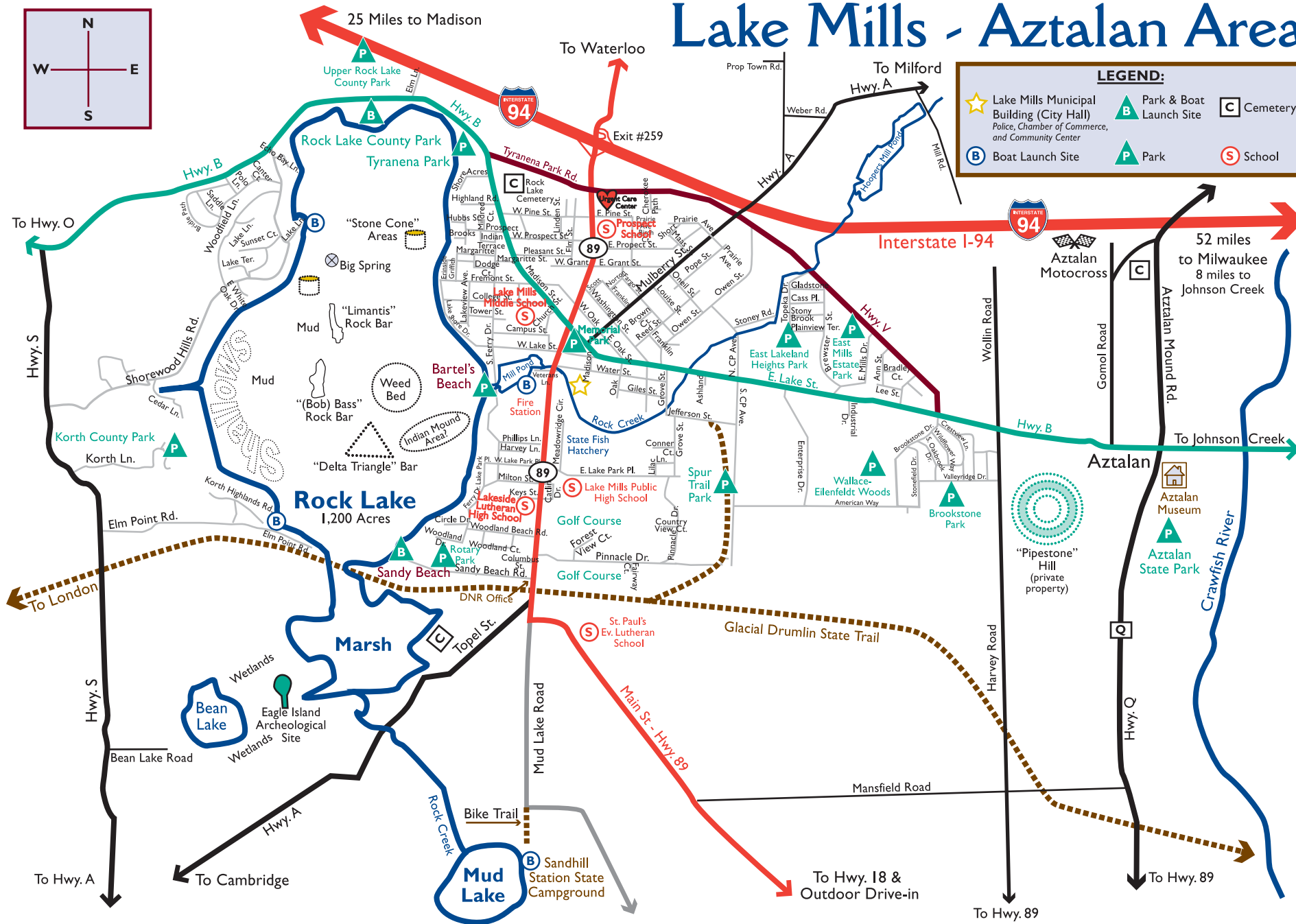


# Lake Mills - Aztalan Area



**LEGEND:**

- ★ Lake Mills Municipal Building (City Hall), Police, Chamber of Commerce, and Community Center
- ⓑ Boat Launch Site
- ⓐ Park & Boat Launch Site
- ⓐ Park
- ⓐ Cemetery
- ⓐ School

## Legendary LAKE MILLS WISCONSIN

Where the passion for the past is the inspiration for the future. . .  
*Discover Lake Mills*  
 and unlock the legend!



