RECREATION in the SURROUNDING AREA

Ice Age Scenic Trail
Several segments of the 1000+ mile Ice Age National Scenic Trail can be hopped on just outside of Whitewater, offering extensive hiking at walking opportunities year-round. Consult regional maps from Discover Whitewater to find a trailhead.
Multiple Trailheads | iceagetrail.org

John Muir Mountain Biking Trails
Premier trail system offering 5 different loops of varying length and difficulty, featuring a 1.5mi easy loop through forests and fields, all the way up to a 10mi challenging loop through steep rocky slopes and old-growth forest.
HWY, H, north of HWY, 12 | 262-594-6200 | dnr.state.wi.us

Kettle Moraine State Forest
21,000 acres of forest and lakes form this huge park with 3 campgrounds, 70mi of mountain biking trails, 30mi of cross country ski trails, 51 miles of bridle trails, and 46mi of snowmobiling trails. One paved trail for mobility impaired visitors and a disability-friendly cabin.
S91 W39091 HWY, 59, Eagle | 262-594-6200 | dnr.state.wi.us

Natureland Park
Located 8 miles outside of Whitewater, these hiking and walking trails skirt the southern edge of Whitewater Lake and offer a quiet and off-the-beaten-path experience. Popular dog-walking site with a natural spring.
W8338 Territorial Rd. | 262-741-3114 | co.walworth.wi.us

Nordic Trails
Excellent hiking in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter on this extensive network of groomed trails. Across the road from the John Muir trails
HWY, H, north of HWY, 12 | 262-594-6200 | dnr.state.wi.us

Whitewater Lake Recreation Area
Part of the Kettle Moraine Southern Unit, this area offers campgrounds, swimming beaches, a picnic area, fishing, hiking trails, boat launches, and an extensive playground.
W7508 Kettle Moraine Dr. | 262-473-6427

Rice Lake Nature Trail
Part of the Kettle Moraine Southern Unit, enjoy this 1/2mi nature walk around a portion ofRice Lake.
Kettle Moraine Dr. off HWY, P

WHY WALK?

Walking is an excellent way to live healthy and stay active!

Depending on the route you choose today, you can expect to engage in about 20-60 minutes of physical activity. As you discover Whitewater by foot, you will gain a few other healthy benefits!

Boost mental wellness

Regular physical activity can relieve tension, anxiety, depression, and anger

Boost physical wellness

Becoming more active strengthens your immune and cardiovascular systems

Prolong your optimal health

Without regular physical activity, your body slowly loses its strength and stamina, so exercise frequently!

WALK in WHITEWATER

is a collaborative effort between the City of Whitewater Parks & Recreation department and Discover Whitewater Tourism

For more information, please contact us:

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Walking Map and Local Information

City of WHITEWATER Parks & Recreation

DISCOVER Whitewater

WELCOME to WHITEWATER

We are pleased to share our city with you, and hope this map will help you enjoy many of the wonderful recreational, educational, and historical features found here.

Surrounded by the beautiful Kettle Moraine State Forest, natural prairies, rolling countryside, and four lakes, recreation abounds in Whitewater. From boating, fishing, skiing, and hiking to mountain and road biking, hang gliding, and word class performances at The Young, play and adventure await you.

Within walking distance of our historic downtown, you can experience many of the other amenities our city has to offer. Come and discover the many reasons we are proud of our community!

BEGIN YOUR ADVENTURE!

