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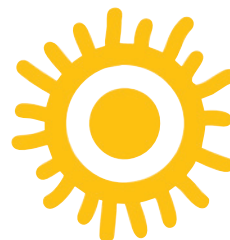
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4 Don't-Miss Exhibits



Imaginary Worlds: Alice and Wonderland

Atlanta Botanical Garden / Through Oct. 27

Larger-than-life whimsical plant sculptures come back to the Garden, and this year Alice in Wonderland sculptures are added to the already impressive collection, which include the dragon, mammoth and other favorites. Spot the floating white rabbit, an expansive chess board with heart trees and a large Cheshire Cat. Try and find Alice, too! Tues.-Sun. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. 1345 Piedmont Ave., Atlanta. 404-876-5859. Adults, \$23.95; ages 3-12, \$20.95; ages 2 and younger, free. atlantabg.org.



Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants

Fernbank Museum of Natural History / June 8-Aug. 18

Dive beneath the surface of the world's rivers in search of bizarre and extraordinary species of freshwater fish. Learn how monster fish grow, how scientists study them and how anglers can help these fish survive. Five life-size monster fish as well as videos are on display. Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 767 Clifton Rd., Atlanta. 404-929-6300. \$20; ages 3-12, \$18; ages 2 and younger, free. fernbankmuseum.org

Doc McStuffins: The Exhibit

Children's Museum of Atlanta / June 8-Sept. 8

Visit the McStuffins Toy Hospital and play doctor while solving problems. Learn about naptime and nurturing care in the nursery, care for pets in the Pet Vet area and head to the Emergency Room to check on toy patients. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Wednesdays, beginning Aug. 1. 275 Centennial Olympic Park Dr. NW, Atlanta. 404-659-5437. \$15.95-\$18.95; ages 1 and younger, free. childrensmuseumatlanta.org



The Pursuit of Everything: Maira Kalman's Books for Children

High Museum of Art / June 22-Sept. 15

This colorful and imaginative exhibition will provide a look into Maira Kalman's picture-book career with more than 100 works on view including original drawings and paintings, manuscripts and installations. Her creative stories with surreal illustrations, range from tales about her dog to titles that address important historical people and events. Tues.-Thurs. and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun. noon-5 p.m. 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta. 404-733-4400. \$14.50, ages 6 and older; ages 5 and younger, free. high.org



Not-to-Miss June and July Events

Events may be canceled or changed after our deadline. Please check beforehand to confirm dates and times.

● Flying Colors Butterfly Festival

Chattahoochee Nature Center

June 1-2. Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. noon-5 p.m.

See hundreds of native butterflies in a walk-through exhibit; watch a butterfly release and learn about pollinators. Enjoy crafts, face painting, live entertainment, food and more. Roswell. 770-992-2055. \$12; ages 2 and younger, free. chattnaturecenter.org

● Roswell Summer Puppet Series

Roswell Cultural Arts Center

June 3-July 20. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. Second show Wed. and Fri. 1:30 p.m.

Puppets perform in seven productions this season, including "The Giant, the Beanstalk and Jack," "Sleeping Beauty," "The Pied Picker" and more. Roswell. 770-594-6232. Ages 2 and older, \$5; younger than 2, free. roswellcac.com



● Balloons Over Fayette

Whitewater Complex

June 7-8. 5 p.m.-11 p.m.

Tethered hot air balloon rides, balloon glows, inflatable rides, food and craft vendors. Live concerts each evening. Fayette. 770-716-4320. Admission \$10; ages 5 and younger, free. Tethered balloon rides \$15; ages 3-11, \$12. fayettecountygga.gov/parks_and_recreation

● The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical

Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre / June 7-9.

Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 2 p.m., 8 p.m.; Sun., 1 p.m., 7 p.m. As the son of Poseidon, Percy has newly discovered powers he can't control, monsters on his trail and is on an epic quest to find Zeus's lightning bolt. Atlanta. 770-916-2800. Ages 5 and older. \$45-\$87. cobbenergycentre.com

● Tunes from the Tombs

Oakland Cemetery

June 8. Noon-8 p.m.

Enjoy a day of live music and performances in this historic cemetery. Take a mini-tour and visit some of Oakland's famous residents; enjoy field day games, food trucks, fortune-telling and more. Atlanta. 404-688-2107. \$25; ages 4-17, \$15; ages 3 and under, free. Advance ticket purchase recommended, save \$5. oaklandcemetery.com

● RockFest 29

Tellus Science Museum

June 8-9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

See rare jewelry, ancient fossils, and rocks from around the world. Enjoy geology-themed children's activities, demonstrations, and paint your own rock. Cartersville. 770-605-5700. Included with admission. \$15.95; ages 3-17, 11.95; ages 2 and younger, free. tellusmuseum.org

● Civil War History Day

Southern Museum of Civil War History

June 8. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Meet costumed soldiers, try traditional domestic chores, play period games, and watch expert spinners from the Peachtree Handspinners Guild. Included with admission. Kennesaw. 770-427-2117. Adults, \$10; ages 3-17, \$5; ages 2 and younger, free. southernmuseum.org



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● Beauty and the Beast

Center for Puppetry Arts
June 11-July 28. No shows July 4.
See website for showtimes.
Trash is turned into treasure and true love prevails when this classic tale hip-hops its way into a modern day city complete with alley cats, beauty shops, and exercise videos. Make your own Burly Beast rod puppet after the show. Ages 4 and older. Atlanta. 404-873-3391. \$19.50. puppet.org

● Pocahontas

Serenbe Playhouse
June 13-Sept. 1. See website for showtimes.
Pocahontas shares the authentic tale of her beautiful homeland in this adaptation by Native American playwright Kara Morrison.
Chattahoochee Hills. 770-463-1110. \$13-\$25. serenbeplayhouse.com



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● Sandy Springs Lantern Parade

June 15. 7:30-9 p.m.
Bring a lantern and walk in the "Take it to the River" parade, with interactive heron, dragonfly and alligator lanterns and more. Parade route begins at Steel Canyon Golf Club and ends at Morgan Falls Overlook Park with a floating river display. Sandy Springs. 770-730-5600. Free admission. visitsandysprings.org/lanternparade



● Juneteenth

Atlanta History Center / June 15-16.
Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. noon-4 p.m.
Commemorate the end of slavery and explore themes of freedom and family history through activities, immersive museum theatre performances and crafts. Atlanta. 404-814-4000. Free admission both days. atlantahistorycenter.com

● Rock and Roll Playhouse Grateful Dead for Kids

Terminal West at King Plow Arts Center
June 16. 11:30 a.m.
Celebrate Dad with the Music of the Grateful Dead for Kids. Games, rainbow streamers, a giant parachute, and call-and-response songs encourage a love of music and inspire creativity. Atlanta. Ages 2 and older, \$16; ages 1 and younger, free. therockandrollplayhouse.com

● Decatur Beach Party

June 21. 5-11 p.m.
Kids can play in 80 tons of sand in this beach party on the streets of Downtown Decatur. Live music, games, food and more. Decatur. 404-371-8386. Free admission. decaturdba.com/events/summer-in-the-city

● Nickelodeon's JoJo Siwa D.R.E.A.M. the Tour

Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre
June 22, 6:30 p.m.
Singer, dancer, author and TV personality JoJo Siwa will entertain fans with her music and much more. Atlanta. 770-916-2800. \$39.50-69.50. cobbenergycentre.com



● Circo Hermanos Vazquez

Plaza Fiesta
July 12-Aug. 4. Mon.-Fri. 7:30; Sat.-Sun. 2, 5 and 8 p.m.
Human cannonballs, dancers, acrobats, feats of strength and more entertain in this modern take on the traditional circus. Founded in Mexico City, the circus has traveled around Latin America and the U.S. for nearly 50 years. Atlanta. Adults, \$40-\$60; ages 2-10, \$15. circovazquez.com

● Reptile Day

Fernbank Museum of Natural History / July 13. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Come face to face with live reptiles and amphibians at this popular annual event. Learn about and interact with unique creatures, including snakes, tortoises, lizards and many more. Atlanta. 404-929-6300. Exhibit included with admission. Atlanta. \$20; ages 3-12, \$18; ages 2 and younger, free. fernbankmuseum.org

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● Champions of Magic

Fox Theatre / July 20. 7:30 p.m.

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● Bubblepalooza

Duluth Town Green / July 24. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Celebrate summer with bubbles to play in, yard games and music. Duluth. 770-476-3434. Free admission. duluthga.net



● Atlanta Ice Cream Festival

Piedmont Park / July 27. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Ice cream samples and scoops for purchase, ice cream competition, fitness and children's activities. Atlanta. 678-964-5944. Free admission. atlantaicecreamfestival.com

● Wild World Weekend

Zoo Atlanta / July 27-28. Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

This cultural heritage festival celebrates the Zoo's wildlife and where they come from. Travel from Africa to the Americas, from Europe to Asia and the Pacific with special entertainment, crafts and activities. Atlanta. 404-624-9453. \$25.99; ages 3-11, \$17.99; ages 2 and younger, free. zooatlanta.org

● Repticon Atlanta

Gwinnett County Fairgrounds

July 27-28. Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Many things that slither – from boa constrictors to bearded dragons – will be on display at this fun and educational traveling exhibit. Families can see live reptile shows, learn about caring for a reptile and buy reptile supplies. One-day tickets: \$10; ages 5-12, \$5; ages 4 and younger, free. Lawrenceville. repticon.com/georgia/atlanta



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50+ Ways to Wow Your Kids

Don't let summer slip by without making plans! Here are our suggestions for fun with kids.



Tiny Doors ATL

Puzzle it Out

- Search the city (or use the interactive map) to find miniature doors in Krog Street Tunnel, Grant Park, Fox Theatre and more. **Tiny Doors ATL** is an ever-changing art installation and each door is designed to match its location – experience the fun of spotting one!
- Compete to decipher clues and solve mysteries with a scavenger hunt. **Scavenger Hunt Atlanta** has themes customized to Atlanta's attractions. **Urban Adventure Quest** offers a self-guided tour from Centennial Olympic Park to many city landmarks; a smartphone app helps you along the way.

Sleepover with the Animals

- Animal fans ages 6 and older will love sleeping at **Zoo Atlanta**. The monthly Family NightCrawler overnight event has interactive, educational activities for parents and their kids – and lots of wildlife. Register early; sleepovers are available on June 15, July 20 and Aug. 24.
- Pack your sleeping bag and head to the **Georgia Aquarium**, where you can sleep right next to one of the many aquatic habitats. Guided tours and activities educate and promote conservation. Sleepovers are offered on select weekends; children must be aged 7 and older to participate.



iFly

Up in the Air

- Enjoy spectacular views of downtown from **SkyView**, Atlanta's 20-story Ferris wheel. Each enclosed gondola holds up to 6 guests for a memorable experience, day or night.
- Experience the thrill of skydiving – no plane or parachute needed – at **iFly Indoor Skydiving**. Kids of all abilities can try body flight in a high-tech wind tunnel.
- Head to **Level 72 at the Westin Peachtree Plaza**, where you can ride the glass elevators 723 feet to the observatory area and get an amazing 360-degree view of Atlanta. The **Sundial Restaurant** offers a panoramic view of the city along with Sunday brunch, lunch or dinner.

