

Places to Go, Things to Do

<p><b>Museums</b> look for library museum passes for discounted or free admission</p>	<p><a href="#">Concord Museum</a>, Concord museum of Concord history, best for older children, but some hands on elements and family events. Check out the Family Trees exhibit of Christmas trees decorated in children's book themes during the holiday season</p> <p><a href="#">Orchard House</a>, Concord historic home of the Alcotts, best for older children, but check calendar for preschool friendly events during the summer</p> <p><a href="#">deCordova Sculpture Park &amp; Museum</a>, Lincoln free on the first Wednesday of the month; ARTfull Play program for ages 2-5 biweekly Wednesdays</p> <p><a href="#">Wayside Inn</a>, Sudbury historic grist mill and one room schoolhouse (of Mary Had a Little Lamb fame) with costumed interpreters, free</p> <p><a href="#">Discovery Museums</a>, Acton children's museum for youngsters and science museum for preschool+; free first Fridays of the month 4:30-8:30pm</p> <p><a href="#">Fruitlands Museum</a>, Harvard art museum and Shaker home; small children's room with costumes and craft project; beautiful vistas and some walking trails (best for a nice day)</p> <p><a href="#">Gore Place</a>, Waltham historic Federal home with extensive grounds to explore. Check calendar for family friendly weekend festivals</p> <p><a href="#">American Textile History Museum</a>, Lowell</p> <p><a href="#">Ecotarium</a>, Worcester science/nature museum with outdoor walking trails, playgrounds, and animals</p> <p><a href="#">Larz Anderson Auto Museum</a>, Brookline</p> <p><a href="#">Harvard Museum of Natural History</a>, Cambridge free for Massachusetts residents Sunday 9am-12pm</p> <p><a href="#">Boston Children's Museum</a>, Boston</p> <p><a href="#">New England Aquarium</a>, Boston</p> <p><a href="#">Museum of Science</a>, Boston</p> <p><a href="#">U.S.S. Constitution</a>, Boston tour Old Ironsides (free) and then check out the unaffiliated, but adjacent, U.S.S. Constitution Museum(not free, but kid friendly)</p> <p><a href="#">SEE Science Center</a>, Manchester NH</p> <p><a href="#">Sturbridge Village</a>, Sturbridge large recreated historic village circa 1830's with costumed interpreters and demonstrations</p> <p><a href="#">Plimoth Plantation</a>, Plymouth pilgrim village with costumed interpreters; short drive to downtown Plymouth with the Mayflower, Plymouth Rock, and the grist mill</p>
<p><b>Indoor Play</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Hunt Gym</a>, Concord 2015 Winter Family Open Gym, free, 1/5-3/26: M,Th 2-3pm, W 11am-12pm CFN sponsored playdate on winter Friday mornings</p> <p><a href="#">BFC Playroom</a>, Bedford run by the Bedford Family Connection; open most weekday mornings during the school year</p> <p><a href="#">Jam Time</a>, Maynard/Natick a favorite area play place; check calendar for CFN discount days once a month</p> <p><a href="#">Loch Ness Play Center</a>, Chelmsford</p> <p><a href="#">One Stop Fun</a>, Westford</p>