RECREATION RESOURCES

1 BicycleWise Sports & Fitness
Demo road and mountain bikes, repairs, maps and information, sports gear, custom bike frames, shoe fitting and foot evaluation, snowshoe and ice skate rentals and sales.
1155 W. Main St. | 262-473-4730 | bicyclewise.com

2 Whitewater Aquatic & Fitness Center
Indoor waterpark with 3000-sq.ft. leisure pool, water slide, whirlpool, eight-lane lap pool, and fitness center with yoga studio.
580 S. Elizabeth St. | 262-473-4900 | wwparks.org

3 Dale's Bootery
Wide variety of boots, hiking shoes, socks, peodtntic inserts, and other footwear from leading brands. Offers shoe fitting and repair services
155 W. Main St. | 262-473-4093 | dalesbootery.com

4 UW-Whitewater University Center
Billiards, bowling, outdoor equipment rental, camping equipment, volleyball nets, disc golf discs, maps and information.
190 Hamilton Green Wy. | 262-472-1164 | uww.edu

5 Williams Center / DLK Fieldhouse
Swimming pool, sports and fitness center, equipment rental, indoor track and fieldhouse.
907 Schwager Dr. | 262-472-1544 | uww.edu

6 Discover Whitewater Center
Tourist information is readily available in the Discover Whitewater Center, which houses the Tourism Council, Whitewater Area Chamber of Commerce, Whitewater Community Foundation, and Downtown Whitewater, Inc.
402 W. Main St. | 262-473-4005 | discoverwhitewater.org
whitewaterchamber.com

Want to reserve park facilities?
Discover online resources for Parks and Recreation in the City of Whitewater at:
wwparks.org

PARKS in WHITEWATER

7 Big Brick Park
Named after the school that was once located here, now a neighborhood park and playground which hosts ice skating and hockey in the winter and basketball and picnics in the summer.
611 W. Center St.

8 UW-W Nature Preserve
Located on the edge of the UW-Whitewater campus near Perkins Stadium and adjacent to the Whitewater Trail, this 100 acre preserve features gravel and mulch paths through the Friar Woods and beautiful prairie restoration area.
910 Schwager Dr.

9 Cravath Lakefront Park
A picturesque and popular spot located right downtown. Features a waterfront walking trail, plenty of benches, and a large picnic shelter. Anglers enjoy fishing off of the boardwalk and stone steps. The park's outdoor stage hosts weekly live music in the summer months.
341 S. Fremont St.

10 Brewery Hill Park
Along a quaint creekside walk, the paved Whitewater Trail which runs through this park connects the downtown area with Starin Park and the restored prairie area. Near the park's entrance is the Rotary Skate Park, frequented by fans of skateboarding, rollerblading, biking, and more.
E. North St.

11 UW-W Disc Golf Park
This disc golf course was built entirely by UW-W students and is located on university grounds. 18-hole course that is free and open to the public. Discs can be rented from the Williams Center Rec Desk.
UW-W Lot 22, Schwager Dr.

12 Effigy Mounds Preserve
Tucked away in a 16 acre wooded area, 12 Native American effigy mounds dating from 200-1200 AD are preserved along a bark-chipped trail. Interpretive signs provide history and insight to their unique animal shapes.
Indian Mound Pkwy.

13 Clay Street Nature Park
This hidden gem provides a scenic spot to listen to the sounds of nature while fishing from the pond or enjoying a picnic
511 E. Clay St.

14 Bark Park
Bark Park provides a fenced-in area for dogs to play. The park is separated into two areas, one for small dogs and one for large dogs.
E. Starin Rd.

15 Trippe Lake Park
This 25 acre park offers the best overlook of the city, its lakes, and the Kettle Moraine. Trippe Lake was formed in 1800s to power sawmills, but today it offers great fishing and boating in the summer, along with ice fishing, skating, and sledding in the winter. The Whitewater Trail connects the lakefront walk to Minneiska Park to the south.
407 S. Wisconsin St.

16 Starin Park
One of Wisconsin's oldest parks, dating back to 1888. A well tended Veterans Memorial honors our troops with a flower display in the summer. Features an expansive playground, complete with basball and softball diamonds in Treighton's Field of Dreams which hosts regional tournaments. The Seniors in the Park building provides recreation for all ages.
504 W. Starin Rd.

17 Whitewater Creek Nature Area
60 acre area of wetlands, woods, and prairie alongside the Whitewater Cree maintained by the UW-W Optimist Club.
685 Fremont Rd.

