

# Winter Recreation Guide



DANE COUNTY PARKS



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## Welcome!

Winter offers a variety of recreational opportunities for you to enjoy the natural beauty of the Dane County Park system.

Miles of specially groomed trails offer cross-country skiers spectacular views and ideal conditions.

Dane County Parks provides winter access to many snowshoe trails, and several parks contain excellent sledding hills. If you're interested in **winter mountain biking (permit required)**, we even have a venue for that! Please see map on the reverse side for activity locations.

Winter is also the perfect time for following animal tracks in the snow, taking quiet walks, ice fishing, or observing winter birds, wildlife and plants. Winter hiking, snowshoeing, and dog walking opportunities are available at most parks. **Please respect skiers and stay off groomed ski trails.** Dogs require a Dane County dog permit and must be on-leash unless in a designated off-leash dog park.

For additional information and trail conditions, contact the Parks Office at (608) 224-3730, or visit our website [www.danecountyparks.com](http://www.danecountyparks.com)



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## Trail Users

1. Hiking, dog walking, and snowshoeing are **not** allowed on groomed cross-country ski trails.
2. Most trails are marked for one-way use. Please follow directions when using trails.
3. Trails are color-coded and numbered to delineate loops or segments.
4. Detailed cross-country ski trail maps are available on the Parks [website](http://www.danecountyparks.com).

## General Park Rules

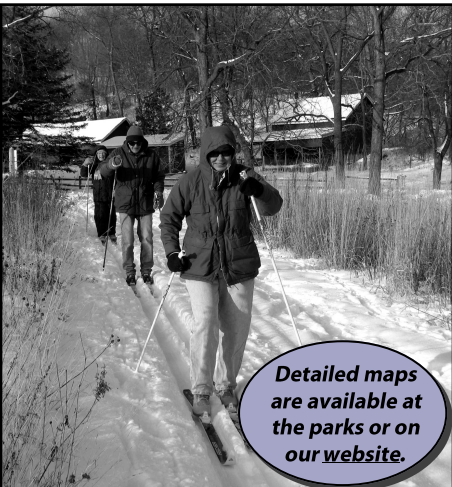
1. Parks are open daily from 5 am to 10 pm.
2. Vehicles are restricted to designated roadways and parking areas.
3. All trash must be removed from the parks or deposited in appropriate containers.

## Permit Information

1. Trail users age 16+ are required to purchase a daily or annual trail permit to use groomed Dane County and City of Madison ski trails and Dane County mountain bike trails.
2. No permit is required for snowshoeing or cross-country skiing on **ungroomed** trails.
3. All dog owners must purchase a dog permit to bring their dog(s) into a County park. All dogs must be on-leash unless in a designated off-leash dog park.
4. Accessing any Dane County Parks lake access site for ice fishing requires a Dane County lake access permit. (Wisconsin State Park Vehicle Admission Stickers are also accepted at the William G. Lunney Lake Farm lake access site in the Capital Springs Recreation Area.)

Permits are available at trailheads, dog parks, lake access sites, the Dane County Parks website ([www.danecountyparks.com](http://www.danecountyparks.com)), by phone at (608) 224-3730, and in person at the Dane County Parks Office.

