

Places to go/Things to do in Chester County and surrounding area for children/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!

Key: Free= Free, \$= low cost(under \$20/person)

\$\$= medium cost (around \$20/person), \$\$\$=expensive (over \$20/person)

Indoor/Rainy day activities

Activity/Place	Location	Cost
Sky Zone- trampoline park	Oaks/Phoenixville, Glen Mills, etc	\$\$
Urban Air- trampoline and obstacle course	Downingtown	\$\$
Bowling	Palace- Downingtown, other locations	\$
Roller Skating	Caln Roller Rink- Thorndale, other loc..	\$
Please Touch Museum- kids play museum and carousel ride	Philadelphia-	\$\$\$
Carousel ride	King of Prussia mall	\$
Painting With a Twist- paint a picture, bring snacks- event class	Wayne, Exton, West Chester, etc...	\$\$/\$\$\$
Design Grove- paint a wood or ceramic figurine, other crafts	Phoenixville	\$
Chocolate World- learn how to make chocolate with this free ride	Hershey/ Lancaster	Free
Herr's potato chip factory- learn to make chips, pretzels, cheese curls...	Oxford/Nottingham	Free
Sight and Sound theatre- professional family friendly shows	Lancaster	\$\$\$
Look at animals at pet store- plenty of small mammals, fish, etc	Local pet stores around the area	Free
TurkeyHill Experience- learn how to make ice cream	Lancaster area	\$
Franklin Institute- kids museum and IMAX, special exhibits	Philadelphia- Center city	\$\$
Adventure Aquarium	Camden, NJ	\$\$\$
Ice Skating	Indoor- Havertown, Exton, other places	\$
Mall Playgrounds	Exton Mall, KOP Mall...	Free
Moonbounce places	BounceU-Exton, Oaks, Jumpers- Newtown Sq, etc...	\$

Library- check out books, read books, play on computers, some have toys like train set	Local libraries throughout area	Free
Legoland- build and create (probably free to build, cost to take home new kits)	Plymouth Meeting Mall (coming Spring 2017)	Free/\$/\$\$\$??
GrandSlam- sports activities, laser tag, mini golf, arcade, etc	Malvern	\$
Paintball	Phoenixville, Thornton, etc...	\$\$\$
Arnolds- GoKarts, Laser Tag, Bumper cars, rock wall, rides, etc	Oaks	\$\$
PlayCafe, Lulu's Casita- mom's get coffee and toddlers play	Ardmore, Bryn Mawr	\$
Primp and Play- kids spa and crafts	Philadelphia	\$\$\$
Academy of Natural Sciences- science museum and specialty exhibits	Center City, Philly	\$
Railroad Museum/Strasburg Railroad- ride a train, learn about trains, special exhibit- Thomas the Tank Engine	Lancaster (Strasburg)	\$
Delaware Children's Museum	Wilmington, DE	\$
West Chester Railroad (select days open only)	West Chester	\$
Craft Events (varied locations and days)	Michaels craft stores, West Chester Library, MonkeyFish Toy store- West Chester, Exton,	Free/\$
Story time events- (various places and days)	Barnes&Nobles, local libraries	Free
Toy events- Lego, Shopkins swaps, other events	MonkeyFish toy store- west Chester, Exton	Free/\$
Movies	Movie Tavern- Exton, Regal- Downingtown, Oaks, United Artists- KOP, Wayne, etc...	\$
Oasis Family Fun Center – indoor playground, balls, trampolines, laser maze, rock wall , etc	Glen Mills	\$/\$\$
Art classes and galleries	Chester County Art Association- West Chester, summer art classes at the Garage Youth Center- Kennett Square, and Exton Mall	Free/\$/\$\$
Dave & Busters- arcade	Plymouth Meeting Mall, and Philly	\$\$Cost varies

Outdoor/Summer activities

Beach	Ocean City, New Jersey	\$
Longwood Gardens- walking gardens including a kids section (some indoor, most outdoor)	Kennett Square	\$\$
Dutch Wonderland- amusement park	Lancaster	\$\$\$
Bell Tavern Park- playground with water fountain splash play area	Downingtown	Free
MiniGolf	Several locations- Downingtown...	\$
Zoo	Philadelphia, Elmwood Park-Norristown	\$\$
Dorney Park- water/rides	Allentown	\$\$\$
Hershey Park- water/rides, Hershey Zoo, Gardens	Hershey/Lancaster	\$\$\$
LOVE park- asphalt park with decorations	Center city Philly (take train or pay for parking!)	Free
Ice Skating- out and indoor	Outdoor- Penns Landing in winter	\$
Linvilla Orchards- pumpkin picking, apple/fruit picking, playground, feed the animals, etc	Media	\$
Horseback riding	Various locations- Chester Springs, West Chester	\$\$
Farms (tours, harvest, pick your own , animals, ice cream, food, corn mazes)	Wynnorr-West Chester, Highland Orchards- West Chester, MerryMead-Lansdale, Springton Manor- Downingtown, Milky Way- Exton	\$
Sesame Place- toddler/preschool theme park	Langhorne	\$\$\$
Treehouse World- rock climbing, tree house play, etc...	West Chester	\$
Cherry Crest Farm- Famous Corn Maze and various activities	Lancaster (Ronks)	\$\$
Hurricane Hill –corn maze and other activities	Coatesville	\$
Marsh Creek, French Creek,- playgrounds, hiking trails, kayaking/boating, picnic,beach Ridley,ValleyForge-hiking/walking	Local parks- Downingtown, Chester Springs, Media, ValleyForge	Free/\$
Delaware River Tubing- tubing, rafting, kayak, canoe	Milford, NJ	\$\$\$
Tyler Arboretum- hiking, kids activities	Media area	\$