- Thrill-seekers can get a bird's-eye view of nature at **Treetop Quest** aerial adventure park. Their Dunwoody and Gwinnett locations have a series of zip lines and in-air obstacle courses to challenge your mental and physical abilities – all in a beautiful wooded setting. **Screaming Eagle Aerial Adventures** in Banning Mills and the Chattahoochee Nature Center offers more zip lining thrills.
- Take the freight elevator to the **Roof at Ponce City Market** and visit Skyline Park. Enjoy a ride (or two) down the 3-story slide, try a round of mini golf, and play carnival-style games like skee ball and horse derby.
- See Atlanta from the open cockpit of a biplane. **Biplane Rides Over Atlanta**, near the DeKalb Peachtree Airport, has retro 1930s planes for touring; other flight options include a four-passenger plane and helicopter.



Zoo Atlanta



The Children's Museum of Atlanta

Make Way for Toddlers

- Pretend to fly an airplane, check x-rays on a light board, play dentist or learn how to handle money at **Interactive Neighborhood for Kids** in Gainesville.

- Experience farm life at the **Art Barn** in Canton and go on a hay ride, interact with the animals and do art projects (check their website for events and times).

- Explore the many activities available at **The Children's Museum of Atlanta**. Don't miss Doc McStuffins: The Exhibit (June 8-Sept. 8); the museum's permanent exhibits, including Leaping into Learning and Let Your Creativity Flow, are toddler-friendly as well.

- Visit the indoor play area (and keep cool!) at **Superior Play Systems** in Alpharetta and Norcross. For a small fee, toddlers can play on swings, slides and seesaws sized just for them.

For a list of 60 toddler activities in and around Atlanta, visit atlantaparent.com

High-Speed Excitement

- Even when it's not hosting the NASCAR Cup Series, the **Atlanta Motor Speedway** is the place for speed demons. The Thursday Thunder Legend Series is held weekly during June and July and is a great family event, with games, contests, giveaways, and of course, racing.

- Kids ages 3-18 can hone their driving skills at **Tiny Towne** in Norcross, where a series of cars and tracks in two difficulty levels promotes safe driving. Have a real-live driving experience by following the rules – or be pulled over by the police!

- Experience the thrill of driving a race car at **Andretti Indoor Karting and Games**. Drivers navigate their electric or gas-powered karts around curves, hairpin turns and straightaways to the finish line. Locations are in Roswell and Marietta.

- There's more racing fun at Duluth's **K1 Indoor Karting**. Adult- and junior-sized high-performance electric Karts speed up to 45 mph and drivers can compete to set 'best time' records.



Andretti Indoor Karting and Games



Farmer for a Day

- You and your kids can pick your fill of blueberries at **Blue Moon Berries** in Powder Springs. Blueberries, peaches and blackberries are available for picking seasonally at **Southern Belle Farm** in McDonough. Visit the family's farm market for fresh in-season produce and local honey.

- Stroll through a field of thousands of flowers at the **Sunflower Festival at Copper Creek Farm** (June 14-July 6). You can even pick a bucketful to take home.

- Join Atlanta's own Chef Ford Fry at **Attack of the Killer Tomato Festival** on July 14. Sample tomato-based treats from dozens of chefs, enjoy live music and bid on auction items. Proceeds benefit Georgia Organics, which promotes organic food through farm-to-school education.

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Talk to the Animals

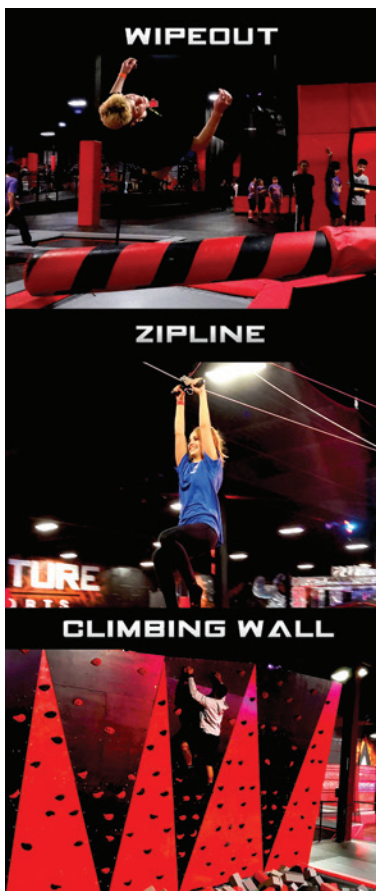
- Get some cuddle time at a cat café – for a small fee you can have an hour-long visit with the adoptable cats at **Happy Tabby Café** on Irwin Street. Admission to **Java Cats** in Atlanta and Marietta includes a kid-sized hot chocolate, juice or fruit snack.
- Sign up for a Wednesday session of Read to Dogs at **Mostly Mutts Animal Rescue** in Kennesaw. This reading program helps calm anxious, stressed or shy dogs and encourages kids to get involved with animals. **FurKids Animal Rescue** has a variety of family-friendly volunteer opportunities, including reading to cats and helping organize fundraisers.
- Take a drive through **Wild Animal Safari** in Pine Mountain and come face-to-face with 75 species of animals, including bison, giraffes, a watusi and a camel. Visit **Double Durango Farm** in Loganville for a session of goat yoga and a tour of the farm (call first to schedule).

Art All Around

- Art doesn't have to live in a museum – it's everywhere in Atlanta. **ArtAround Roswell** is a display of temporary and permanent sculptures around the city. **SculpTour**, Suwanee's walkable public art collection, has thought-provoking sculptures and an app with commentary from the artists.
- Enjoy **Art on the BeltLine** – murals, temporary and permanent art collections on this seven-mile stretch encourage visitors to experience art in a new way. Live music, dance and performances occur regularly.
- In Piedmont Park, visit Isamu Noguchi's playground-sculpture garden, **Playscapes**, or contemplate Lichtenstein's physics-defying "**House III**." Stop and admire the 73,000-pound, 41-foot **falcon sculpture** greeting visitors at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.
- Tickle the ivories – outdoors. Look for **Play Me Again** piano installations around the city, including Dunwoody Nature Center, Chastain Park and Atlantic Station. Each sports a creative painted design and is ready to be played by anyone who happens by.



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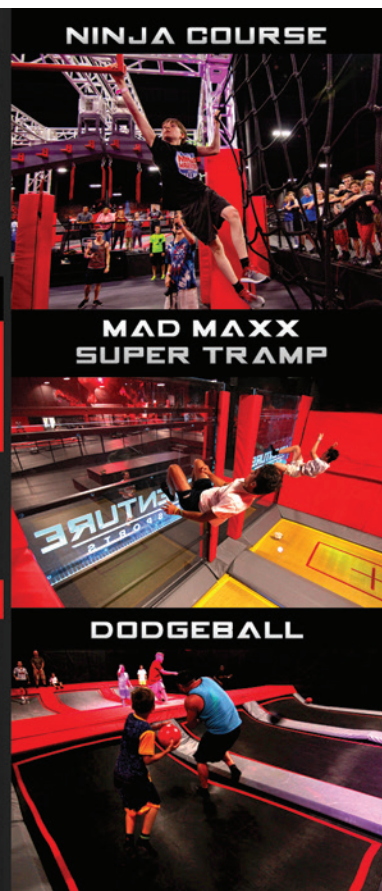
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When the Sun Goes Down

- Grab the kids and a blanket and experience the nightly Lasershow at **Stone Mountain Park**, with high-tech graphics, a fire wheel and a trio of flame cannons. Shows begin at 9:30 p.m. but arrive early for the best views.
- Get an out-of-this-world view of stars and planets through the telescope at the **Dr. Ralph L. Buice, Jr. Observatory** at Fernbank Science Center. Free public observations are on Thursday and Friday evenings, weather permitting.
- Commune with the spirits at a **Lawrenceville Ghost Tour**. You'll learn about the city's haunted history while touring the Courthouse square; step into the old jail and you may experience the paranormal for yourself. At the **Roswell Ghost Tour**, hear stories of the ghosts who reside in old mansions and ruined mills. The **Decatur Ghost Tour** includes a visit to the city's cemetery, where many notable (and restless) souls reside.
- Keep cool and experience glow-in-the-dark mini golfing at **Glow Galaxy** in Norcross. Check their open play schedule and try the glow-in-the-dark inflatables and sports area, too. Marietta's **Monster Golf** has an 18-hole mini golf course as well as an arcade, laser tag and more.



Stone Mountain Park

- Polish up your windshield and head over to the retro-themed **Starlight Drive-In Theatre**. This Atlanta establishment has been playing movies outdoors since 1949. The upcoming lineup features plenty of family-friendly movies. For our listing of summer movies in Atlanta, turn to page 28.
- Get an after-hours glimpse of the wild on a **Zoo Atlanta Twilight Trek**. During this summer's theme, Savanna Safari, study the nighttime behavior of animals in their natural environment. Treks are scheduled for June 8 and 28, July 13 and 26, and August 23.

Crack the Code

- Try an adventure designed just for kids at **Room Escape Atlanta**; themes include Jigsaw, '80s and Zombies.
- **Escape the Room** in downtown Atlanta has games for all ages. Try the "Apartment," where mysteries and clues are found anywhere from the sofa to the bookshelf.
- Try a new take on escape rooms at **Escape Woods** in Powder Springs. Their outdoor escapes include non-scary adventures like Nature Ninja, where kids move through a series of obstacles while learning about nature.

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Keep Cool

- Grab your hat and gloves and head to **Center Ice Arena** in Sandy Springs for a cool spin around their indoor ice skating rink (check the public skating schedule online). **The Cooler** in Alpharetta offers public skating daily – buy a Frequent Skater card and your kids can practice their triple loops all summer.
- **Movie theatres** are the coolest spot in the city on a hot day and there are plenty of choices for kids of all ages. Catch a flick at your favorite cinema or do something different and experience a movie at the **Fox Theatre**. See our listing of summer movies on page 28.
- Head to **Sparkles Family Fun Center** in Kennesaw for a cool day of roller skating, laser tag and arcade games. **Metro Fun Center** in Atlanta has bowling, billiards, roller skating and more. Get your bowling fix at **Bowlero** in Marietta, Atlanta and Norcross; their Summer Games Pass allows you to bowl three games every day.



Chick-fil-A tour

Working Tours

- Serious fans can get an insider look at **Mercedes-Benz Stadium** with a guided tour. Stops include the locker rooms, playing field, Window to the City, Skybridges and 100 Yard Club.
- Learn everything you didn't know about **Chick-fil-A** with a tour of the company's headquarters. Get the story on the invention of the chicken sandwich, the company's history and culture – and meet a few cows.
- See what happens to all those boxes and cans you put out for recycling by taking a free tour of the **Sandy Springs Recycling Center**.