## Dane County Parks Cross-country Ski Trail Maps and Snowshoeing Information



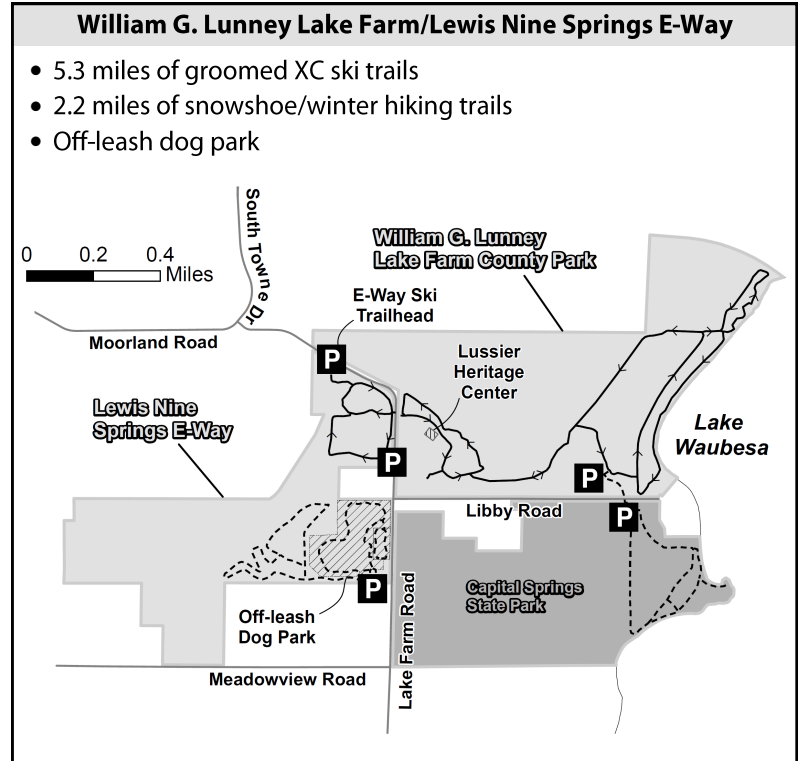
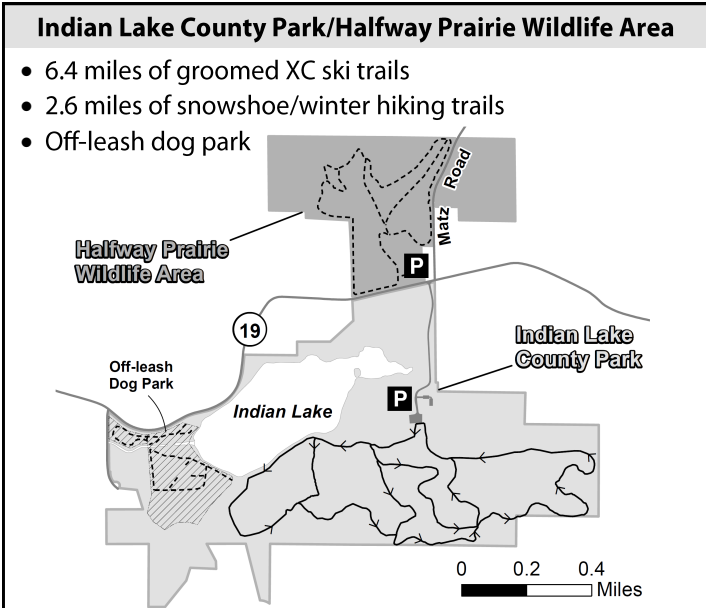
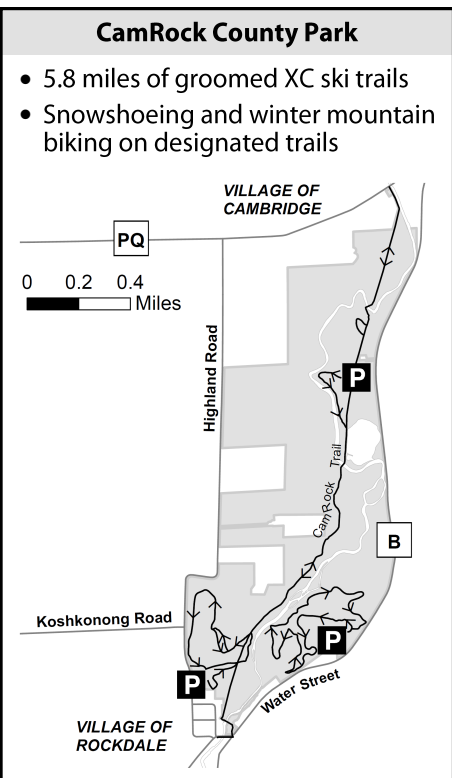
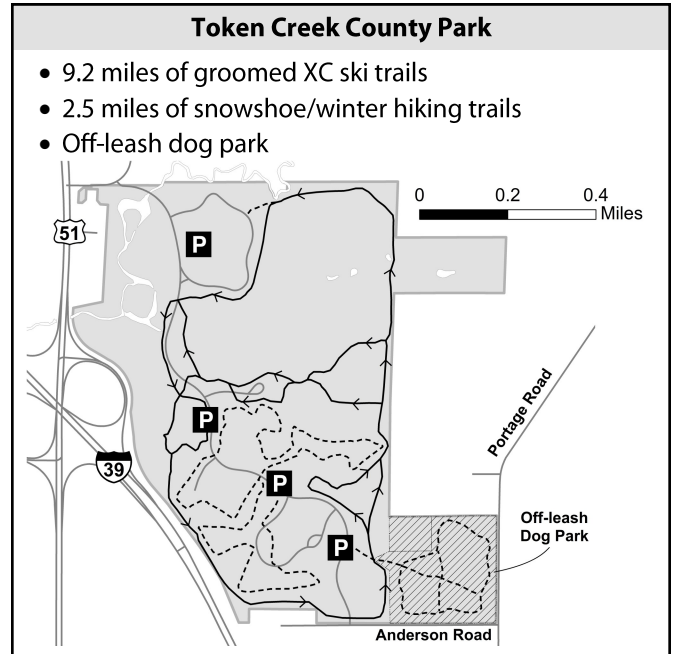
Detailed maps are available at the parks or on our website.

