



Amusement Parks

Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park

Geared for young children and their families.
Located at 3050 Hecker Pass Hwy 152 Gilroy, CA
Call for operating hours and prices
408-840-7100

Fairyland

Is a 10 acre park at Lake Merritt. Offers small rides and talking Storybook Boxes.
699 Bellevue Ave, Oakland
510-452-2259

Great America

Has kids area, Dora the Explorer Ride and more...
Located in Santa Clara
408-988-1776x8858

Marine World-Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

1001 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo, CA

PixieLand Amusement Park

Geared for tots, small trains to ride, cars to drive and more!
Call for operating hours and prices.
2740 E. Olivera Rd. Concord, CA
925-689-8841
e-mail: jennifer@pixieland.com

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

Children's Rides, Free Friday Night Concerts
Located in Santa Cruz on the beach.

Bike Rides

Tidelands Park in San Mateo

East Third Ave and Mariners.
Asphalt bike and walking trails that are level and aren't too crowded.

Golden Gate Park

Located in San Francisco, offers miles of trails to ride bikes on.

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Burlingame Shoreline

Located between Millbrae Ave and Broadway Burlingame, along the Bay. Paved walks that are not very crowded, perfect for a toddler just starting to ride a tricycle!

Redwood City Shoreline

Accessible from Whipple Ave. by the bay, dirt Trails that may be better for a bike trailer that mom or dad pulls.

San Mateo/Foster City Shoreline

At the Bay, paved trails for biking, hiking or roller skating.

Ryder Park in San Mateo

Offers a nice area for small children to ride bikes.

Camp Sawyer Road in San Mateo and Millbrae

Located off Crystal Springs Rd. offers a paved bike path.

Boats

Stow Lake at Golden Gate Park

Rent a boat and relax on the lake! Several types of boats to rent, including row boats, motor boats and paddle boats. Visitors should go to the Stow Lake boathouse located at the northwest corner of the lake. Hourly rates are available.
415-752-0347

Parkside Aquatic Park, San Mateo

Offers some boat rentals.
Call for more information
650-522-7460

Gilroy Gardens

Offers Swan boats to ride on.
3050 Hecker Pass Hwy 152. Gilroy
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Farms

Lemos Farm

Located on 92 in Half Moon Bay
Offers pony rides, play yard, train rides, food and more.
Call 650-726-2342 for more information.

Hidden Villa

Open Tuesday –Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to dusk.
Visit and feed animals, a real working farm.
26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills, CA
650-949-8650

Phipps Farm

Phipps Farm is well known around the bay area as a “self-pick” produce farm.
Located at 2700 Pescadero Rd in Pescadero
650-879-0787
www.phippscountry.com

Emma Prusch Farm Park

Agricultural displays, historical structures. 4H large animals including beef cattle, sheep and swine. Two community Gardens and acres of green lawns for picnicking and playing.
647 South King Rd. San Jose

Coastways Ranch

U-pick located on Highway 1
Call 831-469-8804 for more info.

Ardenwood Historic Farm

205 acres with a fully functioning 1890's farm preserved in a modern world. Join in doing old fashioned farm chores. Visit a cow or a sheep. Try you hand at turn of the century crafts. Sample a cookie freshly cooed in a wood burning stove. Ride a horse drawn railroad. Tour the fully restored Victorian farm house.
34600 Ardenwood Blvd, in Fremont
Call 510-796-0199 for more information.

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Farmers Markets

Certified Farmer's Markets offer fresh produce and a nice outing!

Belmont

El Camino Real & O'Neill Ave
Open Sunday

Menlo Park

Carne & Chestnut
Open Sunday

San Mateo

194 W. 25th Ave.
On Tuesdays

Redwood City Kaiser

Veterans & Maple
Open Wednesday

College of San Mateo

CSM
Open Wednesday & Saturday

Daly City

Serramonte Center behind Target
Open Thursday & Saturday

San Carlos

Laurel and Olive
On Thursday

Half Moon Bay

845 Main Street at Cetrella's Restaurant
Open Saturday

Millbrae

200 block of Broadway
On Saturday

Redwood City

Winslow & Middlefield
On Saturday

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South San Francisco

Orange Memorial Park
Open Saturday

Pacifica Farmers Market

Rockaway and Old County Rd.
Open Wednesday 2:30-6:30

Fish

Aquarium at California academy of Sciences

San Francisco
415-321-8201 for more information.

Aquarium of the Bay

Pier 39 San Francisco
Embarcadero at Beach St.
1-888-SEA DIVE
415-623-5300

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Monterey
www.montereybayaquarium.org

Fishing at Lake Anza

Just over the hill from Berkeley, Tilden park's Lake Anza is a favorite getaway. The lake is open for fishing throughout the year. A state fishing license is required for persons age 16 or older. The lake is not stocked.

