



Early Connections  
Preschool for All (PFA)  
Activity List  
Summer, 2021

This list includes activities in the area that are for families with young children. Some activities are free and some have an entrance/admission fee. Please call or check the websites for additional information and directions.

- Museums for All: <https://museums4all.org> - Free or reduced admission program for families receiving SNAP benefits
- Naperville Park District 320 W. Jackson, Naperville 630-848-5000. Various programs, activities. Centennial Beach. Parks. Pavilions. Check the website for summer movies on Fridays: <https://www.napervilleparks.org> – including Knock Knolls Park for hiking, biking and nature programs.
- Morton Arboretum 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532. [www.mortonarb.com](http://www.mortonarb.com) Walking trails, Children's Garden. Check website for details and admission fee, accepts Museums for All
- Sensory Garden Playground <https://playforalldupage.org> 2751 Navistar Drive, Lisle. Two -5 year-old playground, tree house, art sculptures, sound and fragrance gardens. Free
- Discovery Playground in Community Park, Lisle Park District – 1825 Short Street, Lisle. <http://www.lisleparkdistrict.org/discoveryplayground.html> universally accessible playground. Free
- Storytime on the Riverwalk at Nichols Library – 200 W. Jefferson Ave., Naperville. <https://napervillepl.librarycalendar.com/events> Tuesdays 7pm, Wednesdays 10:30am – outdoor stories, songs and puppets presented at the amphitheater behind Nichols Library beginning June 1st. Free
- 95<sup>th</sup> Street Community Plaza at Frontier Sports Complex – 3109 Cedar Glade Drive, Naperville. Splash pad, playground, restrooms – fun place for little ones. <https://www.napervilleparks.org>
- Red Oak Nature Center on Rt 25, 1 mile north of Rt 56, Batavia. Hiking and bike trails, exhibits, live animals. Free
- Lyman Woods Interpretive Center 901-31<sup>st</sup> St, Downers Grove. 963-1304. Hiking trails, woodpeckers to wildflowers. Free.

- Willowbrook Wildlife Center 525 S. Park Blvd. Glen Ellyn. 942-6200. Indoor and outdoor exhibits, baby wildlife nursery, hands-on museum, nature trail. This wildlife center rehabilitates injured wildlife. Some animals are permanent residents. Donations welcomed (\$1.00 per person)
- Spring Brook Nature Center 130 Forest Ave. Itasca. 630-773-5572. Hiking trails, marsh, visitor center with large aquarium. Children and family programs. Free.
- Garfield Farm Museum 3N016 Garfield Rd at #83, La Fox. 630-584-8485. 1840's farm. Historic gardens, prairies, woodlands, wetlands. Farm animals – small admission fee. <http://www.garfieldfarm.org>
- Lisle Station Park 921 School St., Lisle. 630-968-0499. Depot museum, train station, living history museum with model railroad in basement. Free.
- Danada Equestrian Center at Danada Forest Preserve – 3S507 Naperville Road, Wheaton <https://www.dupageforest.org/danada-equestrian-center> Wagon rides, riding lessons, guided tours, horse-related activities
- DuPage Children's Museum 301 N. Washington, Naperville. 630-637-8000. [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org) Hands-on discovery center for up to about 10 years old. Accepts Museums for All
- Fullersburg Woods 3609 Spring Rd, Oak Brook. 630-850-8110. Nature Education Center. Hand-on exhibit, hiking on wide paths suitable for strollers. Free. [fullersburgwoes@dupageforest.com](mailto:fullersburgwoes@dupageforest.com)
- Grau Mill and Museum, York and Spring Roads, Oak Brook. 630-655-2090. Water-wheel gristmill. History rooms, pioneer craft demonstrations. Interactive activities. Admission Fee.
- Lake View Nature Center 17 W. 063 Hodges Rd, Oakbrook Terrace. 630-941-8747. [www.obtpd.org](http://www.obtpd.org) Animal and plant life, hands-on exhibits, native gardens, fishing pond. Free.
- Cosley Zoo 1356 N. Gary Avenue, Wheaton. 630-665-5534. This farm is run by the Wheaton Park District. Native Illinois wildlife, farm animals. Picnic area. \$3.00 per non-Wheaton resident adult.
- DuPage County Historical Museum. 102 E. Wesley St, Wheaton. 630-682-7343. "A Walk in the Woods", hands on activity area, working model railroad. Free. <http://dupagehistory.org/muses.html>
- Kline Creek Farm. County Farm Rd between Geneva and St. Charles, Winfield. 630-876-5900. Life on an 1890's living history farm. Farm animals, tools. Donations accepted.

- Hedges Station 1849. 0N555 Winfield Road, Winfield. 630-653-1489. Oldest surviving railroad depot in Illinois. Donations appreciated.
- Blackberry Farm - 100 S. Barnes Road, Aurora. 630-892-1550. Living history museum, carriage museum, street museum, train ride, hay wagon ride, carousel. Guests are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.  
<https://www.blackberryfarm.info>
- Naper Settlement - 523 S. Webster St, Naperville, 630-420-6010. Nineteenth Century Historic Museum. Free if you live in Naperville – Fee if not.  
[www.napersettlement.museum](http://www.napersettlement.museum) – Accepts Museums for All
- Forest Preserve District of DuPage. 630-933-7200 <http://dupageforest.com>  
The DuPage Forest Preserve District offers educational programs, recreational activities and special events at various locations throughout the county.
- Cantigny Gardens and Museum 1 S 151 Winfield Rd, Wheaton. 630-668-5161.  
[www.cantigny.org](http://www.cantigny.org) Colonel McCormick's Museum with 500 acres of gardens and picnic areas. 1<sup>st</sup> Division War Museum, army tanks to climb and more. Check website for events and fees, accepts Museums for All
- Brookfield Zoo. First Ave and 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Brookfield. 708-688-8000.  
[www.brookfieldzoo.org](http://www.brookfieldzoo.org). This is a great place to spend the day with your family. They have over 2000 exotic animals on display in indoor and outdoor displays. Favorites include Tropic World, Dolphin Show, The Living Coast and The Children's Zoo. Picnic tables are available. Check the website for general information and prices.
- Museum Adventure Pass [www.museumadventure.org](http://www.museumadventure.org) Local libraries have free or reduced cost passes to area museums. These passes are available on a first come first serve basis and are good for seven days. Check out the website to see a list of libraries and museums. You must have a current library card to use this program.