A Scientific Approach

- Get an insider's view of the human body at **BODIES...The Exhibition**. Over 200 human bodies and individual organs allow you to explore and examine the many systems of the body.
- Take a self-guided tour of the **David J. Sencer CDC Museum** at CDC Headquarters. Exhibits focus on a variety of public health topics, from Remembering the 1918 Influenza Pandemic to The World Unseen: Intersections of Art and Science.



CDC Museum

Afternoon Fix

- Pack up the kids for a mini field trip and take in an afternoon **Braves game** – they're offered on select Sundays and weekdays. Explore **The Battery** and try a hot dog and a Black & White shake at H&F Burger. The **Rome Braves** play at State Mutual Stadium on Wednesday afternoons; check online for ticket specials. Catch a **Gwinnett Strippers** day game at Lawrenceville's Coolray Field.
- Get back to nature with a trip to **Gibbs Gardens**, located an hour north of Atlanta in Ball Ground. Walk the shaded trails and visit the fish pond and sculpture garden.
- Channel your inner Marvel Universe characters with a hero tour at **Atlanta Movie Tours**. You'll see filming locations of Captain America, Black Panther, Ant-Man and more. Sunday tours start at 1:30 p.m. and last for three hours. Sat. and Mon. morning tours available.
- Steam over to the **Southeastern Railway Museum** in Duluth – their 35-acre site has an extensive collection of passenger and freight cars, cabooses and locomotives as well as a model railroad.
- Spend an afternoon at the **Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site** and learn about the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. Visit King's boyhood home and Ebenezer Baptist Church, where he served as pastor.

Spend the Night Outdoors

- Get back to nature with a family **campout** in the backyard or at an area campsite. You can also join in on **Great American Backyard Campout** events, June 22-23, at the Chattahoochee Nature Center or Dunwoody Nature Center.
- **Book a yurt** at one of our state parks, **sleep in a teepee** at North Georgia Canopy Tours, or **stay in a Conestoga wagon** at The Rock Ranch. If you're not into roughing it, enjoy (some of) the modern conveniences of home by going on a **glamping** trip. Georgia Glamping Company does all the work – they'll set up (and take down!) – your luxury bell tent at sites in Shady Grove campground and Unicoi State Park.
- Become a **Junior Ranger** by visiting any of Georgia's State Parks. Site-specific Junior Ranger books have activities for kids; when completed, they receive a collectible wood badge. Junior Rangers can earn up to 59 badges as they learn about the nature and history of each park. You don't have to camp overnight; day and evening events occur throughout the summer.

ROSWELL SUMMER PUPPET SERIES



2019 LINE-UP

JUNGLE BOOK
June 3-8

THE PIED PICKER
July 1-6
(No show July 4)

THE 3 LITTLE PIGS
Build a Better House
June 10-15

THE GIANT,
THE BEANSTALK,
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July 8-13

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June 17-22

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July 15-20

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Fun in the Sun – Outdoor Courses

● Pirate's Cove

Come aboard this pirate-themed park and play golf. Best of all, get half-off golf tickets between 4 and 6 p.m. on Mondays-Thursdays. Go for the 27-Hole Adventure for an extra good time.

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Location: 3380 Venture Pkwy., Duluth.

Cost: \$7-\$9.50.

770-623-4184; piratescove.net

● The Fringe at Area 51

The Fringe has two 18-hole mini golf courses with surprises and adventures awaiting on this beautifully landscaped course. It sits right outside Aurora Cineplex.

Hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily (summer hours).

Location: 5100 Commerce Pkwy., Roswell.

Cost: \$5-7 for one course, \$7.50-\$10.50 for two.

770-518-0788; a51fun.com

Beat the Heat – Indoor Courses

● Glow Galaxy

Glow Galaxy offers a glowing miniature golf course, inflatables, obstacle courses, and a bounce house. Best of all, it is all glow in the dark!

Hours: Change weekly, call to find out.

Location: 6527-D Jimmy Carter Blvd., Norcross.

Cost: \$8.

770-368-3008; glowgalaxy.com

● Monster Mini Golf

Little monsters and big monsters will love playing around this glowing, spooky course. Indoor green, glow-in-the-dark, custom-made creatures and even its own internal radio station. There is also an arcade and a prize center.

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. noon-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. noon-10 p.m.; Sun. noon-8 p.m.

Location: 2505 Chastain Meadows Pkwy., Marietta.

Cost: \$7.50-\$8.50.

770-423-2212; monsterminigolf.com

● Lunar Mini Golf

This mini golf course is illuminated entirely by black lights. There are glow toys for sale that kids will love, with glowing necklaces available for \$1.

Hours: Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun. Noon-6 p.m.

Location: 5900 Sugarloaf Pkwy., Lawrenceville.

Cost: \$6-\$9.

678-847-0182; glowminigolf.com

Putt-Putt Plus – Mini Golf and More

● Skyline Park

Perched atop Ponce City Market, this miniature amusement park brings a level of fun to make all other rooftops jealous. In addition to the putt-putt course, Skyline also has carnival-type games, a Heegee Tower and Skyline Slide.

Hours: Sun. noon-9 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. 3-10 p.m.; Thurs.-Fri. 3-11 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Location: 675 Ponce De Leon Ave. NE, Atlanta.

Cost: \$7-\$10 admission; \$5-\$10 for mini golf. 770-999-1530; skylineparkatlanta.com

● Mountasia Marietta

Three different courses featuring lush greens, water elements, and caves offer a variety of challenges. In addition to putt-putt, kids can drive go karts and visit the huge game room – a plus if the rain decides to appear. Tickets can be purchased for just the mini golf, or a combo pass allows access to play in the arcade and ride attractions.

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. and Sun., noon-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. noon-10 p.m.

Location: 175 Ernest W. Barrett Pkwy. NW, Marietta.

Cost: \$9 for putt-putt

770-422-7227; mountasiamarietta.com

● Lakepoint Station

Choose from three different courses, including a glow in the dark Miner's Mountain or a train themed Railroad Course, or play them all for \$18. Lakepoint Station also offers a climbing wall, a black light odyssey and a gem dig.

Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 2 p.m.-9 p.m.; Fri. 2 p.m.-11 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. (closed Monday).

Location: 77 Old Allatoona Rd., Cartersville.

Cost: \$8 for putt-putt

678-719-0921; lakepointstation.com

● Fun Spot America Atlanta

Three putt-putt courses, complete with waterfalls and creeks, ensure families will have a blast. General park admission is free. Rides and games are available at per-play costs, or there are armbands available for purchase. The park is open limited hours, so check the website.

Hours: Noon-8 p.m. daily (summer hours).

Location: 1675 Hwy. 85 North, Fayetteville.

Cost: \$5 for putt-putt

770-460-5862; funspotamericaatlanta.com

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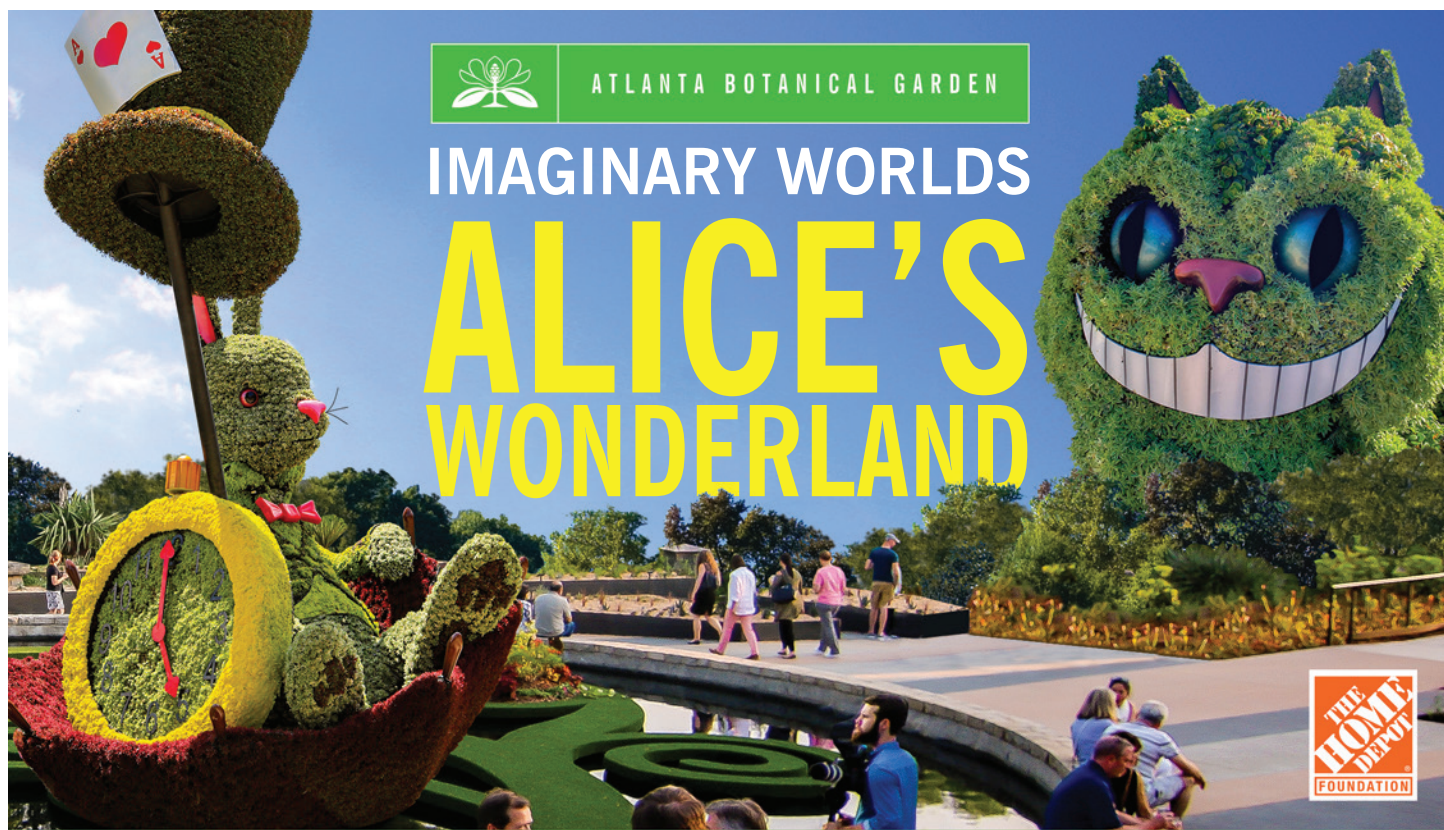
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Get Wet Guide

Summer in Atlanta gets hot – stay cool with these ways to splash! Jump through a fountain or splash pad, soar down a waterslide or hang at a beach close to home.

Events may be canceled or changed after our deadline. Please check beforehand to confirm dates and times.



Suwanee Town Center Park: Big Splash Interactive Fountain



Geyser Towers, Stone Mountain Park

Fountains

Free:

● Duluth Town Green Fountain

In the middle of Duluth's Town Green, this kid-friendly fountain spews water two stories in the air.

