

20 Places To Go In 2020

We've gathered 20 kid-friendly destinations in southern Wisconsin. Make 2020 your year to explore the past, present & future. Happy mini-road tripping!

- Visit the House on the Rock to see creative, bizarre creations, including the world's largest carousel. (50 minutes from Madison in Spring Green)
- Live the life of a storybook character at Bookworm Gardens, a "botanic garden inspired by your favorite children's books. (2 hr away from Madison, in Sheboygan)
- The only place on Earth where you can see all 15 crane species! Watch the majestic birds as you stroll hills on International Crane Foundations' newly renovated site. (45 min from Madison in Baraboo)
- Tour Cave of the Mounds. Join in on a fossil dig or chase winged friends in the butterfly gardens. (25 min from Madison in Blue Mounds)
- Hike forest, prairie and lakeshore trails and see birds of prey up close at the Schlitz Audobon Nature Center. (1.5 hrs away from Madison, in Milwaukee)
- Sugar River Outfitters guides "Easy Going" family-friendly canoe trips perfect for young children. (30 min from Madison, in Belleville)
- Swing your worries away in Swing Park, hidden, under a Milwaukee bridge. After you're done on the swing, explore nearby paths. (1.5 hrs away from Madison in Milwaukee)
- Channel your inner Harry Potter at an interactive scavenger hunt, solving quests in a fantasy realm at Wizard Quest. (1 hr from Madison, in Wisconsin Dells)
- Spend a day on the farm at Busy Barn Adventure Farm. Open year-round with over 40 activities like a corn box (instead of a sand box!) and hayrides. (40 min from Madison, in Fort Atkinson).
- Take a ride on a restored railroad car after checking out the Mid-Continent Railway Museum. (45 min from Madison in North Freedom)
- Ahoy little sailors! Enjoy nautical play in the water station and submarine simulator at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. (2.5 hrs from Madison in Manitowoc)
- Be one with nature at the Mackenzie Center with its long hiking trails, orphaned wildlife exhibit and arboretum. (45 min from Madison in Poynette)
- Learn about circus history and see a present-day performance (in the summer) at Circus World. (50 min from Madison in Baraboo)
- Travel back in time to see what life in our state was like in the late 19th & early 20th centuries at Old World Wisconsin. (1 hr 15 min from Madison in Eagle)
- Rawwwrr! A small but mighty museum, the Dinosaur Discovery Center showcases meat-eaters and has a kid zone. (2 hrs from Madison, in Kenosha)
- Walk through a tropical forest, a desert and floral gardens in one day at the Mitchell Park Domes. (1.5 hrs from Madison in Milwaukee)
- Okay, it's a drive, but fun for everyone, especially fishing enthusiasts, can be had at the Shrine to Anglers. Walk inside what is arguably the world's largest fiberglass Muskie. (4 hrs away from Madison, in Hayward)
- Do a Story & Stroll at Rotary Botanical Gardens, which boasts 26 different landscapes. You can even fish for blue gill! (45 min from Madison, in Janesville)
- Experience grand illusions during an hour-long show at Tristan Crist Magic Theater. (1 hr, 20 min from Madison in Lake Geneva)
- Rock on at the UW Geology Museum. Check out rocks, fossils and learn a ton about our Planet Earth. (in Madison)

