

## Places to go in Chester County, Delaware County, Philadelphia, Lancaster, and surrounding areas for children and families

Does the thought of being stuck in the house with the kiddos make you nervous? Do you sometimes not know what to do or where to go? Do you dread rainy days because you know your kids will drive you insane being stuck inside all day? Well, this list is for you! From baby story times to adult entertainment, all sorts of fun indoor and outdoor activities in and around Chester County, PA.

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KEY	Suggested Age
<b>Costs</b> Free=no cost \$= costs around \$10/person (Range from \$7-12 mostly) \$\$= around \$20 a person (range from \$15-22) \$\$\$=costs over \$20/person (often things cost \$40 or more) U= unknown cost, or varies per activity significantly  ... = other locations/activities not listed SE= scheduled events, not open whenever	P=preschool (baby-preK) C=child (elementary school age) T=Teen A=Adult E=Everyone

### Story/Play Time Events (As of April 2019)

Local Libraries	Books, toys, Free story times and other events, (SE)	All local libraries	Free
Stolen Sun brewery	Story time- Wednesdays at 10 AM (SE) and play area	Exton	Free
Wellington Square Bookstore	Free story time (SE) Tuesday at 10AM	Exton	Free
Barnes and Noble bookstore	Free story Time- Tuesdays 11 AM, Thursdays 11 AM, Saturdays 11 AM	Main street Exton	Free
Kimberton Whole Foods	Story time- Thursday 9:30 AM (SE)	Downingtown	Free
MonkeyFish toy store	SE- various play events	West Chester, Chester Springs	Free/\$
Exton Mall	Tuesdays events	Exton	Free
Learning Express	SE- various events...	Exton	Free/\$

## Indoor/Rainy day activities

### Museums/Learning Fun Attractions

Place	Activity	Location	Cost	Age
Please Touch Museum	Kids play museum and carousel ride	Philadelphia	\$\$\$	P
Chocolate World	Learn how to make chocolate with this free ride	Hershey/Lancaster	Free	E
Herr's potato chip factory	learn to make chips, pretzels, cheese curls...	Oxford/Nottingham	Free	E
TurkeyHill Experience	Learn how to make ice cream	Lancaster	\$	C
Franklin Institute	Kids museum and IMAX, special exhibits	Philadelphia-Center city	\$\$	C
Academy of Natural Sciences	Science museum and specialty exhibits	Philadelphia-Center city	\$	C
Brandywine River Museum of Art	Art museum	Chadds Ford	\$	T,A
Railroad Museum/Strasburg Railroad	Ride a train, learn about trains, special exhibit-Thomas the Tank Engine	Lancaster (Strasburg)	\$	C
Delaware Museum of Natural History	Nature type exhibits	Wilmington Delaware	\$	T,A
Delaware Children's Museum	STEM learning and play type exhibits	Wilmington Delaware	\$	C
Adventure Aquarium	Fish aquarium	Camden, NJ	\$\$\$	E
Choo-Choo Barn	Train display	Lancaster	\$	P,C

Bucks County Children's Museum	Pretend play for young children	New Hope, PA	\$	P,C
Northlandz	Train and doll miniatures museum, and real train ride	Flemington, NJ	\$\$	C
Crayola Factory	Crayons fun and more	Easton	\$\$	P,C

### Indoor Rides/Attractions

Place	Activity	Location	Cost	Age
Carousel at KOP mall	Carousel ride	King of Prussia	\$	C
Legoland	Coaster ride and lego building activities	Plymouth Meeting Mall	\$\$	C
West Chester Railroad (SE)	Train ride	West Chester, PA	\$	E
Great Wolf Lodge	Indoor Water park, story time, other activities (day pass and resort stay)	Poconos	\$\$\$	E
Sahara Sam	Indoor water park	West Berlin, Nj	\$\$\$	E
Cocoa Key	Indoor Water park (and hotel)	Mt Laurel, Nj	\$\$\$	E
iFly	Indoor skydiving	King of Prussia	\$\$\$	T,A

### Active Fun

Sky Zone	Trampoline park, foam pit	Oaks, Glen Mills, ...	\$\$	C, T
Urban Air	Trampoline park, obstacle course	Downingtown	\$\$	C,T
Get Air	Trampoline park	King of Prussia	U	C,T
Bowling Palace	Bowling	Downingtown	\$	E