Call for directions and more information
1-888-EBPARKS
510-843-2137

Lintt Trout Farm

Catch you own fish! FEE
11751 San Mateo Road, Bldg Shed
Half Moon Bay (off Hwy 92)
650-726-0845

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Fire Trucks

San Francisco Fire Department Museum

655 Presidio Ave., San Francisco

Admission is FREE!

Open Thursday – Sunday

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Free Days

SF Museum of Modern Art

151 Third St. @ Mission

Free the first Tuesday of the month

415-357-4000

Asian Art Museum

200 Larkin St. @ Fulton

Free the first Sunday of the month

415-581-3500

California Academy of Science

875 Howard @ 5th Street

415-321-8000

California Academy of Science

55 Music Concourse Drive

Golden Gate Park

Free the third Wednesday of the month

415-379-8000

San Francisco Zoo

1 Zoo Rd @ Great hwy.

Free the first Wednesday of the month to San Francisco Residents

415-753-7080

The Exploratorium

3600 Lyon St., SF

Free the first Wednesday of the month

415-561-0360

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Coyote Point Museum

1651 Coyote Point Dr., San Mateo
Free the first Wednesday of the month.
650-342-7755

Bay Area Discovery Museum

Free the second Saturday of the month from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Located at Fort Baker
557 McReynolds Rd., Sausalito
415-339-3900

Grocery Stores & Other Stores

Mollie Stones

Offers free babysitting while you shop!

IKEA

Offers free babysitting while you shop!
Children must be potty-trained

Helicopters

Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos

601 Skyway Rd.
Open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Children under 4 are free with paying adult.
Offers fun vintage and experimental aircraft exhibits

Ice Skating

Belmont Iceland

Offers skating programs for all ages and abilities
815 Old County Rd., Belmont
650-592-0533

Ice Center

220 Bridgepoint Pkwy, San Mateo
650-574-1616

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Ice Oasis

3140 Bay Rd., Redwood City
650-364-8090

Winter Lodge

An outdoor skating rink, closed during the summer but reopens in September.
3009 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

Indoor Play Spaces

Baby Loves Disco

San Francisco
info@babylovesdisco.com

The Little Gym

390 El Camino Real Unit F
Belmont
650-596-0550

My Gym

Offers classes for children from 3 months to 13 years.
901 Minnesota St., San Francisco
415-643-5500

Music

Stern Grove Music Festival

19th Ave. at Sloat Blvd.
Free performances in all aspects of music from jazz to classical. Bring a picnic lunch, a blanket and some chairs. Runs from June through August.
Call for scheduled performances.
415-252-6252

Tunes for Tots

Classes at First Baptist Church in San Mateo
Ages one to two years old.
650-340-1729

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Music School

Classes at the Congregational Church
225 Tilton Ave., San Mateo
650-344-4263

Museums

Coyote Point Museum

The coyote Point Museum is a learning center offering interactive computer games and wild animals to view.

Located in San Mateo at Coyote Point Park.

You must pay an entrance fee to park as well as admission. Some free days.

1651 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo
650-342-7755

California Academy of Sciences

55 Music Concourse Drive
Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
415-379-8000

The Exploratorium

3601 Lyon St., San Francisco
415-820-3320

Zeum

A place full of fun for kids
221 Fourth Street, San Francisco
415-820-3320

The Tech Museum

A hands-on interactive museum
201 S. Market St., San Jose
408-294-Tech

Children's Discovery Museum

A wonderful place to go for toddlers!
Wos Way, San Jose
408-298-5437

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Habitat Children's Museum

The East Bay's only hands-on museum for kids.
2065 Kittredge Street, Berkeley
510-647-1111

Playgrounds & Parks

Beresford Park

A large park, not fenced in. Bathroom
2720 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo

San Mateo Central Park

A large park, fenced. Bathroom
50 East Ave., San Mateo

Concar Playground

Mostly fenced, small neighborhood park. No Bathroom
650 Connie Ave., San Mateo

Lakeshore Park

1500 Marina Court, San Mateo
Offers swings, play structure and small beach area. Bathroom

Parkside Aquatic Park

1097 Seal Court, San Mateo
Play structure, sand and beach area, swimming but no lifeguard on duty. Bathroom

Sunnybrae Playground

Sunnybrae Ave., San Mateo
Small fenced playground. No Bathroom

Ryder Park

1801 J. Hart Clinton Dr., San Mateo
Play structure, water play area. Bathroom

Shoreview Recreation Center Playground

950 Ocean View, San Mateo
Play structure, sand. Bathroom

Bayside and Joinville Park

21111 Kehow Ave., San Mateo
Play structure. Bathroom

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Coyote Point Recreational Area

Offers beach, trails, playgrounds. Bathroom
Coyote Point, San Mateo

Gull Park

Offers a sand beach, play structure. Bathroom
Gull Ave. between Killdeer Ct. & Swan St., Foster City

Kenneday Park

Pony Rides, Train Rides, Merry-Go-Round
Triple Pines Ranch
19501 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
510-670-7275

Angel Island

Ride the ferry to the island, bike, picnic, take a guided tour. The ferry leaves from Fisherman's Wharf.