	<p>large network of tubes and tunnels, ball pits and slides, like a giant hamster cage. Best for kids 3+ who can navigate the tunnels themselves.</p> <p><a href="#">BB Kidz Club</a>, Westford</p> <p><a href="#">VinKari Safari</a>, Woburn</p> <p><a href="#">The Klubhouse</a>, Woburn</p> <p><a href="#">Simon Malls</a>, Burlington/Marlborough</p> <p>small toddler play areas</p> <p><a href="#">Chuck E. Cheese</a>, Burlington/Natick</p> <p><a href="#">KidSpace</a>, Belmont</p> <p>Run by a parent cooperative operating out of a church basement, this play space is open only during the winter. Surprisingly large and well-stocked for toddlers and preschoolers.</p> <p><a href="#">SkyZone Indoor Trampoline Park</a>, Westborough</p>
Arts & Crafts	<p><a href="#">Emerson Umbrella</a>, Concord</p> <p>check calendar for free or inexpensive family events</p> <p><a href="#">Barefoot Books</a>, Concord</p> <p>daily storytime/craft events, paint your own pottery studio</p> <p><a href="#">Colorfull</a>, Acton</p> <p>open studio hours for young children to create a changing selection of projects</p> <p><a href="#">Art Signals</a>, Maynard</p> <p>Paint your own pottery</p> <p><a href="#">Wooden Toys and Crafts</a>, Marlborough</p> <p>kits with wooden parts and nails; build in the store or take home</p> <p><a href="#">Whimsy Arts and Crafts</a>, Framingham</p> <p>craft kits sold with studio place to complete them</p> <p><a href="#">Plaster Fun Time</a>, Framingham/Waltham</p> <p>paint your own pottery</p>
Bowling	<p><a href="#">Acton Bowladrome</a>, Acton</p> <p>also has a large arcade room and a diner</p> <p><a href="#">Kings Bowl</a>, Burlington</p> <p>opening February 2015</p> <p><a href="#">Harvard Lanes</a>, Harvard</p>
Skiing	<p><a href="#">Nashoba Valley Ski Area</a>, Westford</p>
Ice Skating	<p><a href="#">Valley Sports Arena</a>, Concord</p> <p><a href="#">Edge Sports Center</a>, Bedford</p> <p><a href="#">Nashoba Valley Olympia</a>, Boxborough</p>
Mini Golf	<p><a href="#">Trombetta's Farm</a>, Marlborough (indoor)</p> <p><a href="#">Kimball Farm</a>, Westford (outdoor)</p>
Libraries check calendars for storytimes and events	<p><a href="#">Concord Main/Fowler Libraries</a></p> <p><a href="#">Gleason Library</a>, Carlisle</p> <p><a href="#">Lincoln Library</a></p> <p>includes small play area; better than average selection of museum passes</p> <p><a href="#">Goodnow Library</a>, Sudbury</p> <p>large children's department with toys and daily events</p> <p><a href="#">Bedford Library</a></p> <p><a href="#">Cary Memorial Library</a>, Lexington</p> <p><a href="#">Acton Memorial Library</a></p> <p><a href="#">West Acton Citizen's Library</a></p> <p><a href="#">Sargent Memorial Library</a>, Boxborough</p> <p><a href="#">Maynard Library</a></p>
Theatre	<p><a href="#">Concord Youth Theatre</a>, Concord</p>

	<p><a href="#">Open Door Theater</a>, Acton  <a href="#">Acton Cooperative Theatre</a>, Acton  <a href="#">Theatre With a Twist</a>, Acton  <a href="#">Lexington Youth Summer Theatre</a>, Lexington  <a href="#">Drawbridge Puppet Theatre</a>, Lunenburg  <a href="#">Puppet Showplace Theatre</a>, Brookline  <a href="#">Wheelock Family Theatre</a>, Boston  <a href="#">Stoneham Theatre</a>, Stoneham  <a href="#">Wellesley Theatre Project</a>, Wellesley  <a href="#">Arlington Children’s Theatre</a>, Arlington  <a href="#">Artbarn Community Theatre</a>, Brookline  <a href="#">Boston Children’s Theatre</a>, Boston</p>
Movies	<p><a href="#">Fine Arts Theatre</a>, Maynard  <a href="#">AMC Burlington 10</a>, Burlington  <a href="#">Regal Cinemas Solomon Pond</a>, Marlborough</p>
Outdoor Play	<p><a href="#">Minuteman National Park</a>, Concord/Lexington  <a href="#">South Bridge Boat House</a>, Concord  <i>canoe and kayak rentals</i>  <a href="#">Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge</a>, Concord  <a href="#">Great Brook Farm</a>, Carlisle  <i>free tours of milking barn; see cows, pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits; ice cream stand open in season</i>  <a href="#">Wolbach Farm/Sudbury Valley Trustees</a>, Sudbury  <a href="#">Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge</a>, Sudbury  <i>small visitor center with dioramas and a nature table; Refuge Fledglings Hour, nature-themed program for ages 2-5, 4th Friday of the month</i>  <a href="#">Acton Arboretum</a>, Acton  <a href="#">Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge</a>, Harvard  <a href="#">Weezie’s Garden/Mass Horticultural Society</a>, Wellesley  <a href="#">Wellesley College Botanical Gardens</a>, Wellesley  <a href="#">Garden in the Woods</a>, Framingham  <a href="#">Tower Hill Botanical Garden</a>, Boylston  <a href="#">Arnold Arboretum</a>, Boston  <a href="#">Swan Boats/Boston Public Garden</a>, Boston</p>
Zoos & Animals	<p><a href="#">Drumlin Farm</a>, Lincoln  <i>working educational farm, fun for a visit or a class or special program</i>  <a href="#">Codman Community Farm</a>, Lincoln  <i>meat farm open for self-guided tours of the animal barns</i>  <a href="#">Butterfly Place</a>, Westford  <i>best for older children as it requires quiet and stillness to appreciate</i>  <a href="#">Animal Adventures</a>, Bolton  <i>animal sanctuary with lots of birds, reptiles, exotic animals; daily animal shows; look for a Groupon!</i>  <a href="#">Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary</a>, Natick  <a href="#">Habitat Wildlife Sanctuary</a>, Belmont  <a href="#">Stone Zoo</a>, Stoneham  <a href="#">Davis Farmland</a>, Sterling  <a href="#">Wolf Hollow</a>, Ipswich  <a href="#">Franklin Park Zoo</a>, Boston</p>