**Cross-country skiing** (XC skiing) is a great way to enjoy the outdoors during the winter months. Dane County offers designated cross-country ski trails, groomed for both classic and skate skiers, at the following county parks:

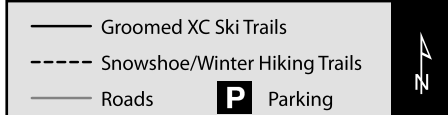
- CamRock
- Indian Lake
- Token Creek
- William G. Lunney Lake Farm/Lewis Nine Springs E-Way

A daily or annual cross-country ski permit is required which is also good for City of Madison ski trails. McCarthy County Park also offers cross-country ski trails groomed by volunteers; no permit is required. Cross-country skiing is allowed at locations other than designated sites; however, trails are not groomed, so conditions may not be ideal.

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# Winter Recreation Opportunities




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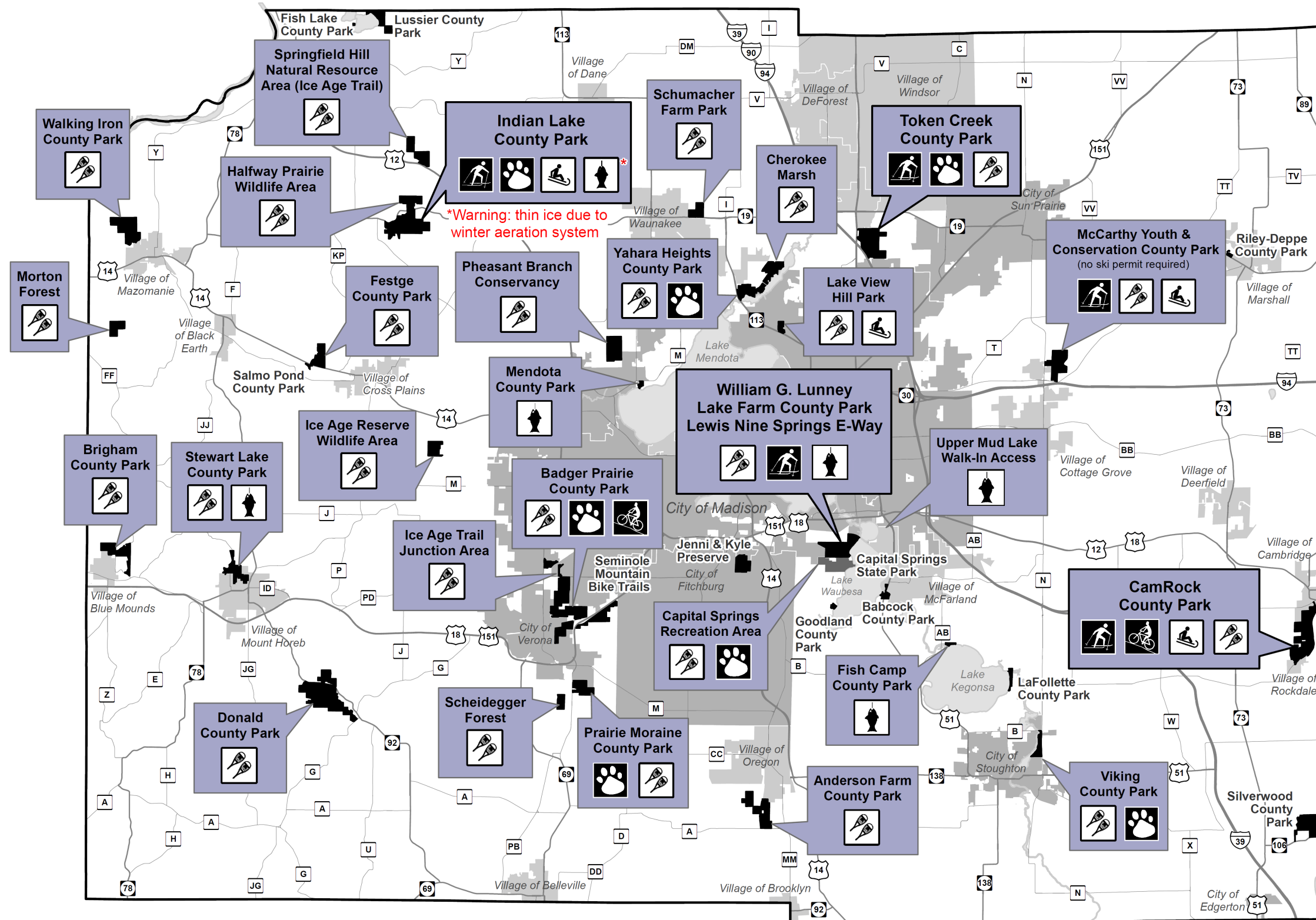
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## Permit Required

-  Groomed XC Ski Trails
-  Off-leash Dog Park
-  Winter Mountain Biking

## No Permit Required

-  Snowshoe/Winter Hiking\*
-  Ice Fishing (lake access permit may apply)
-  Sledding



Dane County Parks <i>Always in Season</i>								
	Groomed XC Ski Trails	Snowshoe/Winter Hiking Trails*	Ice Fishing/Lake Access	Off-leash Dog Park	Sledding	Snowmobiling	Winter Mountain Biking	Winter Camping
