

Bay Area Fun for Families



From the Family Resource Center

Where to go for fun!

Water Play!

Toddler friendly places!

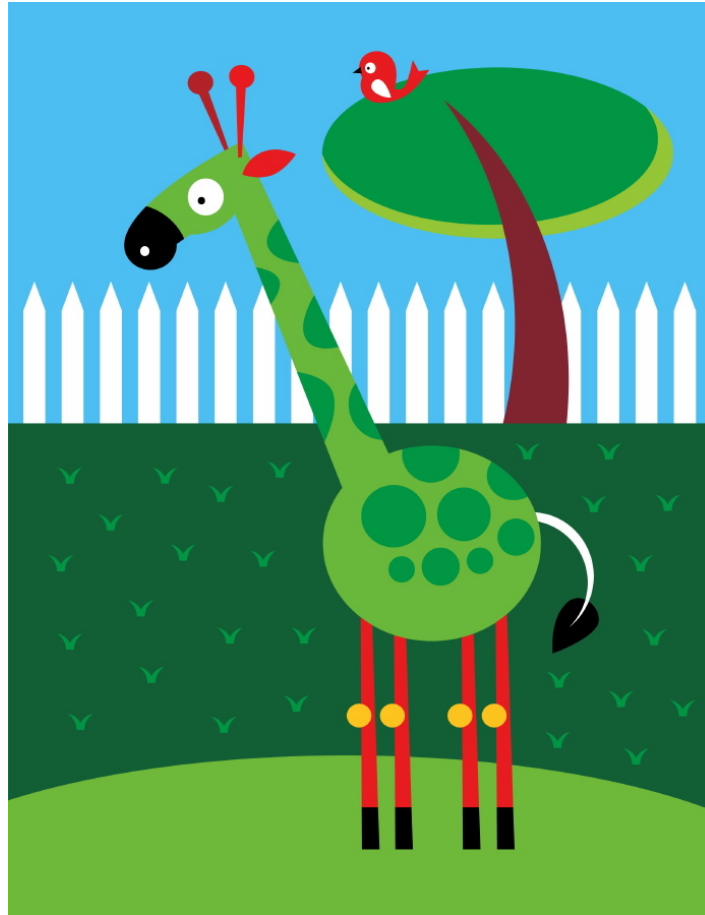
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Kid Friendly Restaurants!

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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

gilroygardens.org

Fairyland

Is a 10 acre park at Lake Merritt. Offers small rides and talking Storybook Boxes.

699 Bellevue Ave, Oakland

510-452-2259

fairyland.org

Great America

Has kids area, Dora the Explorer Ride and more...

Located in Santa Clara

408-988-1776x8858

cagreatamerica.com

Marine World-Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

1001 Fairgrounds Dr., Vallejo, CA

sixflags.com

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

pixielandamusement.com

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

Children's Rides, Free Friday Night Concerts

Located in Santa Cruz on the beach. beachboardwalk.com

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.

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

stowlakeboathouse.com

Parkside Aquatic Park, San Mateo

Offers some boat rentals.

Call for more information

650-522-7460

cityofsanmateo.org

Gilroy Gardens

Offers Swan boats to ride on.

3050 Hecker Pass Hwy 152. Gilroy

408-840-7100

gilroygardens.com



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

lemosfarm.com

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

hiddenvilla.org

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

emmapruschfarmpark.org

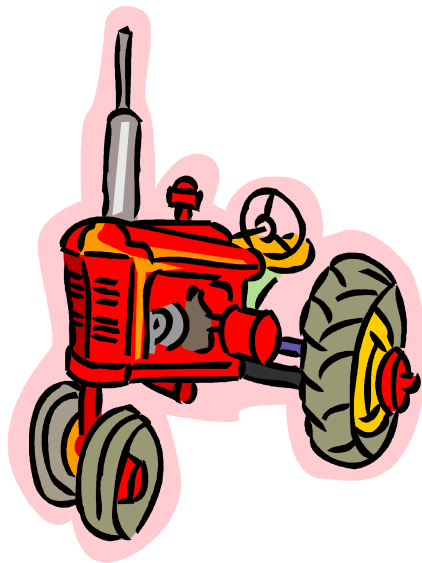
Coastways Ranch

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

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 your 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.
ebparks.org



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

Burlingame

**Park Road
Open Sundays and Thursday**

**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**

**South San Francisco
Orange Memorial Park
Open Saturday**

**Pacifica Farmers Market
Rockaway and Old County Rd.
Open Wednesday 2:30-6:3**

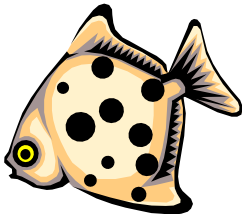
Fish

Aquarium at California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco
415-321-8201 for more information.
calacademy.org

Aquarium of the Bay
Pier 39 San Francisco
Embarcadero at Beach St.
1-888-SEA DIVE
415-623-5300
aquariumbythebay.com

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



Fire Trucks

San Francisco Fire Department Museum

655 Presidio Ave., San Francisco

Admission is FREE!

