

Points of Interest in Racine

[THE GOLDEN RONDELLE](#) -1525 Howe Street, Racine

The Golden Rondelle Theater at SC Johnson Wax is the center of the company's Guest Relations and public film and tour program. Originally designed as the Johnson Wax Pavilion at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair, the Golden Rondelle offers regular showings of "On the Wing," "To Be Alive!" and "Living Planet." The films can be scheduled to include a 30-minute guided tour of the company's Administration Building, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The tour highlights the unique architectural features of the building and includes an historical presentation of the company and its products. Films and tours are available most Tuesdays through Fridays at no charge. Reservations are requested.

[RACINE COUNTY MUSEUM](#) - 701 South Main St., Racine

Founded in 1962, united with the Historical Society in 1983, it remains the largest museum in the County devoted to the preservation of county artifacts and archives and documentation and dissemination of historical information in exhibits, events, and other educational programs. Open all year, staff and volunteers service hundreds of requests for genealogical and historical information, over 2000 students a year in the 1888 Bohemian Schoolhouse program, serve 12,000 annual visitors to the exhibits and mail a quarterly newsletter to members nationwide and in Canada. HOURS: Tues.-Fri. 9:00-5:00; Sat. & Sun. 1:00-5:00. The ARCHIVES, run entirely by volunteer staff, is open Tue. & Sat., 1-4:00, and by appointment. Closed major Holidays.

[THE RACINE THEATRE GUILD](#) - 2519 Northwestern Avenue, Racine

The nationally and internationally acclaimed Racine Theatre Guild has been presenting a slate of comedies and dramas to local audiences since 1938. It produces eight outstanding plays annually, and its performances are regarded as the finest in community theater. The Theatre's Stage Store features a complete selection of theater memorabilia.

[RACINE ZOO](#) - 2131 Main St., Racine

One of the few remaining free zoos left in the country, the Racine zoo is said to be the site of one of the old Racine brickyards. Situated on 32 acres of land, the zoo runs along the shores of Lake Michigan. Free parking is available nearby. Other features includes a childrens' farm and a picnic area. Also included is a most unique look at a prairie dog town for children of all ages and, of course, Kama, the white tiger. Zoo grounds are open year round. Hours are: Labor Day to Memorial Day 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed

Christmas Day; Memorial Day to Labor Day 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The zoo's main building is also open at these times. The Racine Zoo has a free admissions policy but relies on donations.

RIVER BEND NATURE CENTER - *3600 North Green Bay Road, Racine*

River Bend is favored with many natural habitats, woodlands, ponds, grassy fields, and through it all, Root River. Its 80 acres are a favorite place for hikers, bird watchers, boaters, cross-country skiers and students of nature. A nature center, overlooking the river and woods, offers wildlife and hosts educational programs and seasonal special events. People of all ages delight in River Bend's serene beauty. Open daily, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm. Saturday and Sunday, 12:30 to 4:30pm. Free admission.

SC JOHNSON WAX ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS - *1525 Howe St., Racine*

Home of SC Johnson Wax, a leading manufacturer of high quality products for home, industry, commercial and maintenance uses. The Frank Lloyd Wright-designed office building opened in 1939. Tours available by reservation. Tuesday-Friday. Summer schedule includes Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Reservations suggested. Free. Tours begin at the Golden Rondelle Theater.

WIND POINT LIGHTHOUSE - *Lighthouse Drive, between Three and Four Mile Roads, Racine*

The Wind Point Lighthouse has become a familiar icon of the Racine area, thanks to the many artists and photographers who have captured its beauty. Built in 1880 -- at a total cost of \$100,000 -- the 112-foot lighthouse helped make Racine a safe harbor. Before the lighthouse's beacon began guiding Lake Michigan boaters, a lone tree served as a landmark for sailors off the Point. Today, the lighthouse buildings serve as municipal offices for the Village of Wind Point. Though the lighthouse interior is not open to the public, visitors can stroll the grounds and enjoy the view.

WUSTUM MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS - *2519 Northwestern Ave., (Hwy 38) Racine*

Once the home of Charles and Jennie Wustum, the home and its 13 acres were given to the city of Racine by Jennie Wustum in memory of her husband. It's been a museum since 1940. The Racine Art Association (RAA) has provided a fine arts program there since 1941. This program includes about twenty exhibitions each year, plus the annual Watercolor-Wisconsin competition. The RAA has art sales and a rental gallery on the premises which offers original art for sale and rent, plus a gift shop containing artists' consignments. Museum hours are Monday and Thursday 1-9 p.m., all other days, including weekends 1-5 p.m. Free.