Where: 3167 Main St., Duluth. 770-476-3434.
duluthga.net

● Fountain of Rings, Centennial Olympic Park

Get sprayed, surprised and chilled in these dazzling fountains, and stick around for the water show that's synchronized to music. Showtimes: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30 and 9 p.m. daily.

Where: 265 Park Ave. NW, Atlanta. 404-223-4412.
centennialpark.com

● Legacy Fountain at Piedmont Park

Splash in this fountain that has more than 70 jets reaching up to 30 feet in the air.

Where: 1320 Monroe Dr. NE, Atlanta.
404-875-7275. piedmontpark.org

● Suwanee Town Center Park: Big Splash Interactive Fountain

The largest interactive fountain in Gwinnett County uses 1,400 gallons of recycled water every minute.

Where: 330 Town Center Ave., Suwanee.
770-945-8996. suwanee.com

● Village Pavilion in Mall of Georgia

This fountain surrounded by shops and restaurants is a sweet spot for kids to splash around.

Where: 3333 Buford Dr., Buford. 770-271-9458.
simon.com/mall/mall-of-georgia

For a Fee:

● Geyser Towers, Stone Mountain Park

This attraction features a trickling creek and a climbing structure with gushing geysers. Must be 32 in. tall.

Where: 1000 Robert E. Lee Blvd., Stone Mountain.
800-401-2407. stonemountainpark.com

Cost: Included in daily All Attractions Pass: ages 12 and older, \$37.75; ages 3-11, \$32.75. Parking, \$20.



Old Atlanta Park



Lillian Webb Park

● Atlanta Botanical Garden

Head to the newly renovated Children's Garden to cool down with their bigger and better splash pad.

Where: 1345 Piedmont Avenue NE, Atlanta.

404-876-5859. atlantabg.org

Cost: Included with paid admission: Adults, \$21.95; ages 3-12, \$18.95; ages 2 and younger, free.

● Splash Fountain at Zoo Atlanta

During the heat of summer, this splash pad adds fun to your zoo trip.

Where: 800 Cherokee Ave. SE, Atlanta.

404-624-9453. zooatlanta.org

Cost: Included with paid admission: ages 12 and older, \$25.99; ages 3-11, \$17.99; ages 2 and younger, free.

Splash Pads

● Center Hill Park Splash Pad

Kids will love playing in a water tunnel and hurdling over in-ground spray jets to fight the heat at this city park splash pad.

Where: 2305 Donald Lee Hollowell Pkwy.

NW, Atlanta. 404-546-6813. atlantaga.gov

Cost: Free

● D.H. Stanton Park Splash 'N Play

This splash pad is the first solar-powered park in the city. Kids love the spray jets, stationary water cannons and structures to hide behind.

Where: 213 Haygood Ave. SE, Atlanta.

404-546-6813. atlantaga.gov

Cost: Free

● Historic Fourth Ward Park Splash Pad

Prepare to leave with soaking-wet kids because this splash pad has jets that stream water from all directions.

Where: 800 Dallas St. NE., Atlanta.

404-546-6813. atlantaga.gov

Cost: Free

● Laurel Park Sprayground

This spot is a great area for kids to expend their energy by running through the numerous sprinklers and water sprayers.

Where: 3100 Old Cleveland Hwy., Gainesville.

770-535-8280. hallcounty.org, go to "Parks and Leisure"

Cost: \$2

● Lillian Webb Park

An awesome fountain, waterfall and interactive splash pad for kids to play in all summer long.

Where: 5 College Street, Norcross.

678-421-2010. norcrossga.net, go to

"Parks and Facilities"

Cost: Free

● Old Atlanta Park

Kids of all ages will have loads of fun at this 34-acre park with a splash pad and playground.

Where: 810 Nichols Rd., Suwanee.

770-205-4646. forsythco.com/parks

Cost: \$2

● Perkinson Park Splash Pad

This water zone features spectacular fountains for great water fun. Park offers tennis and basketball courts, too.

Where: 770 Deckner Ave. SW, Atlanta.

404-546-6813. atlantaga.gov

Cost: Free



Atlanta Botanical Garden



Riverside Park Splash 'N' Play



Swift-Cantrell Park Splash Pad

● Riverside Park Splash 'N' Play

Cool off beneath a spinning mushroom and try to dodge the in-ground spray jets at this Roswell sprayground.

Where: 575 Riverside Rd., Roswell. 770-594-6158. roswellgov.com, go to "Recreation and Parks"

Cost: \$2

● Sewell Park Pool

This splash pad is perfect for cooling off during the hot summer days and having fun under the palm tree fountain.

Where: 2051 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta. 770-509-2741. cobbcounty.org/parks

Cost: Ages 18 and older, \$6.75; ages 3-17, \$5.25.

● Splash Island at Adams Park

Prepare for some fun at this uniquely-designed splash pad at Adams Park. Don't forget to pack a picnic to eat under their large pavilion.

Where: 1620 Delowe Dr. SW, Atlanta. 404-756-1827.

Cost: \$5

● Sprayground at Elizabeth Porter Park

Stay cool at this newly opened sprayground where water jets and sprinklers will lead to hours of laughter and play.

Where: 370 Montgomery St. NE, Marietta. 770-794-5601. marietta.gov.

Cost: \$3

● Spray Station at East Roswell Park

This premier sprayground offers hours of fun and extravagant features for kids and toddlers

Where: 9000 Fouts Rd., Roswell. 770-594-6188. roswellgov.com, go to "Recreation and Parks"

Cost: \$2

● Swift-Cantrell Park Splash Pad

The 3,200-square-foot amenity offers water play options controlled by motion sensors. Includes a fountain spray, ground geyser, jet stream, magic mist and multiple sea silhouettes.

Where: 3140 Old 41 Hwy., Kennesaw. 770-422-9714. kennesaw-ga.gov

Cost: \$2; ages 2 and younger, free.

● Waleska Splash Pad

This splash pad will leave kids with smiles as they play under the water buckets and umbrella fountains.

Where: Cline Park at 704 Bartow St. near Reinhardt University. 678-880-4760. crpa.net/parks

Cost: Free

Pools & Waterparks

On the Cheap:

● Bethesda Park Aquatic Center

This location features a giant waterslide that curves out of the building and then re-enters before dropping you into a pool, a lazy river, zero-depth entry into the leisure pool and dunking buckets.

Where: 225 Bethesda Church Rd., Lawrenceville. 678-277-0880. gwinnettparks.com, search "Aquatics"

Cost: Adults, \$10.50; ages 4-10, \$8.25; ages 3 and younger, \$6.25.

● Bogan Park Aquatic Center

Indoor leisure pool with beach entry, giant waterslide and water play structures.

Where: 2723 North Bogan Rd., Buford. 678-277-0853.

gwinnettparks.com, search "Aquatics"

Cost: Adults, \$10.50; ages 4-10, \$8.25; ages 3 and younger, \$6.25.

● Browns Mill Family Aquatic Center

This aquatic center is a water amusement park featuring slides and sprayers to keep children happy and smiling.

Where: 4929 Browns Mill Rd., Lithonia. 770-414-2119.
co.dekalb.ga.us; search "Aquatics"

Cost: Adults, \$12; ages 17 and younger, \$10.

● Cherokee Aquatic Center

Climb the steps all the way to the top of the two wild water slides and zip down into the outdoor pool featuring a playground with water cannons, a zero-depth entry area, geysers, deck sprays, a current channel and basketball hoops.

Where: 1200 Wellstar Way, Canton. 678-880-4760. crpa.net

Cost: Adults, \$7; ages 2-13, \$6; younger than 2, free.

● Collins Hill Aquatic Center

This outdoor attraction has a zero-depth pool entry, interactive water features, slides, squirly play areas and more. There is also a toddler pool and lazy river.

Where: 2200 Collins Hill Rd., Lawrenceville. 770-237-5647.
gwinnettparks.com, search "Aquatics"

Cost: Adults, \$10.50; ages 4-10, \$8.25; ages 3 and younger, \$6.25.

● Cumming Aquatic Center

Enjoy two slides, a lazy river and a play structure for children.

Where: 201 Aquatic Cir., Cumming. 770-781-1781.
cummingaquaticcenter.com

Cost: Adults, \$6; ages 2-17, \$5; ages 1 and younger, free.



Collins Hill Aquatic Center



Piedmont Park Aquatic Center

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A large advertisement for Margaritaville at Lanier Islands. It features three images: a beach scene with palm trees and lounge chairs, two children sliding down a yellow water slide, and a person climbing a green and yellow inflatable structure. The text "MARGARITAVILLE AT LANIER ISLANDS" is prominently displayed in a stylized font, with a parrot logo. Below this, the word "EXPERIENCE" is in large green letters and "Paradise" is in a large, flowing blue script. A decorative wavy line separates the title from a list of activities. The list includes Water Slides, Beach Volleyball, Restaurants, Kayak Rentals, Wave Pool, Paradise Beach, Water Obstacle Course, Pontoon Rentals, Zip Lining, Live Entertainment, Paddle Board Rentals, and Mini Golf. At the bottom, the website "MargaritavilleAtLanierIslands.com" and the address "7650 Lanier Islands Pkwy • Buford, GA 30518 • (470) 323-3440" are provided.

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SoutheasternRailwayMuseum.org



Seven Springs Water Park at Wild Horse Creek Park

● **Piedmont Park Aquatic Center**

Features beach entry, lap lanes, natural and structured shade on the pool deck, concessions and recreational activities.

Where: 1320 Monroe Dr. NE, Atlanta. 404-875-7275. piedmontpark.org

Cost: \$5

● **Seven Springs Water Park at Wild Horse Creek Park**

The activity pool is four feet in depth and has an in-water seating area and two basketball back boards. The spray and fountain play areas and two water slides connected to a leisure river also add to the fun.

Where: 3820 Macedonia Dr., Powder Springs. 770-528-4035.

cobbcounty.org, go to "Aquatics"

Cost: Adults, \$9; ages 2-17, \$6.

● **South Cobb Aquatic Center**

Splash down the huge enclosed spiraling slide, slip through the yellow tube slide and into the water and finally enjoy a "lazy river" float.

Where: 875 Riverside Pkwy., Austell. 770-739-3180. cobbcounty.org, go to "Aquatics"

Cost: Adults, \$6.75; ages 2-17, \$5.25.

Summer Splurge:

● **Great Wolf Lodge**

Spend the night (or a weekend) at this fun, new waterpark and resort (waterpark included with resort stay) with tons of family attractions including slides, games, pools and more.

Where: 150 Tom Hall Pkwy., LaGrange. 844-473-9653.

greatwolf.com/georgia

Cost: \$149.99 and up.



Great Wolf Lodge

● Margaritaville at Lanier Islands

Find Georgia's largest wave pool at Lake Lanier Islands' beach and waterpark. Splash-happy tots adore "Wiggle Waves" and thrill seekers soar down the four-lane slide for a race, plus there is a wide variety of slides for all ages.

Where: 7000 Lanier Islands Pkwy., Buford. 678-304-3120.
lanierislands.com/margaritaville

Cost: Adults, \$45.99; kids under 48 inches, \$31.99; ages 2 and younger, free. Parking, \$15.

