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Wisconsin's crazy spring weather, in 2 maps

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If you had any doubt about how fickle Wisconsin weather is — especially Wisconsin weather in April — look no further than the [National Weather Service's forecasts maps](#) for high temperatures on Monday and Tuesday.

You'd have to have been living under a rock not to notice that the [weather in southeast Wisconsin over the weekend was gorgeous](#), with sunny skies and above-average temperatures across the region thanks to what meteorologists call an [Omega Block](#). (Basically, that meant the good times were locked in for an extended period.)

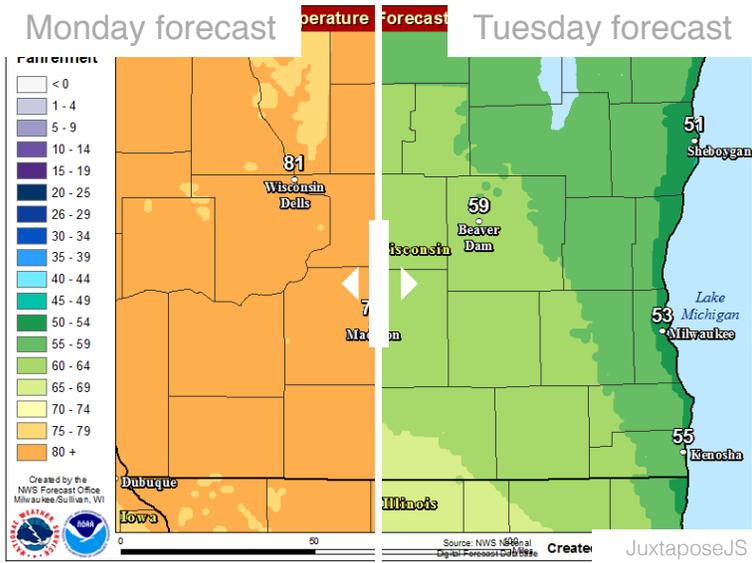
The good times continue Monday, with nearly all of southeast Wisconsin expected to see high temperatures at or near 80 degrees. The cooler exception, as usual, is along the lakefront, but even there highs should reach into the 70s.

And then Tuesday.

The map of high temperatures on Tuesday looks like it is of another planet, with all that [mood-lifting orange](#) suddenly changing to [humbling green](#), from Janesville mint to Milwaukee pine. That's a drop of nearly 20 degrees in the highs from Monday to Tuesday.

In Milwaukee, it means the 72 degrees forecast as the high Monday will shift Tuesday to 53 degrees, still just a couple degrees below the normal of 55.

To help you visualize what that change means, take a look at the interactive map below we've created using [Northwestern University Knight Lab's Juxtapose tool](#). The maps of Monday and Tuesday high temperatures are layered using a slider. Don't feel guilty if you find yourself dwelling on the Monday side of the slider.



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