18 Moraine View Park
Located adjacent to the Whitewater University Technology Park, and Innovation Center, this 45-acre park accomodates active play with its soccer fields and leisure strolls among native plants. It is also home to Whitewater's Community Garden.
1201 Innovation Dr.

ENJOY some of our recommended WALKING LOOPS

UW-W Campus Loop 2.7mi Map line:
Highlights: College campus facilities, historic buildings, disc golf, restored prairie.
Starting at the corner of Main St. and Prairie St., notice the historic Basset House and Engebretsen-Dorr House. Continue west past the Andersen Library, then turn north to wind along the Wyman Pedestrian Mall, the heart of the UW-W campus. In the James R. Connor University Center, you'll find the typical college ammenities including a coffee shop if you need a boost. You'll pass by the 1864 Halverson Log cabin on top of Hyer Hill as you exit and continue north towards the Williams Center. To the west following Schwager Dr. you can take a short detour to visit the woods that house the Warhawk disc golf course. Heading east on Schwager leads you into the shadow of Perkins Stadium, where you can enjoy a walk through the Friar Woods and Prairie. This area makes up the UW-Whitewater Nature Preserve. These extensive trails are often used for 5K races and cross-country meets during their appropriate seasons.

Downtown Loop 2.3mi Map line:
Highlights: Paved walking path, museum and train depot, skate park, creekside walk.
Beginning in Cravath Lakefront Park, first notice the iconic Passenger Depot & Whitewater Historical Museum which stands parallel with Whitewater St. As you journey through the park and cross under the raliway tunnel, you'll find yourself on the Whitewater Trail, which skirts the Whitewater Creek. Once on this paved, multi-use trail, you'll encounter the Rotary Skate Park, which is frequented by enjoyers of skateboarding, scooters, bikes, and in-line skates. Across picturesque bridges, you'll wind your way over to Fremont St. where you can take a detour in and around Starin Park and its adjacent stately historical neighborhood. Following Fremont St. south will lead you back to Downtown Whitewater, where you can shop a variety of specialty stores and grab a bite to eat before ending your loop back at Cravath.

Effigy & Education Loop 3.4mi Map line:
Highlights: Aquatic center, Effigy mounds, local schools, west Main St. department stores
You can begin this loop at the Whitewater Aquatic & Fitness Center, which is attached to Whitewater High School. Follow Walworth Ave. west until you reach the pleasant Mound Park Acres neighborhood. Within its winding roads, you'll find the entrance to the Effigy Mound Preserve. Here, 12 Native American mounds can be observed in a 16-acre woods with accompanying educational signage to inform you of their historic background dating from 200-1200 AD. After walking the Effigy Mound trail, continue north, then turn east on to Main St. where many department stores, restaurant chains, and local businesses are available to you. At the corner of Prince St. adjacent to the Greenhill Center of the Arts, heading south will take you past Lincoln Elementary. Turning on to Highland St. and Elizabeth St. will lead you alongside our middle school, and eventually back to the WAFC.

Lakeside Walk Loop 2.6mi Map line:
Highlights: Fantastic view point, lakeside trails, serene cemetary, nature walk
Begin your adventure at the entrance of Trippe Lake Park off of Wisconsin St. Here you'll encounter a lovely view of Trippe Lake from a wooden bridge, surrounded by the sounds of rushing water from the dam below. Continue southeast on the paved walking path and into a serene wooded section bordering the Waters Edge neighborhood. Skirting along the surrounding wetlands and farms, you'll exit the path at Minneiska Park. Return to Wisconsin St. and head north. To the west, you'll encounter the Hillside Cemetary, which has its own walking path loop with an excellent waterfront view of Cravath Lake. Across the street and past the church, Coburn Ln. runs up a hill with a surprise at the top. Climb this hill if you don't mind the trek, and gaze across the Kettle Moraine landscape and an unforgettable view of Downtown Whitewater.

