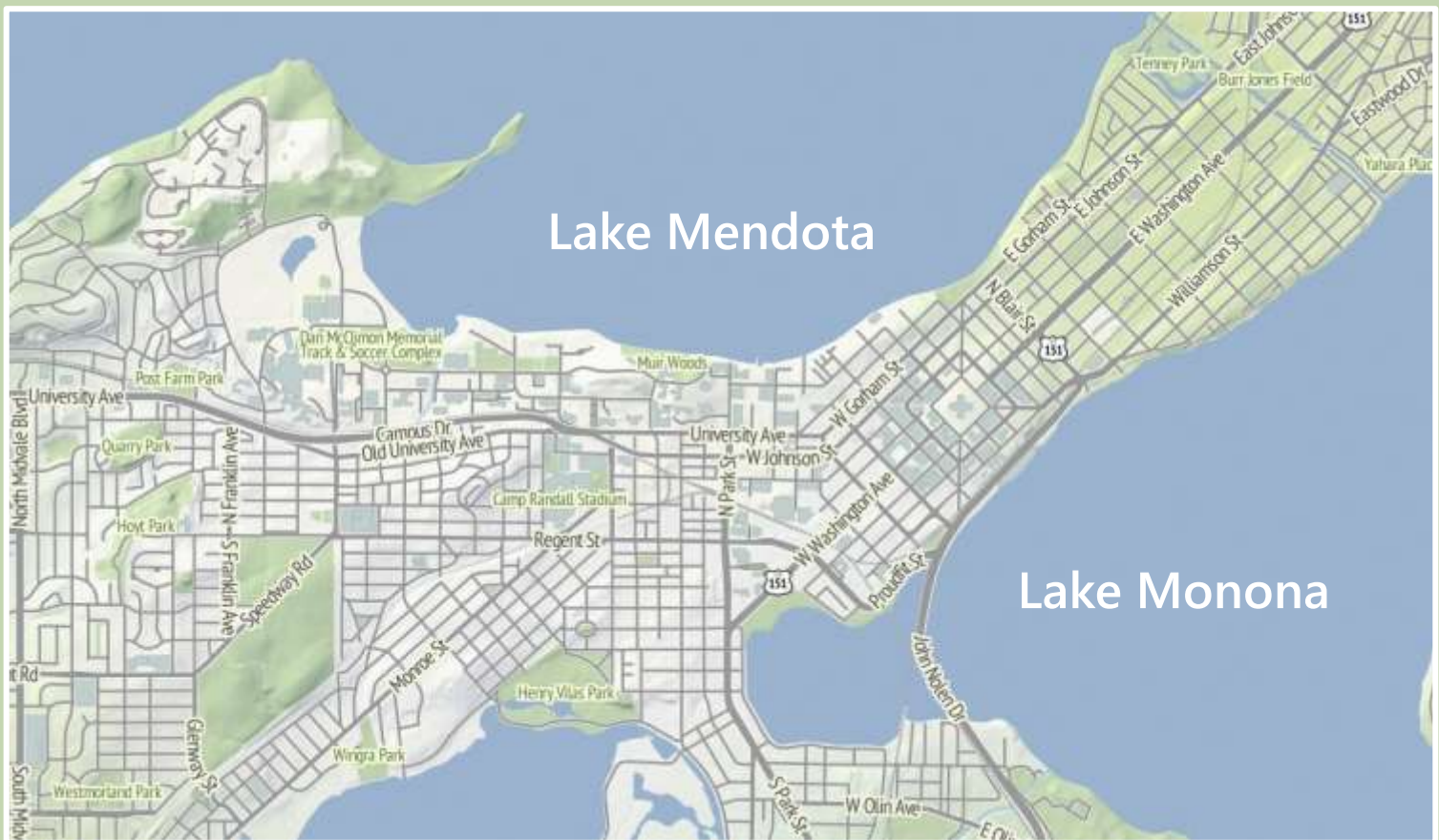


# Resources for Navigating Downtown Housing



The area pictured above is generally considered to be the downtown/campus area of Madison.

## Leasing and Subleasing

- Downtown leases typically run from August 15-August 14 and fill up quickly because of the student housing market; most landlords run advertisements or are seeking lease renewals from December through April.
- If you're looking for housing in spring or early summer, it is often easier to find a sublet for the summer months and renew your lease in August.
- Subleases are usually plentiful in the summer months as many college students go home or travel. Good places to start your sublet search are:
  - [Madison Craigslist](#)
  - [UW Sublets](#)
  - [Campus Area Housing](#)
- If you're open to having a roommate, there are often shared housing listings from April – August. Helpful starting points are:
  - [Epic's New Staff Facebook Group](#)
  - [The Daily Cardinal Classifieds](#)

# Online Housing Search Resources

- [Campus and Downtown Living](#)
- [JSM Property Management](#)
- [SRM Property Management](#)
- [Madison Property Management](#)
- [Steve Brown Apartments](#)
- [Wisconsin Management Company](#)
- [CCL Management](#)
- [Urban Land Interests](#)
- [McBride Companies](#)
- [Butler Management](#)
- [Stone House Development](#)
- [Forward Management](#)
- [JEK Properties](#)
- [Pet Friendly Apartments](#)

## Leasing and Subleasing

- Keep in mind that parking is an added amenity downtown and usually comes at quite a considerable cost in addition to your rent. You can rent parking spaces elsewhere if your building doesn't have any available, check out <http://madison.craigslist.org/search/prk>. Also keep in mind that outdoor parking can add time onto your commute in winter (scraping off your car, shoveling out the tires, etc.).
- The City of Madison offers a Residential Parking Permit for a small fee, and is only valid in specific areas and has some other requirements as well. You can find information about the permit, downtown parking ramps, and parking meters at the [City of Madison Parking Utility website](#).
- Madison is an extremely bike-friendly city and has numerous trails you can use to get around the city or even commute to Epic. Visit the [Bike Madison website](#) for more information about planning your bike ride and using the local paths.
- Madison Metro is a great alternative transportation option for those who live downtown; you're always within a few blocks of a bus stop anywhere in central Madison. Check out the [Madison Metro website](#) to see stop locations and use their trip planning services. You can also buy passes at Epic that are deducted right from your paycheck. Contact [Miranda Friske](#) with questions.

## Other Resources

- The [Tenant Resource Center](#) is a comprehensive service that can help with all things related to housing: landlord disputes, tenant rights and responsibilities, and much more.
- Downtown Madison is comprised of various neighborhoods, each with its own distinct vibe and amenities. Check out the neighborhood associations for each:
  - [State-Langdon](#) (*campus area*)
  - [Capitol Neighborhoods](#) (*Bassett, West Mifflin, First Settlement, Madison Hill, James Madison Park*)
  - [Tenney Lapham](#)
  - [Marquette](#) (*Williamson Street area*)

*This information is specifically for downtown housing and does not pertain to all downtown rentals. When searching for housing on the west side of Madison or other suburbs leases will generally start at the beginning of any month with the option of an early move-in date if available. You will need to contact the apartment or property management company directly for specific information about their lease terms.*