	<p><a href="#">Roger Williams Zoo</a>, Providence</p> <p><a href="#">Southwick's Zoo</a>, Mendon</p>
Farmstands (w/ Kid Appeal)	<p><a href="#">Verrill Farm</a>, Concord</p> <p><a href="#">Chip In Farm</a>, Bedford</p> <p><a href="#">Wilson Farm</a>, Lexington</p> <p><a href="#">Marble Hill Farm</a>, Stow</p>
Pick Your Own	<p><a href="#">Verrill Farm</a>, Concord <i>strawberries in early summer, pumpkins in fall</i></p> <p><a href="#">Silverleaf Farm</a>, Concord <i>raspberries during the fall</i></p> <p><a href="#">Lindentree Farm</a>, Lincoln <i>CSA that also features "pick your own" including flowers, cherry tomatoes, beans, berries, and other miscellaneous small vegetables</i></p> <p><a href="#">Belkin Family Lookout Farm</a>, Natick <i>major attraction with play areas, animals, rides; pyo apples, pears, peaches, nectarines, and plums</i></p> <p><a href="#">Doe Orchards</a>, Harvard</p> <p><a href="#">Westward Orchards</a>, Harvard</p> <p><a href="#">Honey Pot Hill</a>, Stow</p> <p><a href="#">Carver Hill Orchard</a>, Stow</p> <p><a href="#">Shelburne Farm</a>, Stow</p> <p><a href="#">Parlee Farms</a>, Tyngsboro</p> <p><a href="#">Tougas Farm</a>, Northborough <i>apples, cherries, and berries</i></p> <p><a href="#">Pick Your Own listings</a></p>
Theme Parks	<p><a href="#">Edaville USA</a>, Carver <i>train plus carnival rides, some indoor kiddie rides and train tables</i></p> <p><a href="#">Canobie Lake Park</a>, Salem NH</p> <p><a href="#">Story Land</a>, Glen NH</p> <p><a href="#">Santa's Village</a>, Jefferson NH</p>
Swimming *day use	<p><a href="#">Walden Pond</a>, Concord* <i>parking area fills to capacity on summer weekends and hot days</i></p> <p><a href="#">White Pond</a>, Concord <i>members only, waiting list</i></p> <p><a href="#">Beede Center</a> (indoor), Concord</p> <p><a href="#">Emerson Pool</a>, Concord <i>family memberships for summer evenings and weekends</i></p> <p><a href="#">Thoreau Club</a> (indoor/outdoor), Concord</p> <p><a href="#">Heritage Club</a>, Concord <i>members only, long waiting list</i></p> <p><a href="#">Concord Country Club</a>, Concord</p> <p><a href="#">Nashawtuc Country Club</a>, Concord</p> <p><a href="#">Codman Pool</a>, Lincoln</p> <p><a href="#">Atkinson Pool</a> (indoor), Sudbury* <i>check calendar for tot swim times</i></p> <p><a href="#">Springs Brook Park</a>, Bedford* <i>pond, splash pad, and playground</i></p> <p><a href="#">Old Reservoir</a>, Lexington*</p> <p><a href="#">Town Pool</a>, Lexington*</p> <p><a href="#">Nara Park Beach</a>, Acton*</p>