● Six Flags White Water

The largest water park in the South boasts some 50 attractions, including the "Dive Bomber" featuring a five-story drop down an enclosed slide, the "Buccaneer Bay" wave pool and "Captain Kids Cove" for younger kids.

Where: 250 Cobb Pkwy. N, Marietta. 770-739-3400.
sixflags.com/whitewater

Cost: Adults, \$48.99; kids under 48 inches \$43.99; ages 2 and younger, free. Parking, \$20.

● Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

Ride the surf in the giant wave pool, plummet down an enclosed tunnel into a zero-gravity wave slide on the "Tsunami Surge" or take on the three, twisting slides of the "Bonza Pipeline." "Paradise Island" includes an interactive children's playground.

Where: 275 Riverside Pkwy., Austell. 770-739-3400.
sixflags.com/overgeorgia/hurricane-harbor

Cost: Included with Six Flags Over Georgia General Admission: \$71.99; children under 48 inches, \$51.99; ages 2 and younger, free.

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Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

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SUMMER Fun Guide



Paradise Beach at Margaritaville at Lake Lanier Islands

Beaches

● Acworth Beach at Cauble Park

The beach area features a white sand beach and roped off area for swimming.

Where: 4425 Beach St. NW, Acworth. 770-917-1234.

acworth.com/attractions/acworth-beach

Cost: Swimming is free. Parking, free Mon.-Fri.; \$10 per vehicle for non-Acworth residents on weekends between 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

● Paradise Beach at Margaritaville at Lake Lanier Islands

Hang out on the beach, play some volleyball, catch some rays and enjoy food from the boardwalk.

Where: 7650 Lanier Islands Pkwy., Buford. 678-304-3120.

lanierislands.com

Cost: Free. Parking, \$15.

● Robin Lake Beach at Callaway Gardens

Enjoy swimming, sunbathing, miniature golf, a floating playground with obstacles, paddle boats, inflatable waterslide, rock climbing wall and more.

Where: 17800 US Hwy. 27, Pine Mountain. 844-875-6499.

callawaygardens.com

Cost: Adults, \$24.95; children ages 6-12, \$14.95; ages 5 and younger, free.

● The Swimming Beach at Red Top Mountain State Park

Cool off in the sandy beach area and roped off swimming area nestled in a cove and surrounded by trees at Lake Allatoona, and enjoy the nearby putt-putt golf and large playground.

Where: 50 Lodge Rd. SE, Cartersville. 770-975-4226.

redtopmountainstatepark.org

Cost: Parking, \$5.

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Under the Stars

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Check the websites before visiting for weather cancellations.

● Georgia Movies in the Park

See georgiamoviesinthepark.com for showtimes.

June 7 – “Small Foot” (PG): Dawsonville
 June 8 – “Ralph Breaks the Internet” (PG): Canton
 June 11 – “Lego Movie 2: The Second Part” (PG): Cumming
 June 15 – “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World” (PG): Woodstock
 June 25 – “Aquaman” (PG-13): Cumming
 July 6 – “Small Foot” (PG): Canton
 July 9 – “Captain Marvel” (PG-13): Cumming
 July 20 – “Captain Marvel” (PG-13): Woodstock
 July 23 – “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World” (PG): Cumming

Canton: Brown Park, 251 E. Marietta St.

Cumming: Vickery Village, 5860 S. Vickery St.

Dawsonville: War Hill Park, 4081 War Hill Park Rd.

Woodstock: Northside Hospital – Cherokee Amphitheater, 101 Arnold Mill Rd.

● Flicks on the Bricks

duluthga.net/community

Duluth Town Green
 3142 Hill St. NW, Duluth.

Movies begin at dusk.

June 7 – “Wonder” (PG)

July 5 – “Aquaman” (PG-13)

Aug. 2 – “Incredibles 2” (PG)

● Outdoor Movie Series

kennesaw.com/outdoor-movie-series/

Swift-Cantrell Park

3140 Old 41 Hwy. NW, Kennesaw.

Arrive at 6 p.m. for pre-show activities.

June 1 – “Spider-Man: Into the SpiderVerse” (PG)

July 27 – “Captain Marvel” (PG-13)

● Historic Downtown McDonough Square

[mainstreetmcdonough.com/event/](http://mainstreetmcdonough.com/event/movie-on-the-square)

movie-on-the-square

5 Griffin Street, McDonough

Movies begin at dusk.

June 1 – “Mary Poppins Returns” (PG)

July 13 – “Lego Movie 2” (PG)

● B at the Movies from B98.5

B98.5.com/beatthemovies/

June 1 – “Spider-Man: Into the SpiderVerse” (PG):

Suwanee Town Center Park, 330 Town Center Ave., Suwanee.

June 15 – “Ralph Breaks the Internet” (PG): Veterans Memorial Park, 240 Constitution Blvd. Dallas.

June 22 – “Ralph Breaks the Internet” (PG): Brook Run Park, 4770 N. Peachtree Rd., Dunwoody.

July 27 – “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World” (PG): Brook Run Park, 4770 N. Peachtree Rd., Dunwoody.

Aug. 3 – “Captain Marvel” (PG-13): Suwanee Town Center Park, 330 Town Center Ave., Suwanee.

Aug. 10 – “Spider-Man: Into the SpiderVerse” (PG): Riverside Park, 575 Riverside Rd., Roswell.

Aug. 17 – “Dumbo” (PG): Collins Hill Park, 2225 Collins Hill Rd., Lawrenceville.

● Movies Under the Stars

Mall of Georgia, The Village Pavilion
 3333 Buford Dr. NE, Buford.

Live music from 6-8 p.m.

Movie at 8 p.m.

June 1 – “Incredibles 2” (PG)

June 8 – “Small Foot” (PG)

June 15 – “Bumblebee” (PG-13)

June 22 – “Despicable Me 3” (PG)

July 4 – “The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part” (PG) – post 9:35 p.m. fireworks.

July 13 – “Ralph Breaks the Internet” (PG)

July 20 – “Aquaman” (PG-13)

July 27 – “How to Train Your Dragon: the Hidden World” (PG)

● Movies in the Park

atlanticstation.com/events

Atlantic Station Central Park
 1380 Atlantic Dr. NW, Atlanta.

Movies begin at dusk.

June 6 – “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” (PG-13)

June 13 – “Shrek” (PG)

June 20 – “The Karate Kid” (PG)

June 27 – “Beauty and the Beast” (PG)

● Roswell Family Movie Series

[roswellgov.com/government/departments/](http://roswellgov.com/government/departments/recreation-and-parks/news-events/free-movies)
 recreation-and-parks/news-events/free-movies

Riverside Park, 575 Riverside Rd., Roswell

Movies begin at dark

July 20 – “Mary Poppins Returns” (PG)

August 10 – “Spider-Man: Into the SpiderVerse” (PG)

● **Movies on the Lawn**

Lawrenceville Lawn
210 Luckie St., Lawrenceville.
8-10 p.m.; Movies begin at dusk.
June 7 – “Ralph Breaks the Internet” (PG)
July 19 – “A Dog’s Way Home” (PG)

● **Movies at Newtown Park**

Movies begin at dusk. Pre – show activities begin at 7 p.m.
June 8, July 13 and Aug. 10
Movies announced a week prior to event.
3150 Old Alabama Rd., Johns Creek.

● **Flick – Nic**

candlerpark.org/cp-movie-night/
Candler Park
1500 McLendon Ave. NE, Atlanta.
Movies begin at dark.
Aug. 17 – “Ralph Breaks the Internet” (PG)
Sept. 7 – “Spider-Man: Into the SpiderVerse” (PG)

Discount Movies

These theaters offer a chance to see recent or current movies without the expensive prices.

Kid Flicks:

● **AMC Theatres**

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amctheatres.com.

● **Cinemark Movies 10**

157 Banks Station, Fayetteville
Beginning in June, Summer Movie Clubhouse offers children’s movies for \$1 each Tuesday-Thursday. cinemark.com search Fayetteville; 770-460-0308.

● **Movie Tavern Kids Dream Family Film Series**

movietavern.com/node/345
Roswell, Tucker, Suwanee
Beginning June 16, Movie Tavern offers movies on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. for \$3 each. Some of the summer features are “The Lego Movie”, “A Dog’s Way Home”, “Hotel Transylvania 3”, “Despicable Me” and “How to Train Your Dragon 3”.

● **Regal Cinemas**

Select Atlanta locations
See family-friendly movies for \$1 during the Summer Movie Express on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. through July. Check with each location for showtimes. For this summer’s movies go to regmovies.com

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Mall of Georgia



Movies on the Town

Also a Deal:

● **Picture Show at Merchants Exchange**

4400 Roswell Rd., Marietta
On Tuesdays, tickets are half-price, so you can see movies for \$1. \$2 per ticket; 3D movies, \$4. pictureshowent.com click on Marietta under the theatres tab; 770-977-2977.

● **Venture Cinema**

3750 Venture Dr., Duluth (in the Santa Fe Mall)
\$3.50 per ticket; 3D movies, \$5.
venturecinema.net; 678-957-9545.



Drive – In:

● **Starlight Drive-In Theatre**

2000 Moreland Ave. SE, Atlanta
Step back in time and watch a movie from your car at this drive-in theatre. Ages 10 and older, \$9; ages 5-9, \$1. starlightdrivein.com



Stay and Play in Georgia



There is so much to see and do beyond Atlanta! Try some of Atlanta Parents' ideas for a family road trip in Georgia this summer.

by Amanda Miller Allen

North Georgia

● **Athens:** Let your kids bring their backpacks and pretend they are college students as you tour the University of Georgia campus and Butts-Mehr UGA Sports Museum. Explore 225 acres of woodlands and wetlands at Sandy Creek Nature Center (sandycreeknaturecenterinc.org) and visit the education center to see live reptiles, amphibians and aquariums.

● **Blairsville:** You can see a lot of Georgia from Brasstown Bald near Blairsville, the highest point in the state. Vogel State Park's 22-acre lake has a beach with mountain views (gastateparks.org/Vogel). A fun experience is Lasso the Moon Alpaca Farm (alpacamoon.com); visit during an open house date or make an appointment to see the animals.

● **Blue Ridge/McCaysville:** Take a ride on the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway (brscenic.com) to McCaysville, where kids can put one foot in Georgia and the other in Tennessee. Have lunch and ice cream, then head back to Blue Ridge and visit Mercier Orchards (mercier-orchards.com) for blueberry picking in summer and apples in fall.



Lasso the Moon Alpaca Farm

Four Family Favorites Worth the Drive

● **Cartersville:** Cartersville is almost “close-in” to the northern suburbs, but still a hike for those farther south. It’s worth the drive to see the Booth Western Art Museum (boothmuseum.org) and spend time at the Tellus Science Museum (tellusmuseum.org). Also, explore the Etowah Indian Mounds (gastateparks.org/EtowahIndianMounds) and Cartersville Lake.

