

VERONA RECREATION

Verona boasts plenty of opportunities to get involved and stay healthy!

<u>Verona Parks and Recreation</u> lists our city's youth and adult recreation programs, such as soccer, pickleball, basketball, and softball. Check back each season for available opportunities!

<u>Verona Parks and Urban Forestry</u> links to the 26 parks, covering 130 acres, that are within our city. Some of our favorites include:

<u>Harriet Park</u>: 6.1 acres on the North side of Verona, including basketball courts, outside ice skating, a shelter, tennis courts, soccer fields, and a band shelter.

<u>Veteran's Park</u>: 15 acres, near City Hall. Facilities include basketball courts, soccer and softball fields, tennis courts, paths and access to the Military Ridge State Trail. Veteran's Park also hosts festivals and events throughout the year, like Verona Hometown Days in June.

<u>Hometown Junction</u>: 0.5 acre in downtown Verona along the Military Ridge State Trail. Although small, it includes a shelter with picnic tables and restrooms and is the site of Verona's Farmer's Market, running Wednesdays through the summer and early fall.

<u>Fireman's Park</u>: 18.4 acres along Paoli and Bruce streets on the South West side. Facilities include a beach, swimming with a lifeguard on duty, and a playground.

We also have excellent parks through the Dane County Parks system.

Biking:

Dane County Parks has fantastic info on over 100 miles of shared-use bike trails in our county.

Bike Map for Dane County

The <u>Military Ridge State Trail</u> is a 40-mile bike trail that stretches from Fitchburg and Verona to Dodgeville. This trail also connects to Madison's bike system and the Southwest Commuter Bike Path. You need a <u>state trail pass</u> if you plan to bike.

Ice Skating/Hockey:

The Verona Ice Arena offers indoor skating and hockey all year round In winter, we also have two outdoor ice rinks, provided by the Verona Parks Department

Swimming:

<u>Verona's schools</u> offer the closest swimming facilities in town. Verona Area High School's Aquatic Center has two pools, including a competition pool and a warm water pool, and offer swim instruction, open swim, adult lap swim, and water exercise. The Natatorium has similar offerings at Badger Ridge Middle School.

And don't forget to exercise your cultural senses too! <u>The Verona Area Performing Arts Series</u> (VAPAS) and the <u>Verona Area Community Theatre (VACT)</u> offer a wide variety of concerts, musicals, and other performance art of different styles for people and families of all ages! Verona has an excellent <u>Public Library</u>, and also a top-notch <u>Senior Center</u> that offer many activities!