

Vilas Madison, WI

The Vilas neighborhood features vintage and historic properties designed by some of Madison's most respected architects from the early 20th century. In addition, the houses here are uniquely situated next to Lake Wingra and Vilas Park, Beach, and Zoo. Many will argue there is no better place to be in Madison on a pleasant, sunny day. In fact you'll find many Madisonians enjoying the beautiful surroundings that this area offers throughout the year. There's much more to know about the properties here and the amenities of the surrounding area. This area includes the Wingra Park Historic District which was first listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999. The Madison Landmarks Commission provides an in depth walking tour of the area and an excellent introduction to the American Craftsman, Bungalow, and Prairie style homes that line the streets of the neighborhood. The properties in this area include many elements that are rarely found in more contemporary homes. One example is the large number of properties that prominently feature the "old-fashioned front porch." Some homes in newer neighborhoods try to replicate this feature, but without the same effect.

2 Parks 

4 Coffee Shops 

9 Restaurants 



This part of Madison is one of the most pedestrian-friendly areas in town. Most Vilas houses are only a short walk away from the Monroe Street corridor, which offers a unique variety of restaurants, cafes, shops, and local small businesses. Monroe Street is also home to Trader Joe's, a grocery store that is very popular with the residents here and in neighboring Dudgeon-Monroe.



Parks, Beaches & Recreation

There is no park in Madison that is quite like Vilas Park. On any given day you'll find scores of Madisonians flocking to the neighborhood to take in the beauty of the surrounding area. Swimming, picnicking, biking, and roller-blading are popular activities during the warmer months, while ice skating is popular in the winter. The Vilas Zoo is open year-round and admission is always free. Two other iconic Madison parks - Wingra Park and the UW Arboretum - are also within walking distance of the neighborhood.

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