



# Manitowoc, WI



**M**anitowoc, Wisconsin, is located on Lake Michigan and spans both sides of the Manitowoc River. The city's name was derived from "Mundeowk, Home of the Good Spirit," the term that Native Americans used for the area because of the beautiful harbors and rivers. In approximately 1673, French trappers discovered the area, and in 1795, the Northwest Fur Company incorporated a trading post. Manitowoc was officially founded in 1836. The shipbuilding industry played a major role in the growth of Manitowoc. The first wooden sailing ships were built in 1847. Numerous other schooners and clippers followed, as did pleasure and fishing industry craft and also submarines, landing craft, and tankers during war times.

Manitowoc is home to two museums. The Wisconsin Maritime Museum engages and educates the public about the maritime history of Wisconsin in the Great Lakes region, including Wisconsin's World War II submarines. The USS Cobia, one of the 28 submarines built in Manitowoc, is a major museum exhibit. The Rahr-West Art Museum is located in a beautifully constructed late 19th century Victorian mansion, with a 20th century art exhibition wing that contains works by Pablo Picasso, Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol, and Mary Cassatt. The museum also has a replica of the Sputnik fragment that mysteriously fell through the atmosphere to Earth and landed in Manitowoc, just outside the museum.

Pinecrest Historical Village features over 30 structures gathered from throughout Manitowoc County. The museum campus is divided into three theme areas with costumed interpreters who share what life was like in rural Wisconsin in the late 19th century.

Manitowoc has two performing arts venues: the Capitol Civic Centre and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Manitowoc Campus, Lakeside Hall Theatre. The Dare to Dream Theatre and Treehouse Theater offer theatrical programs for children and teens. The Manitowoc Marine Band plays in many venues throughout the year.

## Neighborhoods

Manitowoc's downtown is primarily a commercial and governmental center, with limited residential opportunities currently available.

Two of the historic districts are residential. Perched on the edge of a steep hillside that extends down to the Manitowoc River, the Michigan Avenue Historic District also includes North 13th and North 14th streets, which intersect it. The district contains 34 homes ranging from modest to magnificent, in architectural styles that include Italianate, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Prairie School, Neo-Classical, Georgian Revival, and German Renaissance Revival, built between 1876 and 1930. Homes in the Lincoln Boulevard Historic District date from 1893 to 1940 and were designed in Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Prairie School, and other late 19th and early 20th century styles. Located entirely along Lincoln Boulevard, lots in this district are generally larger than in surrounding neighborhoods, and homes are set back from the roadway.

Woodridge Estates and Silveridge Estates are newer residential subdivisions that feature large houses on large lots. The Woodridge subdivision, which is situated in a forested/wooded environment, began in the 1980s. Construction in Silveridge, which was a former farm field that has two large ponds, started in the 2010s. Both developments offer large contemporary, primarily two-story homes, with some ranch styles, and have open lots available for new construction.

## Parks and Recreation

Manitowoc has 35 parks, including 9 beaches. Other facilities include the Municipal Field (baseball field), Ron Rubick Field (football/track/playfield), and the Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center.

At 101.75 acres, Lincoln Park is the largest park in the city; 69.79 acres are active parkland and 31.96 acres are conservancy parkland. Lincoln Park

Zoo is located within this park. Other amenities include a ball diamond, basketball and tennis courts, nature trails, fishing areas, playgrounds, cabins, and wildlife areas.

Camp Vits, a 76.62-acre park, is located along the scenic Manitowoc River, with bluffs, ravines, and wildlife areas. This park features mountain biking, hiking, cross-country skiing, and nature-based activities.

Situated on the shore of Lake Michigan, 71.74-acre Silver Creek Park features a creek running through it, scenic overviews, rolling topography, rural-like wooded public areas, and a winter sports area. A 36-hole disc golf course is available for year-round use. The park also has a new playground system, beach, fieldhouse, soccer fields, and fishing areas.

Neshotah Beach consists of 50 acres of groomed sand with areas for swimming, volleyball, and launching jet skis and kayaks. Neshotah also has a soft-ball field, volleyball and basketball courts, playgrounds, the Rawley Point bike trail, and horseshoe pits.

With 30 acres of groomed sand, Red Arrow Beach features a handicapped accessible lakefront and beach walkway. The park offers swimming areas, volleyball, and ball fields.

## Education

Manitowoc Public School District, which includes the City of Manitowoc and some of the bordering rural area, educates 5,140 students in six kindergarten through grade 5 elementary schools, two middle schools, one comprehensive high school, and an alternative high school (operating as a charter school).

Higher education is available at Holy Family College, which serves traditional undergraduates, transfer students, working professionals, and graduate students based on the principles and truths of Franciscan Catholic tradition. Affiliated with the United Church of Christ, Lakeland University is a liberal arts college offering undergraduate and graduate degrees, with its main campus located in nearby Plymouth, Wisconsin.

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Manitowoc Campus, is a two-year campus of the University of Wisconsin System that is located in Manitowoc. Select bachelor programs will be offered at the Manitowoc Campus beginning in fall 2020.

Lakeshore Technical College offers more than 100 career programs at its main campus in nearby Cleveland, learning centers in Manitowoc and Sheboygan, and Community Education Centers across the district.

## Health Care

Manitowoc is served by Holy Family Memorial, with 167 licensed acute care beds. Aurora Medical Center in Two Rivers has 69 licensed acute care beds.

### City Stats

2018

City Population	32,627
Micropolitan Statistical Area Population	79,074
Per Capita Personal Income, Manitowoc, WI, MSA	\$47,675