Anderson Farm County Park		X				X		
Badger Prairie County Park		X		P			P	
Brigham County Park		X					P	
CamRock County Park	P	X			X		P	
Capital Springs Recreation Area	P	X	P	P				
Cherokee Marsh		X						
Donald County Park		X				X		
Festge County Park		X						
Fish Camp County Park			P					
Goodland County Park			P			X		
Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area		X						
Ice Age Reserve Wildlife Area		X						
Ice Age Trail Junction Area		X						
Indian Lake County Park	P		X	P	X	X		
Lake View Hill Park		X			X			
Lewis Nine Springs E-Way	P							
Lussier County Park			P					
McCarthy County Park	X	X			X			
Mendota County Park			P					
Morton Forest		X						
Pheasant Branch Conservancy		X						
Prairie Moraine County Park		X		P				
Salmo Pond County Park		X	X					
Scheidegger Forest		X						
Schumacher Farm Park		X						
Seminole Mountain Bike Trails		X					P	
Springfield Hill Natural Resource Area (Ice Age Trail)		X						
Stewart Lake County Park		X	X					
Token Creek County Park	P	X		P		X		
Upper Mud Lake			P					
Viking County Park		X	X	P		X		
Walking Iron County Park		X				X		
William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park Lewis Nine Springs E-Way	P	X	P					
Yahara Heights County Park		X		P				

**P = Permit Required**  
\*Hiking with a dog requires a Dane County Parks dog permit.

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