LEGEND

- Leashed dogs allowed
- Running trails
- Nature preservency
- Drinking water
- Public restroom
- Cross-country skiing
- Playground
- Kayak put-in
- Fishing
- Picnic tables
- Ice skating
- Bike path
- Tennis court
- Historical marker
- Fountain

PLACES of INTEREST

19 Passenger Depot & Historical Museum
Iconic train depot house built in 1891 which houses the Whitewater Historical Society's museum collection. The railway is still used on a daily basis. Hours and tours available online.
301 W. Whitewater St. | 262-473-6820 | whitewaterhistoricalsociety.com

20 Birge Fountain
Originally installed in 1903, extensively renovated in 2003. A gift from Julius Birge, who was the first child born from settlers in Whitewater.
402 W. Main St.

21 Municipal Building
Houses most of the city government, including the Parks department and police and resuce services. Maps, brocures, information, and facilities rentals are available here.
312 W. Whitewater St. | 262-473-0500 | whitewater-wi.gov

22 Irvin L. Young Memorial Library
The library hosts a variety of community events for all ages and features a "maker space" complete with a 3D-printer, craft supplies, and other digital resources.
431 W. Center St. | 262-473-0530 | whitewaterlibrary.org

23 Prairie Tillers Mural / Old City Hall
Artist Caryl Yasko's mural "Prairie Tillers" occupies the site that once held Whitewater's city hall which was torn down in 1971. The mural was painted in 1980, then repainted in 2004. Features imagery from Whitewater's industrial and agrarian past, as well as Native American and naturalist symbols.
Corner of Center St. and Whitewater St.

24 Whitewater City Market
From May to November, local farmers, artisans, food carts, and community come together at Cravath Lakefront park every Tuesday for a vibrant market with free music, activites, and over 50 vendors.
341 S. Fremont St. | downtownwhitewater.com

25 University of Wisconsin - Whitewater
Voted the #1 college in Wisconsin for student experience by the Wall Street Journal in 2024. Enrolls around 11k-12k students. Founded in 1868 as the Whitewater Normal School, features historical buildings and modern campus resources.
907 Schwager Dr. | 262-472-1011 | uww.edu

HISTORICAL HOMES and BUILDINGS

26 Bassett House
This Cream City Brick Italianate was built in 1857 and added on to in 1878. Decorative features inclde a frieze, modillion blocks, bay window with mansard roof, and keystones. Home of the Federation of Womens Clubs since 1928.
708 Main St.

27 Engebretsen-Dorr House
This Queen-Anne house was built in 1895, and was the first home in Whitewater to be electrified. Details include extensive hardwood trim and molding with a birds-eye maple room. This house serves as the Victoria-on-Main Bed and Breakfast.
622 Main St. | 262-473-8400