Crissy Field

In San Francisco parent of the Golden Gate national Recreation Area. It offers beach, an inlet of water to wade in and swim. Off leash dogs permitted. Bathroom

Frontier Land Park

Offers a tot area and an area for older kids. Mostly fenced. Bathroom
1810 Francisco Blvd., Pacifica
650-738-7381

Gellert Park

Playground, picnic. Bathroom
50 Wembley at Gellert, Daly City

Edgewood Park

Playground
173 East Vista, Daly City

Westborough Park

Play area, picnic. Bathroom
Westborough & Galway, South San Francisco

Terrabay Gymnasium

Play area, picnic. Bathroom
1121 South Francisco Dr., South San Francisco

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Washington Park

Children's Playground, partly fenced. Bathroom
850 Burlingame Ave., Burlingame

Victoria Park

Playground appropriate for young children
30 Howard Ave at Victoria, Burlingame

Ray Park

Shaded playground, lot's of grass. Bathroom
1525 Balboa at Devereux, Burlingame

Andrew Spinas Park

Playground, water play. Bathroom
2nd Ave and Bay Road, Redwood City

Fleishman Park

Playground, water play. Bathroom
Locust St. and McEvoy St., Redwood City

Red Morton Community Park

Swimming, playground. Bathroom
1120 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City

Stafford Park

Playground, water play. Bathroom
King St. and Hopkins Ave., Redwood City

Stulsaft Park

Playground. Bathroom
3700 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City

Arguello Park

Wellington Dr. and Phelps Rd., San Carlos
Playground. Bathroom

Restaurant's that are Child Friendly

Benihana

1737 Post St., San Francisco
415-563-4844

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California Pizza Kitchen

Hillsdale Shopping Center, San Mateo
650-286-9018

Rainforest Café

Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco
415-440-5610

Chili's

899 El Camino Real, San Bruno
650-952-2692

Elephant Bar Restaurant

1600 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame
650-259-9585

Chuck E Cheese's

1270-1272 El Camino Real, San Bruno
650-244-9699

Fresh Choice

1099 El Camino Real, Redwood City
650-299-1105

Fresh Choice

1952 El Camino Real, San Mateo
650-341-8498

Fresh Choice

1202 El Camino Real, San Bruno
650-794-8046

Swimming

Belle Haven Pool

100 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park

Brisbane Community Swimming Pool

2 Solono St., Brisbane
415-657-4321

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Burlingame Aquatic Center

1 Mangini Way, Burlingame
650-558-7322

Daly City Glammona-Westmoor Pool

6996 Mission St., Daly City

South San Francisco Orange Pool

650-875-6973

San Mateo Joinville Pool

2111 Kehoe Ave., San Mateo
650-522-7460

San Mateo King Swim Center

725 Monte Diablo, San Mateo
650-522-7460

Oceana Swimming Pool

1810 Francisco Blvd., Pacifica
650-738-7354

Redwood City Herkner Pool

Only open during the summer months
1315 Madison Ave., Redwood City

Hoover Pool

Open during the summer months only
Hoover School site.
Woodside Rd. and Spring Street, Redwood City

Trains

Roaring Camp Railroad

Nestled in the Santa Cruz Mountains
6 miles north of Santa Cruz in Felton
Exit Hwy 17 at Mt. Hermon Road.

Tilden Park Steam Train

Offers rides along the scenic ridge on a scaled-down steam train.
510-848-7373

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Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad

Vasona Park, Los Gatos

A real steam train will take you and your child on a ride through the park.

333 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos

408-358-3751

Central Park Bianchi Train

San Mateo Central Park, San Mateo

650-340-3751

Niles Canyon Railway

Niles Station

37001 Mission Blvd., Fremont

925-862-9063

Kennedy Park

Train Ride

19501 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward

510-670-7275

Baron Park Garden Railway

G-Scale Model Trains

748 Kendall Ave., Palo Alto

650-493-7367

Water Parks

Raging Waters

23 acres and millions of gallons of family fun.

2333 S. White Rd., San Jose

408-238-9900

Antioch Water Park

4701 Lone Tree Way, Antioch

925-776-3070

Boomerang Bay

Great America, Santa Clara

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Zoos

Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo

1451 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
650-329-2111

Oakland Zoo

9777 Golf Links Rd., Oakland
510-632-9525

San Francisco Zoo

1 Zoo Rd., San Francisco
415-753-7080

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo

At Kelly Park
1300 Senter Rd., San Jose
1-888-987-8636

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