● **Cleveland:** This city is known as the birthplace of Cabbage Patch Kids (cabbagepatchkids.com). Visit the Babyland General Hospital where they are born and leave with an “adoptee.” Tour the North Georgia Zoo and Farm (northgeorgiazoo.com) and see farm animals. Unicoi State Park (gastateparks.org/Unicoi) has archery, ziplining and lots more activities for kids.

● **Dahlonega:** Pan for gold at the Consolidated Gold Mine (consolidatedgoldmine.com) or Crisson Gold Mine (crissongoldmine.com) and be sure to tour the Dahlonega Gold Museum (gastateparks.org/DahlonegaGoldMuseum) to learn the history of this Gold Rush town.

● **Dalton:** This city is more than the “Carpet Capital of the World.” Tour the Chief Vann House Historic Site (gastateparks.org/ChiefVannHouse), the first brick house in the Cherokee Nation. Then take a Civil War Railroad Tunnel Tour (civilwarrailroadtunnel.com) at Tunnel Hill. Hike around nearby historic Prater’s Mill (pratersmill.org) for a scenic outing.

● **Helen:** In this Alpine village, visit beautiful Anna Ruby Falls, pan for gold and gems at Dukes Creek Gold and Ruby Mines (dukescreek.com) or hop in an inner tube and float the Chattahoochee River. Visit Charlemagne’s Kingdom (georgiamodelrailroad.com) to see a 50-foot model railroad, and see a master glassblower at work at the Glassblowing Shop (theglassblowingshop.com).

● **Rome:** Float the scenic Etowah River in a tube or kayak on the most urban section of the Etowah River Water Trail system (etowahwatertrail.org). Tour the beautiful Berry College grounds and visit Oak Hill, the 1800s home of founder Martha Berry (berry.edu/oakhill). Time your visit to see the Rome Braves (milb.com/rome) play baseball.

● **Toccoa:** A top attraction in Toccoa is Toccoa Falls. Also, visit the Currahee Military Museum (toccoahistory.com) to learn about the men who trained at Camp Toccoa and the “Band of Brothers” who fought in World War II.

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■ **The Rock Ranch**, located in The Rock, is one of the state’s hidden gems. Created as a foster home for children by Truett Cathy, founder of Chick-fil-A, it has evolved into a family destination that hosts public events, corporate picnics and conferences, lodging, camping and school field trips. Rock Ranch offers more than 25 attractions, including a locomotive train, zip lines, pumpkin cannon and carousel. therockranch.com



■ **Towns County**, located in the northeast Georgia mountains, offers guests recreation and relaxation. After a day of horseback riding, hiking or golf, enjoy a swim in the beautiful indoor/outdoor pool ... all part of a stay at Brasstown Valley Resort and Spa. Other area activities include boating on Lake Chatuge, a gorgeous botanical garden, concerts, festivals and much more. townscountyga.org



■ **At Babyland General Hospital** in Cleveland, visitors can witness a “birth” at the home of Cabbage Patch Kids and Little People. This 70,000 square-foot southern-style home sits on 650 acres in the north Georgia mountains. Doctors and nurses administer lots of TLC and “imagicillin” with adoption consultants available. Enjoy beautiful seasonal gardens. Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free. cabbagepatchkids.com



■ **Lane Southern Orchards** Roadside Market and Café is home to the best peaches and pecans in Georgia. Take a self-guided tour and watch the peach packing process. Show your kids where their food comes from, then grab a rocking chair on the porch while the kids play on our farm-themed playground with real tractors. Located south of Macon off I-75 at exit 142. lanesouthernorchards.com

SUMMER Fun Guide

Central Georgia

● **Augusta:** Go canoeing, kayaking and SUPing on the Savannah River at Savannah Rapids Park (savannahrapids.com), take a stroll on the Augusta Riverwalk and visit the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area (augustacanal.com) for a boat or bike tour and a history lesson. Fans of comedy team Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy will want to visit the Laurel & Hardy Museum (laurelandhardymuseum.com) in nearby Harlem.

● **Columbus:** Experience life in the 1850s with interpretations, demonstrations and hands-on activities at Historic Westville (westville.org), reopening in June after a move from Lumpkin. See the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center (nationalinfantrymuseum.org) with artifacts from 240 years of American military history. The interactive Coca-Cola Space Science Center (ccssc.org) is a hit with kids. Save time for a short stroll along the 15-mile Chattahoochee Riverwalk (visitcolumbusga.com).

● **Macon:** A stroll through the Ocmulgee Mounds National Historic Park (nps.gov/ocmu) is a great lesson in Indian history. Kids will like the Museum of Arts and Sciences (masmacon.org) with lots of hands-on activities and the Tubman African American Museum (tubmanmuseum.com), which celebrates African American art, history and culture. Take a drive just south of Macon to Lane Southern Orchards, tour the packing plant and satisfy your craving for fresh Georgia peaches. Fans of the Allman Brothers will want to stop by the band's Museum at the Big House (thebighousemuseum.com).

● **Pine Mountain:** Summer is one of the best times at Callaway Gardens (callawaygardens.com) when Robin Lake Beach and Aqua Island are open and the Florida State University Flying Circus performs. Nearby Wild Animal Safari (animalsafari.com) has more than 550 animals on 500 acres. And Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park and Roosevelt's Little White House provide a portrait of the revered former president and his time in Georgia for polio treatments (gastateparks.org/littlewhitehouse).



Augusta Riverwalk

● **Statesboro:** Visitors proclaim the Center for Wildlife Education at Georgia Southern University (academics.georgiasouthern.edu/wildlife) to be inexpensive (\$2 admission) and fun, with good reason. Kids love seeing eagles, raptors, reptiles and amphibians up close and hearing about their habits. A splash in the Boro water park (splashintheboro.com) with its Lazy River and pools is a great way to cool off on a hot day.

● **Warner Robins:** The Museum of Aviation (museumofaviation.org) has a fascinating collection of aircraft and U.S. Air Force history and lots of interactive fun for kids – and it's free. Plan also to visit the Go Fish Education Center (gofisheducationcenter.com) in nearby Perry where kids can learn about trout fishing and catch and release trout.



Family Fun



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South Georgia

- **Albany:** Experience the eco-systems of the Flint River at the Flint RiverQuarium (flintriverquarium.com) with interactive exhibits, shows and animal feedings. Visit the Albany Civil Rights Institute (albanycivilrightsinitiative.org) to understand the civil rights struggle in Southwest Georgia. At Lake Chehaw, fish for crappie, bream and bass.
- **Americus:** See life-size Habitat houses from countries around the world and learn how other cultures live at Habitat for Humanity's Global Village and Discovery Center (habitat.org). The Georgia Rural Telephone Museum (grtm.org) in nearby Leslie has the largest collection of antique telephones and memorabilia in the world, plus antique clocks and cars.
- **Andersonville:** Almost 13,000 Union soldiers died at the Camp Sumter military prison here during the Civil War and the Andersonville National Historic Site (nps.gov/ande) pays tribute to them and other prisoners of war.
- **Brunswick:** Take a fishing excursion with a charter or watch the shrimp boats come in with their catch and sample some at a local restaurant. Plan your visit to take in a show at the Historic Ritz Theatre (goldenislesarts.org).
- **Cordele, Plains and Archery:** Hop on the Historic SAM Shortline Railroad (samshortline.com) at Cordele, the Watermelon Capital of the World, and take a fun trip all the way to Archery, with stops at Americus and Plains. You'll have time to tour former President Jimmy Carter's hometown of Plains and visit his Boyhood Farm in Archery.
- **Tifton:** Kids can learn about farming and the state's agricultural roots with fun activities at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village, formerly known as Agrirama (abac.edu/museum). You'll see demonstrations of farm and village life in the 1800s, including blacksmithing.



Savannah

- **Savannah:** This coastal city has stately homes and beautiful gardens. Visit Old Fort Jackson and Fort Pulaski for cannon firings and weapons demonstrations, watch dolphins at play on a dolphin tour, take a Pirates and Privateers Tour with Black Betty to learn about the city's pirating history, take in a Savannah Bananas baseball game, spend a day at Surf Lagoon or take a ghost tour. (visitsavannah.com)
- **Valdosta:** Wild Adventures Theme Park (wildadventures.com) has lots of kid-friendly and teen-pleasing rides plus lots of animals and a water park. See wetlands, pine forests and game animals on a walk through the 2,623-acre Grand Bay Wildlife Management Area (georgiawildlife.com/grand-bay-wma).
- **Waycross:** Visit the Okefenokee Swamp (okeswamp.com) for an unforgettable experience – take a ride on the Okefenokee Railroad, a tour boat into the swamp or a walk through the swamp to an observation tower. Reserve cottages or campsites at Stephen C. Foster State Park (gaparks.org/StephenCFoster).

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Restaurants with Something Special

Try one of these family-friendly eateries that put fun on the menu.

● Truett's Luau

Ukuleles, palm trees and beach décor give Truett's, part of the Chick-fil-A restaurant group, the feel of a Hawaiian luau. The menu includes traditional Hawaiian favorites such as Kalua Pork, I'a Makana Fish Tacos and Mahi Mahi. If your kids aren't that adventurous, they can go with something more familiar – chicken sandwiches, nuggets, mac and cheese, and milkshakes. For dessert, they might be willing to try a frosted pineapple or decadent King's Hawaiian bread pudding. After eating, try your hand at traditional island instruments, stroll through the gardens and spot the rooftop beehives. Mon.-Sat., 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. 600 W. Lanier Ave. #103, Fayetteville. 770-461-5828. truettsluau.chick-fil-a.com

● R. Thomas Deluxe Grill

Flowerpots, yard art, signs, statues and caged birds give R. Thomas Deluxe Grill its eclectic charm. The funky covered patio garden is a green oasis on Peachtree Street. The restaurant serves organic, vegetarian and "super foods." You can still get peanut butter chocolate pie or a hamburger, but these options sit side-by-side with raw veggie dinners and freshly squeezed juices. Kids' choices include scrambled eggs, grilled cheese and pasta. The food is so good that your kids won't know they're eating healthy. Open daily, 24 hours. 1812 Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta. 404-881-0246. rthomasdeluxegrill.net

● My Parents' Basement

This one-of-a-kind "friendly neighborhood comic book bar" appeals to adults as well as kids. Enjoy the laid back, retro atmosphere while the kids browse the comic books or play pinball on one of 10 movie- and superhero-themed pinball machines. The menu includes choices for every taste, from crunchy black-eyed peas to pimiento cheese toast sticks, fried shrimp hoagie and the restaurant's signature CBJB, a cashew butter, strawberry jam and bacon sandwich. The kids' menu includes selections such as grilled cheese, a vegan corn dog, shrimp taco and chicken fingers. Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-midnight. 22 N. Avondale Rd., Avondale Estates. 404-292-4607. myparentsbasementcbcb.com