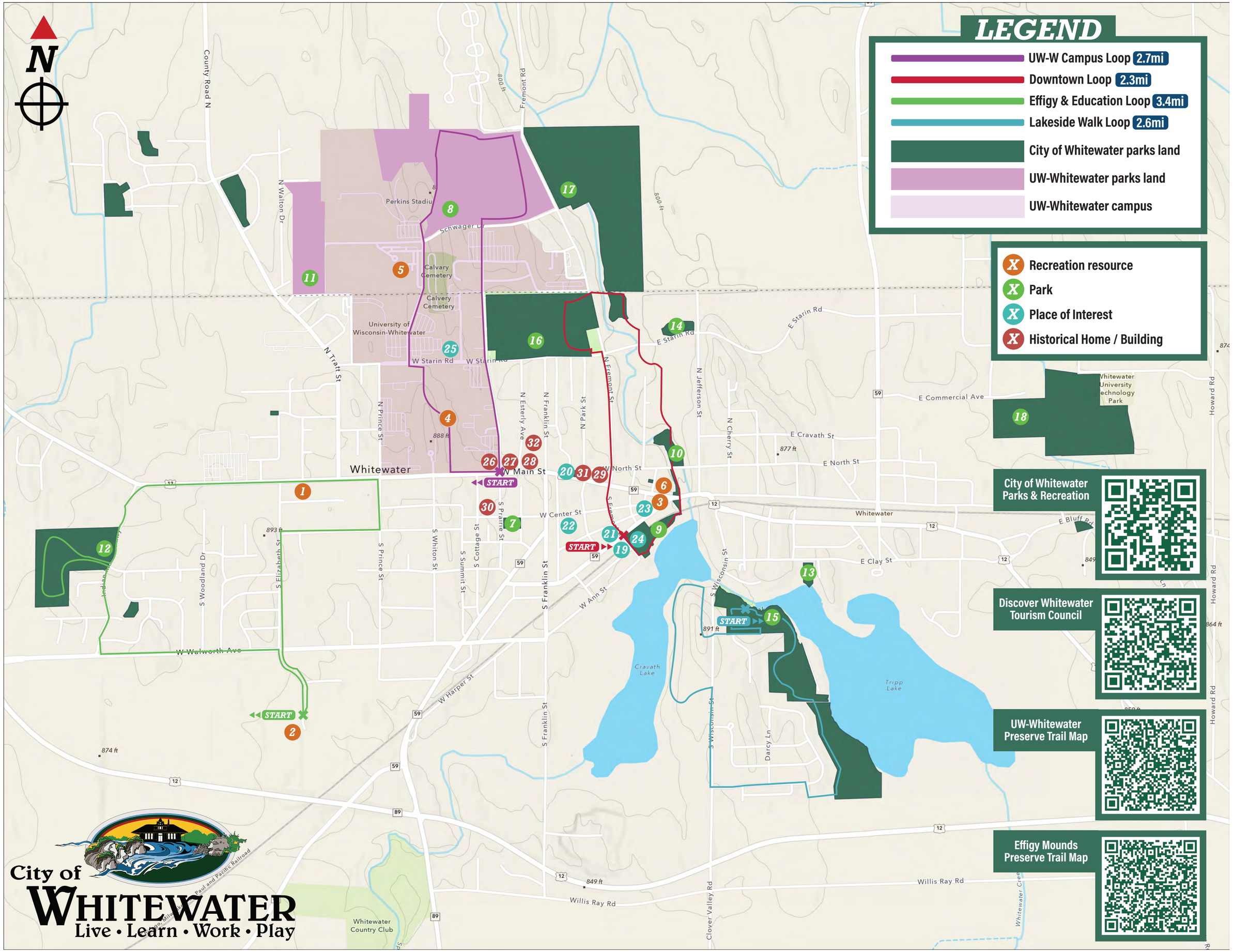
28 G.W. Esterly House
Built in 1876, late Italiantate. Designed by H.C. Koch, a famous Milwaukee architect. Featues art glass in the foyer. Later, it was the home of Frank Hyer, President of the Teacher's College (UW-W). The house now serves as a fraternity house.
604 Main St.

29 Hamilton House
This 2nd Empire Victorian House was built in 1861, with the east wing and porches being added in 1881. As a fraternity house in 1950, it housed UW-W alum John Belushi. After restoration, it now serves as the Hamilton House Bed and Breakfast.
328 W. Main St. | 262-473-1900

30 Humphrey-Ambrose House
This Queen Anne house built 1887-1892 was the childhood home of historian and Pulitzer-Prize winning author Stephen E. Ambrose. The house retains its original beveled glass windows and features an embossed metal fireplace facing.
724 Center St.

31 White Building
Built in 1904, this building housed the public library for most of the 1900s. The building serves as the home for the Whitewater Arts Alliance. Summer concerts are held here on its steps.
402 W. Main St.

32 Sanger Marsh House
Built in 1861, this Italianate house is thought to be the most intact of this architectural style in Whitewater. Originally, many houses on Main St. such as this one stood on 9.5 acre lots which extended to what is now Starin Rd.
522 Main St.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