

## ***Looking for something to do this summer...***

### **Local Attractions**

Adventure Playground ("Castle Playground"), 17920 Germantown Park Dr., Germantown, MD  
[www.montgomeryparks.org/facilities/south\\_germantown/#adventure\\_totlots](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/facilities/south_germantown/#adventure_totlots)

Audubon Naturalist Society's Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Rd, Chevy Chase, MD, 301-652-9188,  
[www.audubonnaturalist.org](http://www.audubonnaturalist.org) M-F 10-5, Sat. 9-5, and Sun 12-5

Baltimore Zoo, Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, MD, 410-396-7102 /[www.marylandzoo.org/](http://www.marylandzoo.org/) March-December open daily 10-4

B&O Railroad Museum, 901 West Pratt St., Baltimore, MD, 410-752-2490, [www.borail.org](http://www.borail.org) Mon. - Sat. 10-4, Sun 11-4

Be With Me The Children's Playseum, 7000 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD, 301-807-8028,  
[www.playseum.com](http://www.playseum.com) Mon. - Sat. 9-6, Sun 1-6

Brookside Gardens and Nature Center, 1800 Glenallan Ave, Silver Spring, MD, 301-962-1400,  
[www.brooksidegardens.org](http://www.brooksidegardens.org) Gardens: sunrise-sunset, Visitors Center: 9-5, Conservatories: 10-5

Butler's Orchard, 22200 Davis Mill Road, Germantown, MD, 301-972-3299, [www.butlersorchard.com/](http://www.butlersorchard.com/) Labor Day-December 24 Tuesday-Sunday 9:30am-5:30pm

Cabin John Miniature Train at Cabin John Regional Park, 7400 Tuckerman Lane, Rockville, MD, Train information - 301-765-8670. [www.montgomeryparks.org/enterprise/park\\_facilities/trains/cabin\\_john.shtm](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/enterprise/park_facilities/trains/cabin_john.shtm)  
June 1-August 26 open 10-6

C&O Canal National Historical Park's Boat Rides. Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Blvd. Potomac, MD 301-767-3714. May 15- October 31 [www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/publicboatrides.htm](http://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/publicboatrides.htm)

Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA, 703-442-7557,  
[www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org) April 1-December 9 Wed-Sun 10-4:30

College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD, 301-884-6029,  
[www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com](http://www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com) Daily 10-5

Croyden Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Rd., Rockville, MD, 240-314-8770,  
<http://www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek/index.html> Tues.-Sat.: 9-5, Sun. 1-5

Discovery Theater, S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Dr. SW, Washington, DC, 202-633-8700,  
[www.discoverytheater.org](http://www.discoverytheater.org)

Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., at Goldsboro Rd., Glen Echo, MD, 301-634-2222,  
[www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) The grounds of Glen Echo Park are open from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. daily Puppet shows are Wed, Sat, and Sun at 10:00AM

Hadley's Accessible Playground at Falls Road Local Park, 12600 Falls Road, Potomac, MD  
[www.montgomeryparks.org/parks\\_facilities\\_directory/fallsroadlp.shtm](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks_facilities_directory/fallsroadlp.shtm)

Homestead Farm, 15600 Sugarland Road, Poolesville, MD, 301-977-3761, [www.homestead-farm.net/index.html](http://www.homestead-farm.net/index.html) Pick-your-own hours: Open 7 days a week 9-5:30 and Market hours 9-6

Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD, 301-961-6060, [www.imaginationstage.org/](http://www.imaginationstage.org/)  
*Wake Up, Brother Bear!* July 7-29 Ages 1-5 Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30am and 11:45am

King Dairy Mooseum Location, South Germantown Recreational Park, 18028 Central Park Circle, Boyds, MD, 301-528-6530, [www.mooseum.com/](http://www.mooseum.com/) May-October open Sat 10-4 and the fourth Sun of each month 1-4.

Lake Forest Mall Kiddie Train Rides. Kiddie Train goes throughout the upper level of the mall. Pick up and drop off is in front of Sears. Admission to ride the train is \$3 for 10 minutes. They are open 7 days a week 10am - 9pm (Monday - Saturday) and 10am- 6pm (Sunday).

Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD, 301-765-8660 [www.locustgrovenature.org](http://www.locustgrovenature.org) Saturday 9-5pm, Sunday noon-5pm. They are closed the first Sunday of every month.

Meadowside Nature Center, 5100 Meadowside Lane (located in Rock Creek Regional Park) Rockville, MD, 301-258-4030 [www.montgomeryparks.org/nature\\_centers/meadow/](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/nature_centers/meadow/) Tues.-Sat. 9-5

National Air and Space Museum, Independence Ave at 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Washington, DC, 202-633-2214, [www.nasm.si.edu](http://www.nasm.si.edu) March 17-September 3 open daily 10-7:30

National Aquarium, 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC, 202-482-2825, [www.nationalaquarium.com](http://www.nationalaquarium.com) Daily 9-5

National Aquarium in Baltimore, 501 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD, 410-576-3800, [www.aqua.org](http://www.aqua.org)

National Capital Trolley Museum, 1313 Bonifant Rd., between Layhill Rd. and New Hampshire Ave., Colesville, MD, 301-384-6088, [www.dctrolley.org](http://www.dctrolley.org) Open Sat and Sun 12-5.

National Zoo, 3001 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC, 202-633-4800, <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/default.cfm> April–October Animal exhibits are open from 10-6 every day.

