsh Wildlife Area (4)
- Granted funds to the Town of Middleton to construct a pond in the Prairie Estates Neighborhood to slow runoff (5)
- Began the next phase of the project to remove phosphorus-laden sediment from 2.3 miles of Dorn Creek (6)

### City of Madison

- Installed a sediment trap and stabilized stream banks at Willow Creek (7)
- Put in a stormwater pond and restored a small wetland in Cherokee Marsh's south unit (8)
- Dane County grants will fund stormwater improvements at Sauk Creek Greenway (9) and Nautilus Pond (10)

### The City of Middleton

- Dredged Pheasant Branch confluence pond (11), restoring its ability to trap phosphorus
- Continues to participate in the Yahara WINS adaptive management project
- Stabilized the banks of Pheasant Branch near Parmenter and Park Streets (12)

### Village of DeForest

- Added a staff member to increase street sweeping by 39 days (13)
- Continues to participate in the Yahara WINS adaptive management project

Friends of Pheasant Branch and Friends of Cherokee Marsh monitored stream health.

Dane County, Yahara WINS, and Clean Lakes Alliance purchased manure injection equipment that Yahara Pride Farms is using to reduce runoff. This group is also expanding manure composting