Round1	Bowling, arcade, and more...	Exton Mall	\$, \$\$	C, T
Chester County Sports Arena	Roller skating (inside), mini golf and ropes course (outside)	Thorndale	\$	C
Power Play	Ice Skating	Exton	\$	E
Skatium	Ice Skating	Havertown	\$	E
Bounce U	Moonbounces	Exton, Oaks	\$	P,C
Jumpers	Moonbounces, ...	Newtown Sq	\$	P,C
GrandSlam	Sports activities, laser tag, mini golf, arcade	Malvern	\$	C
Arnolds	Gokarts, laser tag, bumper cars, rock wall, rides, etc..	Oaks	\$\$	T
Lulus Casita	Toddler/preschool playroom with toys, train, dollhouse, ball pit, etc	Ardmore, West chester	\$	P
Mall Playgrounds	Indoor playground for toddlers/preschoolers	Exton Mall, King of Prussia, ...	Free	P
Oasis Family Fun Center	Indoor playground, balls, trampolines, laser maze, rock wall, ...	Glen Mills	\$\$,\$\$	P,C
Playdium	Playground, arcade, laser maze, ...	Downingtown	\$	C
Dave & Busters	Arcade	Plymouth Meeting Mall, Philly	\$\$	C, T, A
Downingtown Rock Gym	Rock wall climbing	Downingtown	\$	T,A
Escape Room...	Puzzle rooms to escape (adult/teen)	KOP	\$\$\$	T, A
Chuck E Cheese	Arcade, Games, ...	Berwyn	\$	P, C

Chatter Splatter	Indoor playground for toddlers/preschoolers	Conshohocken	\$	P
Tiny Town	Indoor playhouses for young children	Lancaster	\$	P
Craft Hall	Pirate Ship playplace, Bar for adults	Philadelphia	U	E
StrykeForce	Laser Tag	West Chester	\$\$\$	T
GrandSlam	Sports, batting cages, indoor golf, laser, arcade and more...	Malvern/Frazer	U	C,T
Bury the Hatchet	Axe throwing	King of Prussia, Philadelphia, Cherry Hill, NJ	\$\$\$	A

### **Classes/Workshops, Arts and Crafts**

HomeCooked	Days off school and summer camp cooking workshops/camps, (SE)	Paoli	\$\$	C
HandWork Studio	Sewing workshops and camps, (SE)	Narberth, other locations	\$\$\$	C
Painting with a Twist	Paint a picture, bring your own snacks and drinks (SE)	Wayne, Exton, West Chester, ...	\$\$,\$\$ \$	C, T, A
Design Grove	Paint a wood or ceramic figurine, other crafts (SE)	Phoenixville	\$	C
Michaels Crafts Store	Craft Events (SE)	West Chester, ...	\$	C
MonkeyFish Toy store	Craft Events, Lego Events, (SE)...	West Chester, Chester Springs	Free/\$	C
West Chester Library	Craft Events (SE)	West Chester	Free	C

The Painted Plate	Pottery and paint, and design wood crafts (SE)	West Chester	U	C,T
The Pottery Place	Wet Clay crafts, Open studio and Summer camps, (SE)	Downingtown	\$\$	C,T
Color Me Mine	Pottery and painting. (SE)	Glen Mills, Wayne, ...	U	C,T,A
Chester County Art Association	Art classes, galleries, (SE)	West Chester	\$/\$\$	C, T, A
Garage Youth Center	Summer Events, After School programs (SE)	Kennett Square	U	T
Board and Brush	SE- paint and make wooden decorations	Several locations	\$\$\$	T,A
AR Workshops	SE- make various wooden signs and decor	Malvern, ...	\$\$\$	T,A
Primp and Play	Kids spa and crafts	Philadelphia	\$\$\$	C

### **Movies/Theatre**

Sight and Sound theatre	Professional family-friendly Bible-based shows	Lancaster	\$\$\$	T,A
Movie Tavern	Food and movie experience	Exton, Collegeville	\$	E
Regal Movie Theatre	Movie theatre	Downingtown, Oaks, KOP	\$	E
United Artists Movies	Movie theatre		\$	E
People's Light	Live theatre	Malvern/Frazier	\$\$,\$\$ \$	E
Broad Street Theatres (several)	Various live theatres	Broad Street in Philadelphia	U	E

