

This is Madison, WI. The center of city sits on an isthmus. There are some things that are helpful to know when you are trying to get around. Here are my notes to help you get around...

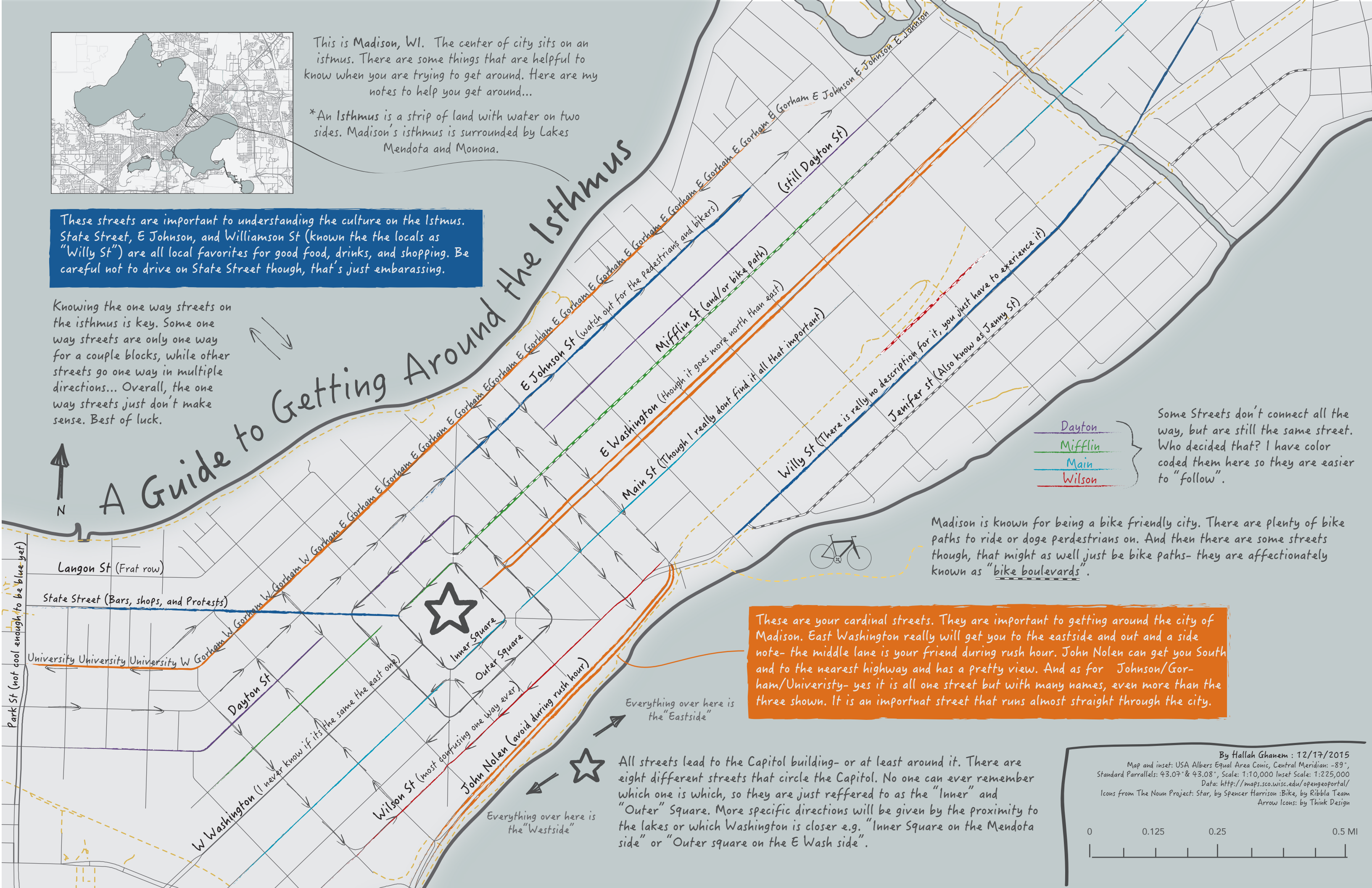
*An Isthmus is a strip of land with water on two sides. Madison's isthmus is surrounded by Lakes Mendota and Monona.

These streets are important to understanding the culture on the Isthmus. State Street, E Johnson, and Williamson St (known the the locals as "Willy St") are all local favorites for good food, drinks, and shopping. Be careful not to drive on State Street though, that's just embarrassing.

Knowing the one way streets on the isthmus is key. Some one way streets are only one way for a couple blocks, while other streets go one way in multiple directions... Overall, the one way streets just don't make sense. Best of luck.



A Guide to Getting Around the Isthmus



Some Streets don't connect all the way, but are still the same street. Who decided that? I have color coded them here so they are easier to "follow".

Dayton
Mifflin
Main
Wilson

Madison is known for being a bike friendly city. There are plenty of bike paths to ride or doge perdestrians on. And then there are some streets though, that might as well just be bike paths- they are affectionately known as "bike boulevards".

These are your cardinal streets. They are important to getting around the city of Madison. East Washington really will get you to the eastside and out and a side note- the middle lane is your friend during rush hour. John Nolen can get you South and to the nearest highway and has a pretty view. And as for Johnson/Gorham/Univeristy- yes it is all one street but with many names, even more than the three shown. It is an importnat street that runs almost straight through the city.

All streets lead to the Capitol building- or at least around it. There are eight different streets that circle the Capitol. No one can ever remember which one is which, so they are just reffered to as the "Inner" and "Outer" Square. More specific directions will be given by the proximity to the lakes or which Washington is closer e.g. "Inner Square on the Mendota side" or "Outer square on the E Wash side".

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