

Ideas for Family Friendly Activities

Within Eden Prairie:

- Visit a local park/playground
- Go for a hike or outdoor scavenger hunt in one of our conservation areas or on one of our many trails
- Attend a free concert or play at Staring Lake or at an Eden Prairie school
- Bike to a local ice cream or frozen yogurt shop, or stop by a local coffee shop for hot chocolate
- Go to a storytime or other event at the library
- Visit the Miller Park or Round Lake Splash Pad
- Go to the beach (Riley Lake, Round Lake, or Bryant Lake); rent a canoe or try paddle boarding (Round or Bryant only)
- Explore the Eden Prairie Art Center
- Spend a day at the Community Center swimming, skating, or playing at the indoor Prairie Play Zone
- Visit a local historical site
- Stop by the Outdoor Center during a weekly open house or check out the new nature play area
- Visit Barnes & Noble for a free storytime
- Go fishing
- Enjoy a burger at Lion's Tap
- Visit Marshall's Farm Market
- Cheer on the Eagles at a varsity competition
- Play at the Eden Prairie Shopping Center indoor play area
- Explore the Staring Lake trails on cross-country skis or snowshoes

Within the Twin Cities

- Walk around "the lakes" in Minneapolis
- Visit downtown Excelsior
- Check out a local cultural festival or art fair
- Go to a farmer's market
- Visit a museum
- Expend some energy at an indoor playground or trampoline park
- Take a ride on the light rail
- Go to a play at one of many theaters in the Twin Cities
- Explore a local nature center (Richardson, Westwood Hills, National Wildlife Refuge, etc.)
- Go boating or take a public cruise on Lake Minnetonka
- Check out a class, event, or festival at one the Three Rivers Park District sites
- Spend a day volunteering as a family
- Go to a professional sporting event (Twin's, Saint's, MN United, Lynx or Timberwolves, etc.)
- Plan a day at Minnehaha Falls and Wabau Picnic Area (wading pool and park)
- Go snow tubing at Elm Creek, or try skiing or snowboarding at Hyland Hills or Buck Hill
- Visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Spend a day in Stillwater
- Go to the zoo (Como Zoo & Conservatory has free admission; MN Zoo charges admission)
- Visit an amusement park or water park
- Take a trolley ride (Excelsior, Como-Harriet, Stillwater)
- Explore the Midtown Global Market

- Watch the horse races at Canterbury Park
- Visit the State Capitol in St. Paul
- Spend a day at the Mall of America
- Participate in a family “fun run” or 5K

And Beyond!

- Visit a Minnesota State Park
- Watch ships come in at the Aerial Lift Bridge and Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center in Duluth
- Go camping
- Visit the Mississippi Headwaters
- Take your picture with a statue of Paul Bunyan, the World’s Largest Ball of Twine, the Jolly Green Giant, the World’s Largest Boot, or a giant otter, fish, loon, etc.
- Go biking in Lanesboro
- Spend some time on the water (or ice) in the Brainerd Lakes Area
- Visit the National Eagle Center in Wabasha
- Go downhill skiing
- Picnic at Gooseberry Falls
- Visit Split Rock or another Lake Superior Lighthouse
- Go canoeing in the Boundary Waters
- Visit North American Bear Center or International Wolf Center in Ely