	<a href="#">One Stop Fun</a> , Westford* <a href="#">Edward's Beach</a> , Westford* <a href="#">Forge Beach</a> , Westford* <a href="#">Long Lake</a> , Littleton* <a href="#">Cochituate State Park</a> , Wayland* <a href="#">Mirror Lake</a> , Devens*
Playgrounds	<a href="#">Emerson Playground/Spray Fountain</a> , Concord <a href="#">Rideout Playground</a> , Concord <a href="#">Ripley Playscape</a> , Concord <a href="#">Diment Park</a> , Carlisle <a href="#">SMILE Playground</a> , Sudbury <i>handicap-accessible</i> <a href="#">Community Playground</a> , Bedford <a href="#">Lexington Playgrounds</a> <a href="#">Acton Playgrounds</a> <a href="#">Flerra Meadows</a> , Boxborough <a href="#">Reo Road</a> , Maynard <a href="#">Coolidge</a> , Maynard <a href="#">Ronan's Playground</a> , Westford <i>handicap-accessible</i> Elementary schools, various
Shopping	<a href="#">Barefoot Books</a> , Concord <a href="#">Concord Bookshop</a> , Concord <a href="#">Willow Books</a> , Acton <a href="#">Barnes &amp; Noble</a> , Burlington <a href="#">Concord Toy Shop</a> , Concord <a href="#">Learning Express Toys</a> , Acton <a href="#">Buttons and Bows Consignment</a> , Acton <a href="#">Build A Bear</a> , Burlington & Natick <a href="#">Boston Drum Center</a> , Acton <a href="#">Osmun Music</a> , Acton <a href="#">The Minor Chord</a> , Littleton
Restaurants	<a href="#">Comella's</a> <a href="#">Asian Gourmet</a> <a href="#">Chang An</a> <a href="#">The Colonial Inn</a> <a href="#">Helen's Restaurant</a> <a href="#">Main Street Market &amp; Cafe</a> <a href="#">Papa Razzi</a> <a href="#">99 Restaurant &amp; Pub</a> <a href="#">Club Car Cafe</a> <a href="#">Vincenzo's</a> <a href="#">Nashoba Brook Bakery</a> <a href="#">Concord Tea Cakes</a> <a href="#">Bedford Farms Ice Cream</a> <a href="#">Reasons to Be Cheerful</a> <a href="#">Fern's Country Store</a> , Carlisle <a href="#">Kimball Farm</a> , Carlisle/Westford

	<a href="#">Atlantic Sea Grill</a> , Acton <a href="#">Erikson's Ice Cream</a> , Maynard <a href="#">Nancy's Airfield Cafe</a> , Stow
Daycare	<a href="#">Licensed Early Education &amp; Care listings</a>
Preschools <i>enrollment typically begins in January for the following September</i>	<a href="#">The Barn Co-operative Nursery School</a> <a href="#">The Children's Meeting House</a> <a href="#">Concord Public Schools Integrated Preschool</a> <a href="#">Concord Carousel</a> <a href="#">Concord Children's Center</a> <a href="#">Concord Montessori School</a> <a href="#">LEAP School</a> <a href="#">The Learning Experience</a> <a href="#">Milldam Co-operative Nursery School</a> <a href="#">Nashoba Brooks School</a>
Family Friendly Events	Musketaquid Earth Day, April Patriots Day Parade, April Fourth of July Bicycle Parade and Picnic in the Park, July Holiday Parade with Caroling and Tree-Lighting, December
Event Listings	<a href="#">Action Unlimited</a> <a href="#">Macaroni Kid</a> <a href="#">First Connections</a> <i>get on the email list</i>
Discounts	<a href="#">Library Museum Passes</a> <a href="#">Groupon</a> <a href="#">LivingSocial</a> <a href="#">DoubleTakeOffers</a>