  
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<u>Mileage to Lake Mills via immediate access to I-94:</u>		<u>Local Phone Numbers:</u>	
Madison	20	Milwaukee	57
Wisconsin Dells	73	Rockford	74
Chicago	146	Twin Cities	278

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**No Brag—  
Just Fact**  
(and a little folklore)

Legend has it that in 1066, after suffering a long and terrible drought, Aztec Indians appealed to their gods for help by building and using sacrificial pyramids. In answer to their prayers, great waters soon covered the pyramids and created the beautiful lake the Indians came to call *Tyranena* meaning, “sparkling waters”.

Chief Black Hawk came through Lake Mills shortly before the Black Hawk War of 1832, the last stand of the Indians in the Northwest Territories. After the war, the first white settlers to the area set up camp at the waterfall between the lake and creek in 1836. They renamed the lake Rock Lake. In 1838, ten years before Wisconsin became a state, an official settlement was established with both its own sawmill and gristmill built on the shores of the lake. Its name was Lake Mills.

In the 1840’s, Winnebago Indians shared their knowledge of the “stone teepees” (pyramids) in Rock Lake with the settlers. Today, the mystery of the legend is as powerful as ever. (Learn more at [www.rocklakeresearch.com](http://www.rocklakeresearch.com).)

Lake Mills is surrounded by several county parks and a state park. Five minutes from downtown Lake Mills, Aztalan State Park is considered one of the nation’s most important archeological sites. Its ancient Aztalan village—21 acres surrounded by a high stockade—was built at about 1100 A.D. by mound builders believed to be the founders of the Aztec culture in South America. There are over 1,500 Indian mounds in Jefferson County.

Lake Mills has been called a “city of parks” embracing spring-fed Rock Lake. Abundant with a variety of fish, this 1,371-acre lake continues to be one of the very cleanest lakes in Wisconsin.

# What makes Lake Mills so legendary?

**Investigate** the legend of the underwater pyramids. Learn about the Indian mounds at Aztalan State Park, an intriguing National Landmark. While you’re there, wander through the Aztalan Museum and its rural historic buildings. Why not walk in Black Hawk’s footsteps or tour our historic downtown? Who says learning can’t be fun!

**Invigorate** yourself with our endless recreational possibilities. For starters, we’ve got a gorgeous lake—so swim, dive, fish, sail, canoe, row, kayak, water ski, inner tube or simply lull in the beauty of crystal clear water. In winter, that same lake is great for ice fishing, ice boating, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. This is just the right place to make the perfect snow angel.

**Immerse** yourself in a round or two of golf at the Lake Mills Golf Club (18 holes), a lush retreat at the edge of town. Bike, stroll or ski the Glacial Drumlin State Bike Trail. For a quiet afternoon, “check out” a riveting bestseller and the beautiful architecture of the L.D. Fargo Library, a historical landmark.

**Ignite** your racing passions by getting caught up in the excitement at either the Aztalan Motocross (for dirt bike racing), or Jefferson Speedway.

**Indulge** yourself at one of our many café’s or restaurants. Rest and relax in a romantic bed & breakfast or inn. Tour our legendary microbrewery and then sample the beers over a game of cribbage in the tasting room.



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**Inspire** a new collection or add to an existing one by shopping in our charming downtown where antiques, collectibles, and gifts abound.

**Imagine** yourself in Common’s Park eating a famous Legion “slider” and listening to a concert, or laughing while ice skating under the moonlight. Each season brings something special to the Commons: Fill your basket with fresh produce at our **Farmer’s Market** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, April-October), or ride the carousel at **Town & Country Days** (last weekend in June). Shop one of the largest craft shows in the area at the **Fall Festival of Color** (first Sunday in October), and spy Santa riding into town by a horse-drawn wagon during **Classic Christmas** (first weekend in December). Or, just sit in the dappled sunlight under the trees and let your cares slip away. . .

**Now that’s the stuff of legend.**  
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