Big Bang Pizza

● Big Bang Pizza

No kid in his right mind would turn down pizza. Add robot servers, and a fun meal is guaranteed. At Robot Pizza in Brookhaven, customers are greeted by Pepper the robot, who offers menu suggestions and other conversational tidbits. Place your order at the counter; after that, the restaurant's trio of robots "step" in and deliver your food. Photo opportunities abound, with great space-age décor and of course, robot selfies. From the humans in the kitchen come a variety of specialty pizzas as well as build-your-own. Other menu items include sandwiches, calzones and wings. In addition to pizza, kids can order chicken fingers or spaghetti. Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-midnight; Sun., noon-midnight. 3043 Buford Highway NE, Atlanta. 404-390-3502. facebook.com/Big-Bang-Pizza-1722231044549757



Truett's Luau



My Parents' Basement

● The 57th Fighter Group Restaurant

Situated at the edge of DeKalb-Peachtree Airport, 57th Fighter Group has everything an airplane enthusiast could want – WWII aviation-themed décor, headsets and a great view of the runway from the outdoor seating area. The upscale menu offers everything from fried catfish and hush puppies to filet mignon. In between watching planes taking off and landing, kids can choose from favorites such as hamburgers, chicken tenders and grilled cheese. Tues.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun., 5-9 p.m. (Closed Mondays). 3829 Clairmont Rd., Atlanta. 770-234-0057. the57threstaurant.com

● HobNob Neighborhood Tavern

At HobNob Tavern, the first thing you notice is the bookshelf full of games. The variety of board games, including checkers, Battleship, Monopoly, Scrabble and Chutes and Ladders will help entertain the kids while waiting for your food. The menu has everything from salads and appetizers to classic fare such as shrimp and grits, meatloaf, salmon and burgers. The kids' menu features chicken tenders, fruit, pita pizza and mac and cheese. Open daily, see website for hours. Midtown, 404-968-2288; Town Brookhaven, 404-464-8971; Dunwoody, 470-395-7904. hobnobatlanta.com

● Orient Express

A longtime Atlanta tradition, Orient Express serves Asian food in a unique setting – a vintage railroad car. Choose your cuisine – Chinese, sushi or hibachi, and you'll be ushered to one of three rooms in the car. Kids (and adults) will find the expert hibachi chefs entertaining, and the food is even more fun to eat when it's been prepared before your eyes. The restaurant is adjacent to a set of busy railroad tracks; your kids might get a close-up view of the real thing. Mon.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. 2921 Paces Ferry Rd. SE, Atlanta. 770-438-9090. orientexpressatl.com



HobNob Neighborhood Tavern

SUMMER Fun Guide

Free Fun

Enjoy your summer vacation without breaking the bank!

Roller Skating

Sparkles Family Fun Centers, Skate Zone and Hot Wheels Skate Center participate in the **Kids Skate Free program for ages 12 and younger**. Register at kidsskatefree.com and you'll receive passes to skate at designated "free skate" times. Each center sets its own hours and skate rental is not included.



Sparkles Family Fun Center

Bowling

Many metro bowling centers participate in **Kids Bowl Free**, a summer program that lets kids ages 15 and younger play two free games on select days of the week. Participating locations include: Stars & Strikes, Metro Fun Center, Pin Strikes and Cherokee Lanes. Each bowling center sets its own dates and times, and shoe rental is not included. Visit kidsbowlfree.com for more information.

Summer Concerts

There are many outdoor concerts in Atlanta this summer! See our complete list at atlantaparent.com. Here are some favorites.

- **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concerts in Piedmont Park:** June 12 and 19. atlantasymphony.org
- **Chamblee Summer Concert Series:** June 7, July 4, Aug. 9. chambleerocks.net
- **Lawrenceville Summer Concert Series:** June 21, July 26. lawrencevillega.org

Museums with Free Days

- **Second Sunday at the High:** Get free admission the second Sunday of each month from noon-5 p.m. high.org
- **Museums on Us:** Bank of America cardholders receive one free general admission the first full weekend of every month to High Museum, Center for Civil and Human Rights and Atlanta History Center.
- **Museum of Design Atlanta:** MODA offers free admission the second Sunday of most months. The next Design Club Day is June 9 and includes STEAM activities. museumofdesign.org

Museums (always free)

Several Atlanta area museums offer free admission. Here are a few we recommend.

The Georgia Capitol Museum Tour gives an overview of Georgia history and the Capitol building. The Marietta and Roswell Fire Museums offer historical information and antique fire-fighting gear. The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is free for kids ages 16 and younger (adult admission is \$12). General admission to Fernbank Science Center is free; planetarium shows have a fee (adults, \$7; children ages 5 and younger, \$5). A self-guided tour of the King Center is free; reservations are required to tour the Birth Home of Dr. King.

For more free summer activities; check out "60+ Free and Fun Things to Do" on atlantaparent.com.

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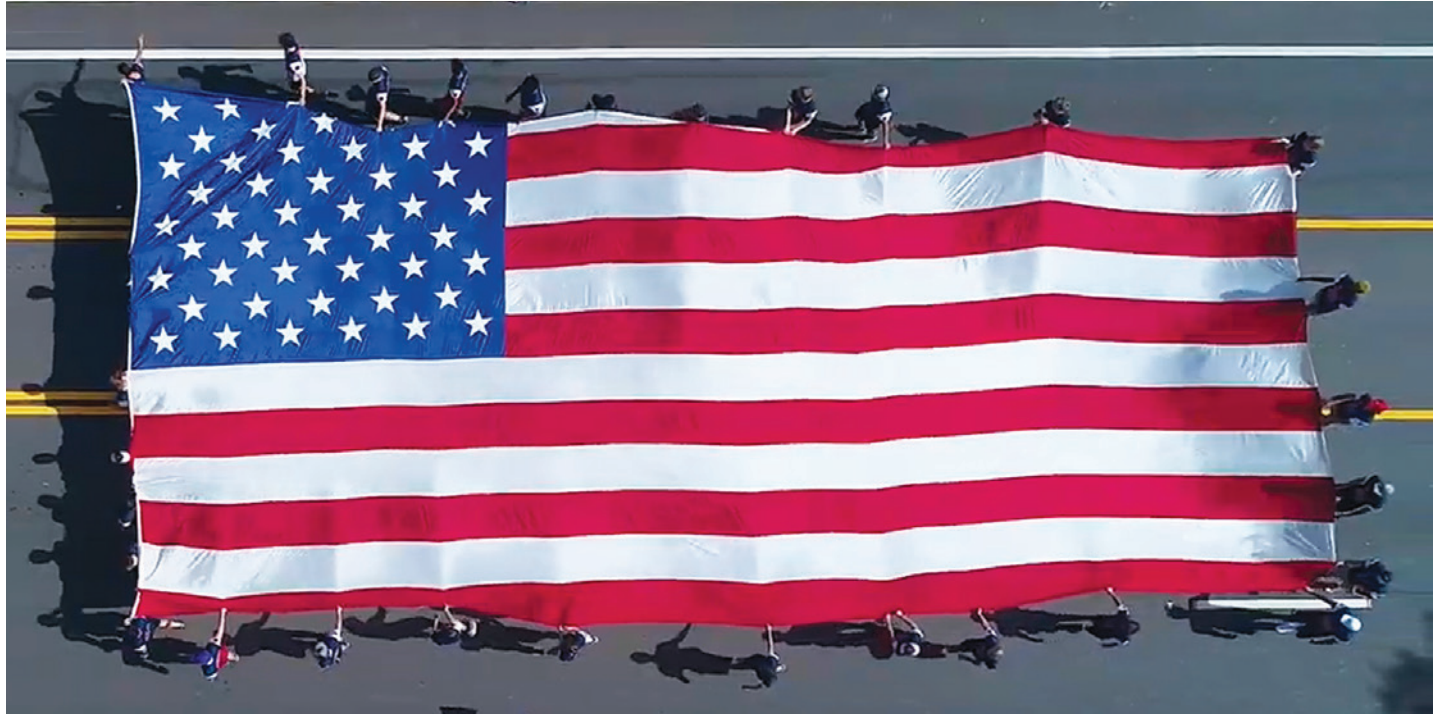
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Top 4th of July Events



Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade

Everyone Loves a Parade

● **Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade.** Dunwoody Village. Celebration features marching bands, floats, clowns and animal units who will march from Mount Vernon Road and Jett Ferry Road to Dunwoody Village. July 4. 9 a.m. Dunwoody Village Pkwy., Dunwoody. 770-354-7653. Free.

● **Fourth in the Park.** Glover Park. A parade, free concerts, museum tours, arts and crafts show, food, carnival games and fireworks. Parade begins at Roswell Street Baptist Church and ends at North Marietta Parkway. July 4. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 50 Park Square, Marietta. 770-794-5601. Free.



Fourth in the Park Parade, Marietta

● **Fourth of July Celebration.** Lake Avondale. Parade starts at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Clarendon Ave. and S. Avondale Rd. Fireworks begin at dusk. July 4. Avondale Estates. 404-294-5400. Free.

● **Fourth of July Parade and Rotary Celebration.** Downtown Newnan. A patriotic, hometown parade starts at 9 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park and ends at Greenville Street Park; followed by entertainment and food at Newnan High School's Drake Stadium at 5:30 p.m.; fireworks at dusk. July 4. Newnan. 770-253-8283. Free.

● **Independence Day Celebration.** Peachtree City. Fourth of July parade begins at 9 a.m. on Peachtree Parkway. Festival starts at 5 p.m. at City Hall Plaza. Food vendors and fireworks at Lake Peachtree at dusk. July 4. 151 Willowbend Rd., Peachtree City. 770-631-2525. Free.

● **July Fourth Parade and Festival at the Park.** Hunter Memorial Park. Parade begins at 10 a.m. and proceeds west down Church Street. Festival 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hunter Memorial Park. July 4. 8830 Gurley Rd., Douglasville. 770-920-3007. Free.

● **Pied Piper Parade, Concert and Fireworks.** Downtown Decatur. Decorate a wagon, ride your bike, skate or walk along with the parade that begins at First Baptist Church of Decatur. The Callanwolde Concert Band performs after the parade. Fireworks display at dark. July 4. Parade Line-Up, 5:30 p.m.; concert, 7 p.m.; fireworks, 9 p.m. Downtown Decatur. 678-615-0915. Free.

Fireworks, fun and more

● **Fantastic Fourth Celebration.**

Memorial Lawn at Stone Mountain Park. Enjoy a fireworks display following the Lasershaw Spectacular. July 1-7. 9:30 p.m. Stone Mountain. 800-401-2407. Fireworks show, free; parking, \$20.

● **Red, White & Boom!**

Lillian Webb Park. Fireworks, food trucks, inflatables, music and more. July 3. 5-11 p.m. A shuttle will run from the Norcross First United Methodist Church: 2500 Beaver Run Rd. aplacetoimagine.com/events. Free.

● **Duluth Celebrates America.**

Duluth Town Green. Celebrate Independence Day with a fireworks display, children's activities, food trucks, bands and more. July 3. 5:30-10 p.m. 3167 Main St., Duluth. 770-476-3434. Free.

● **Kennesaw's Salute to America.**

Downtown Kennesaw and Depot Park. Pre-Fourth celebration including two stages of live music, food vendors and other activities. July 3. 6-10 p.m. 2829 Cherokee St., Kennesaw. 770-422-9714. Free.