Classes for Kids

Sports	<a href="#">CCYBS</a> - Concord Carlisle Youth Baseball and Softball <a href="#">CCYBasketball</a> - Concord Carlisle Youth basketball <a href="#">CCYH</a> - Concord Carlisle Youth Hockey <a href="#">CCYL</a> - Concord Carlisle Youth Lacrosse <a href="#">CCPopwarner</a> - Concord Carlisle Pop Warner Football and Cheer <a href="#">CCYSoccer</a> - Concord Carlisle Youth Soccer <a href="#">H2K Fitness Studio</a> , Sudbury <a href="#">Tigger Soccer</a> , Sudbury <a href="#">Revolution Community Yoga</a> , Acton <a href="#">TruZen Yoga</a> , Acton <a href="#">Teamworks</a> , Acton
Gymnastics	<a href="#">Massachusetts Gymnastics Center</a> , Sudbury <a href="#">Planet Gymnastics</a> , Acton <a href="#">GAB</a> , Acton <a href="#">10.0 Academy</a> , Stow <a href="#">Little Gym</a> , Littleton
Martial Arts	<a href="#">Concord School of Taekwon-Do</a> , Acton <a href="#">Wah Lum Kung Fu</a> , Acton <a href="#">Moncreaff's Martial Arts</a> , Acton <a href="#">Giorgio's TaeKwonDo</a> , Sudbury
Tennis	<a href="#">All Seasons Tennis Club</a> , Acton/Concord <a href="#">The Marcus Lewis Tennis Center</a> , Acton <a href="#">Zip Zone Tennis</a> , Wayland
Skating/Skiing	<a href="#">Sharper Edge Skating School</a> , Concord <a href="#">Nashoba Valley Olympia</a> , Boxborough <a href="#">The Edge Sports Center</a> , Bedford <a href="#">Nashoba Valley Ski Area</a> , Westford
Equestrian	<a href="#">Verrill Farm Stable</a> , Concord <a href="#">Arrowhead Farm</a> , Concord <a href="#">Water's Edge Farm</a> , Concord <a href="#">Stoneymeade Farm</a> , Concord <a href="#">North Gate Farm</a> , Sudbury <a href="#">Hybid Farm</a> , Acton <a href="#">Jelich Farms</a> , Lexington <a href="#">Dunroven Farm</a> , Concord
Swimming	<a href="#">Beede Swim &amp; Fitness Center</a> , Concord <a href="#">Atkinson Pool</a> , Sudbury <a href="#">Pool School Plus</a> , Bedford <a href="#">Acton Boxborough Community Ed</a> , Acton <a href="#">Westford Racquet &amp; Fitness Club</a> , Westford <a href="#">Long Lake</a> , Littleton (outdoor) <a href="#">10.0 Academy</a> , Stow (outdoor)
Music	<a href="#">Concord Carlisle Community Ed</a> <a href="#">Concord Conservatory of Music</a> <a href="#">Footnotes Music</a> , Concord/Bedford/Acton <a href="#">Music Together of Assabet Valley</a> , Maynard/Sudbury/Stow

	<a href="#">Indian Hill Music School</a> , Littleton <a href="#">77 Arts Academy</a> , Acton <a href="#">Boston Drum Center</a> , Acton <a href="#">Noteworthy Experiences</a> , Sudbury <a href="#">The Minor Chord</a> , Littleton
Art	<a href="#">Emerson Umbrella</a> , Concord <a href="#">77 Arts Academy</a> , Acton <a href="#">Acton Art</a> , Acton <a href="#">Colorfull</a> , Acton <a href="#">Garro Studios</a> , Maynard <a href="#">Red Shoe Arts</a> , Maynard <a href="#">Beehive Art</a> , Wayland
Cooking	<a href="#">Cooking with Mrs G</a> , Maynard <a href="#">Minuteman High School Community Education</a> , Lexington
Dance/Drama	<a href="#">Concord Youth Theatre</a> , Concord <a href="#">Miss Helena</a> , Concord <a href="#">West Concord Dance Academy</a> , Concord <a href="#">Setting the Barre Dance Academy</a> , Concord <a href="#">On Your Toes Dance &amp; Theatre</a> , Acton <a href="#">The Movement Center Dance Studio</a> , Acton <a href="#">Acton School of Ballet</a> , Acton <a href="#">Acton Boxborough Dance Center</a> , Acton <a href="#">Dancer's Workshop</a> , Sudbury <a href="#">The Performing Arts Connection</a> , Sudbury <a href="#">Jennifer McGowan's Creative Dance</a> , Stow
Toddler Playgroups	<a href="#">First Connections</a> <a href="#">Concord Carlisle Community Education</a> <a href="#">Minuteman ARC</a> <a href="#">Infancy to Independence</a>
Language/Academic	<a href="#">Concord Carlisle Community Education</a> <a href="#">Les Oursons French for Kids</a> , Acton <a href="#">Acton Chinese Language School</a> , Acton
Miscellaneous	<a href="#">Jam Time</a> , Maynard <a href="#">Boys &amp; Girls Club</a> , Maynard <a href="#">Empow Studios</a> , Lexington <a href="#">One Stop Fun</a> , Westford <a href="#">Linx</a> , Wellesley Recreation Departments Community Ed Departments