## Animals

Pickering Valley Feed and Seed store	Pet and See small animals- bunnies, hamsters, guinea pigs, chicks (Seasonal), birds, fish	Exton	Free	E
Pet stores (PetsSmart, Petco)	See small animals and fish	Downingtown, Exton	Free	E

## Outdoor/Summer activities

Beaches	Beach	Ocean City, NJ	\$	E
Longwood Gardens	Walking gardens including kids section (some sections are indoors)	Kennett Square	\$\$	E
Elmwood Park Zoo	Zoo	Norristown	\$\$	E
Philadelphia Zoo	Zoo	Philadelphia	\$\$\$	E
Hershey Zoo	Zoo	Hershey		E

## Active Play

Boulder Falls	Mini golf	Downingtown	\$	C
The GolfZone Family Fun Center	Mini Golf, paintball, gokarts, ...	Honeybrook	\$\$,\$\$	
Tee it Up	Mini golf and more	West Chester	\$	
Chester County Sports arena	Golf (and more indoor activities)	Downingtown	\$	
Penns Landing	Ice skating (winter only)	Philadelphia	U	
Treehouse World	Tree houses, obstacle courses, and more	West Chester	U	

### Amusement Parks

Dutch Wonderland	Amusement park	Lancaster	\$\$\$	P, C
Diggerland	Building theme park	West Berlin, NJ	,\$\$\$	C
Dorney Park	Amusement park and Water park	Allentown	\$\$\$	C, T, A
Hershey Park	Amusement park, water park, and chocolate world	Hershey/Lancaster	\$\$\$	C, T, A
Sesame Place	Theme park	Langhorne	\$\$\$	P
Knoebels	Amusement park and camping Rides, Golf, Laser, Swim, ...	Elysburg, PA	U	C

### Playgrounds/Parks

Marsh Creek	Playground, hiking trails, boating, kayak, paddle boards, picnic areas,...	Downingtown	Free (Boats \$)	E
French Creek	Playground, kayaking, trails,	ChesterSprings	Free	E
Ridley Creek	Walking trails	Media	Free	E
Valley Forge	Walking trails, playground	Valley Forge	Free	E
Bell Tavern Park	Playground, volleyball courts, Free water fountain splash play area (summer)	Downingtown	Free	P, C
Kerr Park	All Abilities playground	Downingtown	Free	P,C
Media Tot Lot	Fun toddler playground	Media	Free	P
Ollie Owl's Nature playground	Nature foresty playground	Coatesville	Free	P,C
Kids Castle	Wooden playground	Doylestown	Free	C
Freedom Playground	Wooden playground	Haverford	Free	C
LOVE park	Asphalt park with things to climb on	Center City Philly	Free	C,T, A



**Farms/ Orchards**

Linvilla	Fruit picking, animals...	Media	\$	E
Milky Way	tours, animals, ice cream, corn mazes,...	Chester Springs	Free	E
Wynnor	Pick your own...	West Chester	\$	E
Highland Orchards	Pick your own, ...	West Chester	\$	E
MerryMead	Pick your own,...	Lansdale	\$	E
Springton Manor	Pick your own...	Downingtown	\$	E
Ryerss Farm	Horseback riding, tours	Chester Springs	\$\$	E
Cherry Crest Farm	Famous corn maze, play activities for kids (Fall)	Ronks/Lancaster	\$\$	E
Hurricane Hill	Corn maze and more	Coatesville	\$	E
Tyler Arboretum	hiking, kids activities	Media	\$	E

**Boating/Fishing**

Delaware River Tubing	Tubing, rafting, kayak, canoe	Milford, NJ	\$\$\$	T,A
Northbrook Canoe	Canoes, kayaks	West Chester	\$\$	T,A
Springton Manor	fishing	Downingtown	\$	T,A
Marsh Creek	Fishing, boating	Downingtown	\$	T,A
French Creek	Fishing, boating	Chester Springs	\$	T,A
Port Providence Paddle	River tubing, kayaking, ...	Phoenixville	\$\$\$	T,A

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