● **Sparks in the Park.**

E. E. Robinson Park. Fireworks, inflatables, food and drinks and live entertainment. July 3. 6 p.m. 850 Level Creek Rd., Sugar Hill. 770-831-7413. Free.

● **AJC Peachtree Road Race.**

Starts near Lenox Square Mall and ends at Piedmont Park. Cheer on participants of this famous Atlanta race. July 4. 7:30 a.m. 404-233-6767.

● **Chamblee Fourth of July**

Celebration. Keswick Park. Activities for kids and adults, food vendors, live music and an elaborate fireworks show in the park. July 4. 5-10 p.m. 3496 Keswick Dr., Chamblee. 770-986-5016. Free.

● **Cumming Fourth of July**

Celebration. Cumming Fairgrounds. Festivities begin July 4, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., with a dance contest, food and vendors, children's activities and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. 235 Castleberry Rd., Cumming. 770-781-3491. Admission, \$5; under 13, free.

● **Fireworks in Fourth Ward.**

Historic Fourth Ward Park. Family-friendly event with entertainment, food trucks and fireworks show at 9:15pm. July 4. 5-10 p.m. 680 Dallas St. NE, Atlanta. 404-900-7900. Free.

● **Sandy Springs Independence Day**

Fireworks Display. Concourse Corporate Center lawn. Enjoy live entertainment at 7:30 p.m. and fireworks at 9:45 p.m. at this family-friendly gathering. July 4. 5 Concourse Pkwy., Sandy Springs. 770-730-5600. Free.

● **Fourth of July Extravaganza.**

The Children's Museum of Atlanta. March in the children's parade around the museum floor, enjoy storytime, sing patriotic songs and see special indoor "fireworks" with bubble wrap. July 4. Noon and 2 p.m. 275 Centennial Olympic Park, Atlanta. 404-659-5437. Adults and ages 1 and older, \$15.95.



Chamblee Fourth of July Celebration

● **East Point Salute to the Red, White and Blue.**

Across from the East Point MARTA station. Artist market, food vendors, live music and fireworks. July 4. 3-11 p.m. Fireworks, 9:30 p.m. downtowneastpoint.com. Free.

● **Fourth of July Celebration.**

Dellinger Park. Concert, fireworks, children's area, food and more. July 4. Begins at 10 a.m. 100 Pine Grove Rd., Cartersville. 770-423-1330. Free; parking, \$5.

● **July Fourth Concert and Fireworks.**

Cable Park. Food vendors, live music in the afternoon and fireworks at dark. July 4. 5:30 p.m. 4425 Beach St., Acworth. 770-917-1234. Free.

● **July Fourth Festivities and Fireworks.**

Wills Park. Face painting, entertainment, local bands, food vendors and fireworks at dusk. July 4. 6-10 p.m. 11925 Wills Rd., Alpharetta. 678-297-6130. Free.

● **Star Spangled Fourth. Mall of Georgia.**

Live music, a movie and Gwinnett's biggest fireworks display. July 4. Festivities begin at 5 p.m.; fireworks begin at dark. 3333 Buford Dr., Buford. 770-271-9458. Free.

Beyond Atlanta

● **Celebrate America.**

The Rock Ranch. All day family fun with evening concert and a fireworks extravaganza. Entertainment includes hot air balloon rides, family rides and attractions. Some activities cost extra. June 29. Gates open at 2 p.m. 5020 Barnesville Hwy., The Rock. 706-647-6374. \$14.99/person from 2-6 p.m., \$25/carload after 6 p.m.

● **July Fourth Star Spangled Beach**

Party. Robin Lake Beach. Beach activities, live music, food trucks, contests and the annual Fireworks Extravaganza. July 4. Fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Pine Mountain. 844-875-6499. Ages 13 and older, \$34.95; ages 6-12, \$24.95; ages 5 and younger, free.

● **Fourth of July Independence Day**

Celebration. Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds. Fireworks extravaganza. July 4. 9:45 p.m. 1311 Music Hall Rd., Hiawassee. 706-896-4191. Free.

● **Freedom Train.**

The Great Smoky Mountains Railroad. Celebrate Independence Day all aboard in Bryson City. July 4. Departure 7 p.m. 226 Everett St., Bryson City, NC. 800-872-4681. Adults, \$66-\$99; ages 2-12, \$41-\$56; ages 23 months and younger, \$0-\$20.

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Here's the Scoop! Our Favorite Frozen Treats

Summertime is a great reason to enjoy frozen treats! Cool off with a soft-serve cone, a scoop of handcrafted ice cream or a frosty snow cone. Here are some of our favorite spots; expect to pay \$3-6 for a treat, depending on size and extras.



Butter & Cream

● Butter & Cream

This fan favorite boasts handcrafted small-batch ice cream and frozen desserts. Kid favorites: strawberry, freckled chocolate, butterscotch brownie. Adult favorites: OG goodness (brown sugar ice cream with butter cake) and honeycomb forest. Decatur, 404-378-7272; BeltLine, 404-709-2173. butterandcream.com

● Frosty Caboose

The "train-watching capital of Atlanta" in Chamblee boasts 36 flavors, including sugar- and gluten-free options. Kid favorites: Superman, birthday cake, cookies and cream. Adult favorites: mint chocolate chip, chunky salted caramel. Chamblee, 770-451-4556. frostycaboose.com

● Big Easy Sno-Balls

The classic New Orleans treat is taken to a new level at Big Easy. Favorite kids' flavors: cotton candy and Hawaiian Punch. Try custom creations like key lime, with condensed milk, whipped cream and graham cracker crumbs. Open through October. Woodstock, 470-533-8519. bigeasysnoballs.com

● Pinkberry Frozen Yogurt

A wide range of flavors, from sophisticated to traditional, makes Pinkberry an Atlanta favorite for soft-serve frozen yogurt. Adults love chocolate hazelnut and pomegranate; kid favorites include cookie butter and strawberry. Atlanta, 770-675-3158. pinkberry.com

● Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams

Jeni's artisan ice creams are hand-crafted using whole ingredients; crave-worthy flavors include brown butter almond brittle and darkest chocolate; kids love supermoon for its marshmallow-cereal taste. Locations in Atlanta Westside, Krog Street Market, Decatur and Alpharetta. jeni.com

● 8 Fahrenheit

Originally sold by street vendors in Thailand, 8 Fahrenheit brings the rolled ice cream trend to Atlanta. An ice cream base is combined with mix-ins, molded into perfect rolls, and served in a cup. Kids love cookie monster made with Oreos and graham crackers; adults love the raspberry-blueberry-blackberry flavor combo. Doraville, 770-559-5549; Duluth, 470-545-6828. eat8f.com

● Morelli's Ice Cream

Morelli's offers an ever-changing list of flavors, from blueberry corncake to krispy kreamier. Kid favorites include vanilla with rainbow sprinkles. Adults crave the salted caramel. Atlanta, 404-622-0210; Dunwoody, 770-454-2207. morellisicecream.com

● SweetTreats

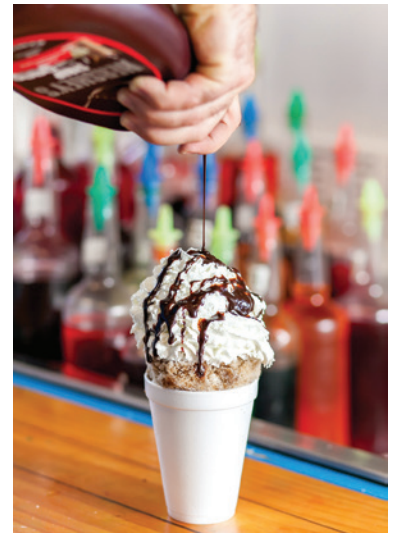
Located in Historic Marietta Square, this unique shop blends your choice of flavors and toppings into an ice cream base. Top choice for kids and adults: cookie monster, made with cookie dough and Oreos. Marietta, 770-528-9090. facebook.com/sweettreatsmarietta

● Four Fat Cows

This local favorite offers a wide variety of made-from-scratch ice cream flavors; those with food allergies will rejoice in the many gluten-free, egg-free and dairy-free options. Kid favorites: Superman and mint chocolate chip cookies and cream. Adults love Nutella cookie dough and coffee almond. Alpharetta, 470-268-5268. fourfatcows.com

● Pelican's SnoBalls

Fluffy "snow" topped with your choice of over 100 flavors – kids' favorite signature mixes include superhero and rainbow; adults love Georgia peach and cherry margarita. Marietta, 678-494-6336; Conyers, 770-679-1830; Douglasville, 919-995-3489; Kennesaw, 770-765-6213. pelicanssnoballs.com



Pelican's SnoBalls

Your Summer Go-To Bucket List



This handy checklist means your family won't miss a minute of fun this summer!

- ☐ **Adventure Air**
adventureairsports.com
- ☐ **Atlanta Botanical Garden**
atlantabg.org
- ☐ **The Children's Museum**
childrensmuseumatlanta.org
- ☐ **Historic Acworth**
visitacworth.com
- ☐ **City of Marietta Parks and Recreation**
mariettaga.gov/parksrec
- ☐ **Wiggles at Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre**
cobbenergycentre.com
- ☐ **Discover Dunwoody**
discoverdunwoody.com
- ☐ **Dynamo Swim School**
dynamoswimschool.com
- ☐ **Fernbank Science Center**
fernbank.edu
- ☐ **High Museum of Art**
high.org
- ☐ **Jack N' Elle Playhouse**
jacknelleplayhouse.com
- ☐ **Jimmy Carter Library and Museum**
jimmycarterlibrary.gov
- ☐ **Legoland**
atlanta.legolanddiscoverycenter.com
- ☐ **Margaritaville at Lanier Islands**
lanierislands.com/margaritaville
- ☐ **Mercedes-Benz Stadium**
mercedesbenzstadium.com/tours
- ☐ **River Tubing**
rivertubing.com

- ☐ **Roswell Cultural Arts Center**
roswellcac.com
- ☐ **Southeastern Railway Museum**
train-museum.org
- ☐ **Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History**
southernmuseum.org
- ☐ **Tellus Science Museum**
tellusmuseum.org
- ☐ **Woodruff Arts Center**
woodruffcenter.org
- ☐ **Zoo Atlanta**
zooatlanta.org

Beyond Atlanta

- ☐ **Babyland General Hospital**
cabbagepatchkids.com
- ☐ **Chattanooga**
chattanoogaofun.com
- ☐ **Cool River Tubing**
coolrivertubing.com
- ☐ **Funopolis**
funopolisfamilyfuncenter.com
- ☐ **Summerfest at Nashville's Gaylord Opryland**
gaylordopryland.com/summerfest
- ☐ **Lane Southern Orchards**
lanesouthernorchards.com
- ☐ **Martin County Florida**
discovermartin.com
- ☐ **The Rock Ranch**
therockranch.com
- ☐ **Towns County**
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- ☐ **Tennessee Valley Railroad**
tvrail.com