Open Thursday - Sunday

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

guardianofthecity.org

Free Days

SF Museum of Modern Art

151 Third St. @ Mission

Free the first Tuesday of the month. Only to SF Resident's

415-357-4000

CLOSED FOR 3 YEARS

Asian Art Museum

200 Larkin St. @ Fulton

Free the first Sunday of the month. Only to SF Resident's

415-581-3500

asianart.org

California Academy of Science

55 Music Concourse Drive

Golden Gate Park

Free the third Wednesday of the month.

Only to SF Resident's

415-379-8000

calacademy.org

San Francisco Zoo

1 Zoo Rd @ Great hwy.

Free the first Wednesday of the month to San Francisco

Only SF Resident's.

415-753-7080

sfzoo.org

The Exploratorium
Pier 15., SF
Five free days per year
Only SF Resident's
theexploratorium.edu
415-561-0360

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

Bay Area Discovery Museum
Free the first Wednesday of the month
Located at Fort Baker
557 McReynolds Rd., Sausalito
415-339-3900
Baykidsmuseum.org



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

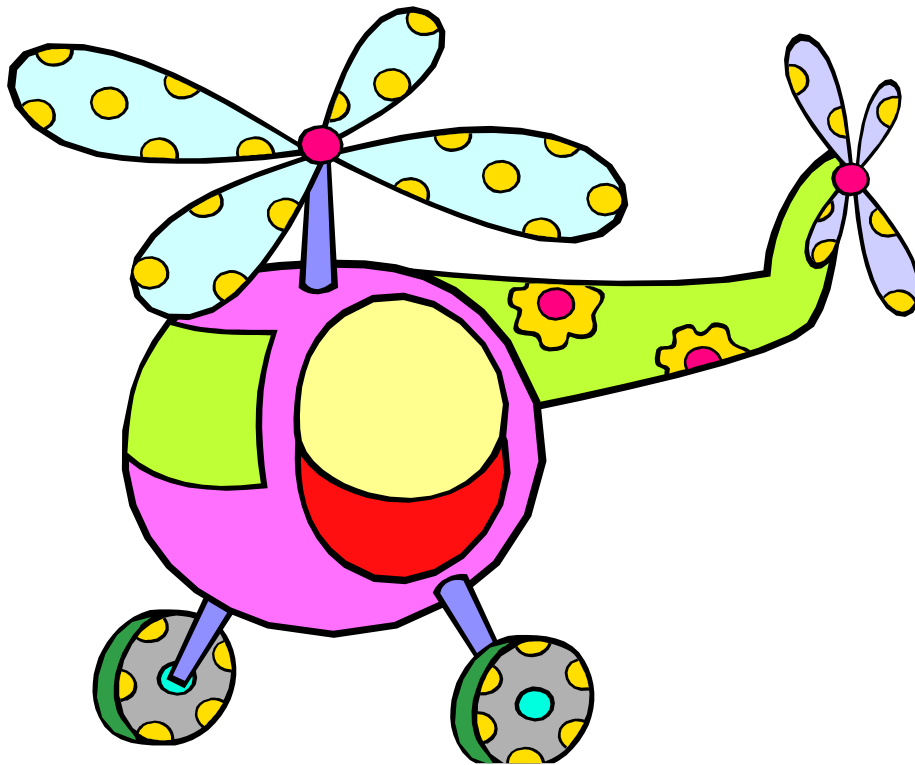
601 Skyway Rd.

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.

hiller.org



Ice Skating

Belmont Iceland

Offers skating programs for all ages and abilities

815 Old County Rd., Belmont

650-592-0533

belmonticeland.com

Ice Oasis

3140 Bay Rd., Redwood City

650-364-8090

iceoasis.com



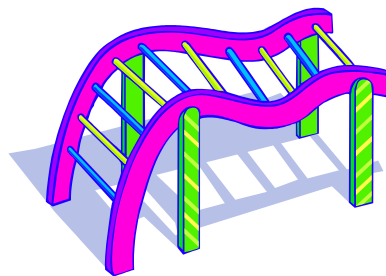
Indoor Play Spaces

Baby Loves Disco
San Francisco
info@babylovesdisco.com

The Little Gym of Millbrae
979 Broadway
Millbrae
650-552-9703
thelittlegym.com

Junior Gym
101 S B St San Mateo
650-548-9901
juniorgym.com

Safari Run
341 N Amphlett San Mateo
650-342-1977
safariirun.com



Movies

**Free Movies on the Square
Downtown Redwood City
Thursdays, 8:45 p.m.
June - September**

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

sterngrove.org

Tunes for Tots

Washington Elementary

Ages one to ten years old.

650-340-1729

tunesfortots.com

Music School

Classes at the Congregational Church

225 Tilton Ave., San Mateo

650-344-4263

San Mateo Central Park

Music in the Park Series

June - August

Thursday Evenings

8:00 p.m.