National Postal Museum, 2 Massachusetts Ave, NE, Washington, DC, 202-633-5555, [www.postalmuseum.si.edu](http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu) Daily 10-5:30

Oxon Cove Park/Oxon Hill Farm, 6411 Oxon Hill Rd., Oxon Hill, MD, 301-839-1176, [www.nps.gov/oxhi](http://www.nps.gov/oxhi) Daily 8-4:30

Pirate Adventures on the Chesapeake, 311 Third Street, Annapolis, MD, 410.263.0002, [www.chesapeakepirates.com/home/homeindex.html](http://www.chesapeakepirates.com/home/homeindex.html) Call for sailing times

Port Discovery Children's Museum in Baltimore, 35 Market Place, Baltimore, MD, [www.portdiscovery.org](http://www.portdiscovery.org) Memorial Day through Labor Day Mon - Sat 10-5 and Sun 12-5

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, Constitution Ave. and 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Washington, DC, 202-633-1000, [www.mnh.si.edu](http://www.mnh.si.edu) 10-5:30. Some days they are open until 7:30pm. Check their website for more information.

Wheaton Regional Park-Adventure Park, Miniature Train and Ovid Hazen Wells Carousel, 2002 Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, MD [www.montgomeryparks.org/facilities/regional\\_parks/wheaton/index.shtml](http://www.montgomeryparks.org/facilities/regional_parks/wheaton/index.shtml) Train Information - 301-942-6703. June 1-August 28 open Mon-Thurs. 10am-5:30pm (1st train at 10:30; last train at 6pm) and Fri, Sat, Sun, & Holidays 10-7 (1st train at 10:30; last train at 7:30pm)

White Flint Mall Kids Club. Includes free musical entertainment, train rides within the mall, and story times. 11301 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20895-1021, (301)231-7467 <http://www.shopwhiteflint.com/info/kidsclub> Call or check the website for dates and times of events.

## **Some other ideas**

Search for shapes. Look for objects shaped like circles, squares, and triangles. Ask your child if he would like his sandwich cut into four squares, two rectangles, or two triangles.

Find opportunities to count. Ask your child: "Can you get eight crackers out of the package?"

Cook with your child. Read the steps of a recipe out loud. Let your child help you in some way with each step of the recipe.

Go camping or even camp in your own backyard. Camping opportunities nearby are:  
Little Bennett Regional Park near Clarksburg, MD. [www.friendsoflittlebennett.org/WhatToDoCampground.htm](http://www.friendsoflittlebennett.org/WhatToDoCampground.htm)  
Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville, VA. [www.nvrpa.org/park/bull\\_run/content/camping](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run/content/camping)  
At Bull Run Regional Park, you can also rent a rustic cabin.

Go fishing in Little Seneca Lake.

Plant a garden and watch it grow.

Read to your child.

Rent a boat at Rock Creek Regional Park, Rockville, MD 301-948-0501, [www.lakeneedwoodboats.com](http://www.lakeneedwoodboats.com) or at Black Hill Regional Park, Boyds, MD 301-972-6157, [www.blackhillboats.com](http://www.blackhillboats.com)

Visit your local library.

## **Websites**

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) Phonics games and interactive books

[www.readyatfive.org](http://www.readyatfive.org) Activities to help prepare your child for kindergarten. They also have a summer packet.

[www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140--69358--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140--69358--,00.html) Family FUNdamentals Pre K-3 Learning Activities for literacy and math.

[www.pbskids.org/](http://www.pbskids.org/) TV network's educational games and activities for children

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/) BBC's preschool channel. It has a lot of activities/games for young children

## **Outdoor Pools**

The Department of Recreation operates the following outdoor swimming pools:

### **Bethesda Pool**

6300 Little Falls Pkwy & Hillandale Road  
Bethesda, MD  
301-652-1598

### **Germantown Outdoor Pool**

18905 Kings View Drive  
Germantown, MD  
301-601-1690

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Outdoor Pool**

1201 Jackson Road  
Silver Spring, MD  
301-622-1090

### **Long Branch Pool**

8700 Piney Branch Road  
Silver Spring, MD  
301-431-5700

### **Upper County Outdoor Pool**

8211 Emory Grove Road  
Gaithersburg, MD  
301-840-2446

### **Western County Outdoor Pool**

20151 Fisher Avenue  
Poolesville, MD  
301-349-2217

**Wheaton/Glenmont Pool**

12621 Dalewood Drive  
Wheaton, MD  
301-929-5460

**Good Hope Sprayground**

14715 Good Hope Road  
Silver Spring, MD  
301-989-1210

**Splash Parks for Children**

**S. Germantown Recreational Park**

18056 Central Park Circle  
Boyd's, MD 20841  
301-601-3580 recorded information  
301-601-3581 live information during season

**Water Park at Bohrer Park**

512 S Frederick Ave  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
301-258-6449

**Regal Summer Movie Express** [www.regmovies.com/SummerMovieExpress2012.aspx](http://www.regmovies.com/SummerMovieExpress2012.aspx)

Moviegoers of all ages can climb aboard the Summer Movie Express to enjoy a great selection of films. During this 9-week festival, participating Regal Cinemas will offer selected G or PG rated movies for only a dollar on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00. Beginning on June 19, 2012, the following local theatres will be participating: Germantown Stadium 14, Germantown, MD and Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX, Silver Spring, MD