Museums

CuriOdyssey

CuriOdyssey 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

curiodyssey.org

California Academy of Sciences

55 Music Concourse Drive

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

415-379-8000

calacademy.com

The Exploratorium

Pier 15., San Francisco

415-820-3320

theexploratorium.edu

Children's Creativity Museum

A place full of fun for kids

221 Fourth Street, San Francisco

415-820-3320

Creativity.org

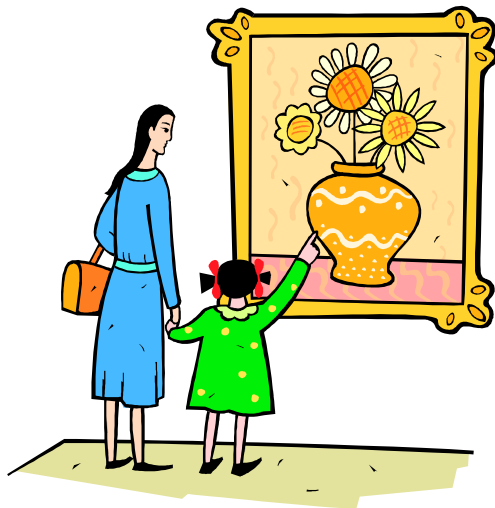
The Tech Museum

A hands-on interactive museum

201 S. Market St., San Jose
408-294-Tech
thetech.org

Children's Discovery Museum
A wonderful place to go for toddlers!
Wos Way, San Jose
408-298-5437
cdm.org

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



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

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

Kennedy 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.
Leaves from Fisherman's Wharf.

Crissyfield
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

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**

Benihana

**1496 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame
650-342-5202**

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



Swimming

Belle Haven Pool

**100 Terminal Ave., Menlo Park
bellehavenpool.com**

Brisbane Community Swimming Pool

**2 Solono St., Brisbane
415-657-4321
ci.brisbane.ca.us**

Burlingame Aquatic Center

**1 Mangini Way, Burlingame
650-558-7322
Burlingameaquatics.com**

Daly City Glammona-Westmoor Pool

**6996 Mission St., Daly City
dalycity.org**

South San Francisco Orange Pool

**650-875-6973
ssf.net**

San Mateo Joinville Pool

**2111 Kehoe Ave., San Mateo
650-522-7460
cityofsanmateo.org**

San Mateo King Swim Center

**725 Monte Diablo, San Mateo
650-522-7460**

Oceana Swimming Pool
1810 Francisco Blvd., Pacifica
650-738-7354
cityofpacificca.org

Redwood City Herkner Pool
Only open during the summer months
1315 Madison Ave., Redwood City
redwoodcity.org

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

Highlands Rec Center
1851 Lexington Ave San Mateo
650-341-4251
highlandsrec.gov



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.
831-335-4484
roaringcamp.com**

Tilden Park Steam Train

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

Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad

**Vasona Park, Los Gatos
333 Blossom Hill Rd., Los Gatos
408-358-3751
bjwrr.org**

Central Park Bianchi Train

**San Mateo Central Park, San Mateo
650-340-3751
cityofsanmateo.org**

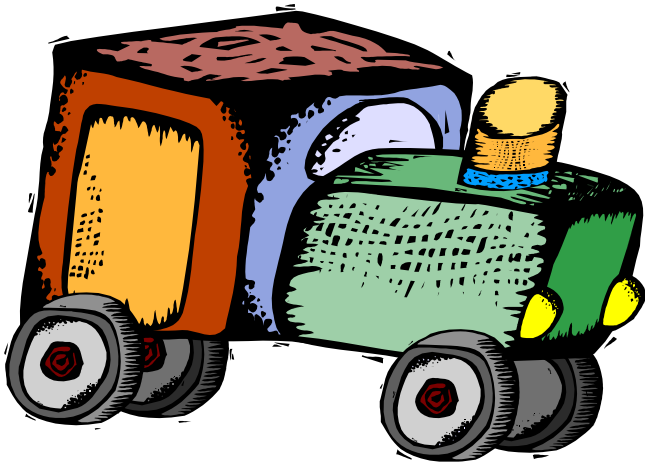
Niles Canyon Railway

**Niles Station
37001 Mission Blvd., Fremont
925-862-9063
nary.org**

Train Town
20264 Broadway, Hwy 12, Sonoma
707-938-3912
Call for operating times
traintown.org

Kennedy Park
Train Ride
19501 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
510-670-7275
haywardrec.org

Baron Park Garden Railway
G-Scale Model Trains
748 Kendall Ave., Palo Alto
650-493-7367
paltoonline.com



Water Parks

Raging Waters

23 acres and millions of gallons of family fun.

2333 S. White Rd., San Jose

408-238-9900

raginwaters.com

Antioch Water park

4701 Lone Tree Way, Antioch

925-776-3070

ci.antioch.ca.us



Zoos

Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo
1451 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto
650-329-2111
cityofpaloalto.org

Oakland Zoo
9777 Golf Links Rd., Oakland
510-632-9525
oaklandzoo.org

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

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo
At Kelly Park
1300 Senter Rd., San Jose
1-888-987-8636
hhpz.org

