

# Local Resources & Family Activities

## Community Resources

### Food & Nutrition

[WI Food Share](#)

[Deforest/Windsor Food Pantry](#)

### Child Care Tuition Assistance

[WI Shares Child Care Subsidy](#)

[City of Madison Resident Tuition Assistance](#)

### Developmental Support & Special Education Services

[Wi Birth to 3](#)- Developmental Support Ages 0-3yrs

[DeForest School District](#)- Early Childhood Developmental Support (3-4yrs)

[Sun Prairie School District](#)- Early Childhood Developmental Support (3-4yrs)

[Waunakee School District](#)- Early Childhood Developmental Support (3-4yrs)

### Public Libraries

Books, Play Spaces, Activity Kits, Events for children and families, & More!

[Deforest Public Library](#)

[Waunakee Public Library](#)

[Sun Prairie Public Library](#)

### Free Books

FREE monthly books for young Children(Ages 0-5yrs)

[Dolly Parton's Imagination Library & Madison Reading Project](#)

# Family Activities & Events

## Year Round Programs:

[DeForest Park and Rec Events](#)- Paid Classes and activities for children and families

[Naturing in Madison](#)- Paid Nature focused classes (all year!) for families

## Fall

### Events:

[DeForest Riverfest \(Early Sept\)](#)

[Downtown Family Halloween](#)- Trick or Treat on State Street and Capitol Square- Wednesday before Halloween each year 3-6pm

[Henry Vilas Zoo: Annual Halloween Activities and Events](#)

### Play Farms:

[Schuesters](#)(Deerfield), [Eugster's](#) (Stoughton), [Busy Barns](#) (Fort Atkinson), [Sutter's Ridge](#) (Mt. Horeb)

### Activities:

[Overture Center for the Arts: Kids in the Rotunda](#)- Free kids music, entertainment, & cultural shows Saturdays 9am & 1pm, Oct-March

## Winter

### Snow Play:

[Sledding Hills in City of Madison](#)

### Snow Tubing:

[Cascade Mountain](#) (Portage), [Tyrol Basin](#) (Mt. Horeb)

### Events:

[DeForest Tree Lighting](#)

[Henry Vilas Zoo: Zoo Lights](#) (Paid)

## Indoor Play:

[Madison Children's Museum](#)

[Sun Prairie Children's Museum](#)

[Urban Air](#) (Jumperoo times for ages 5 and under)

[Skyzone](#) (Little Leapers ages 7 and under)

[Wisco Kidz Place](#)

[Black Earth Children's Museum](#)

Waunakee Public Library, DeForest Public Library, Sun Prairie Public Library

West Towne Mall Play Area

[Epic Campus- Verona WI](#)- free, self guided tours, lots to see and space to move!

# Spring

## Family Hikes & Outdoor Experiences:

[Governor's Island](#) (short, easy loop), [UW Arboretum](#) (gardens & trails), [Olbrich Gardens](#) (free outdoor gardens), [Lakeshore Nature Preserve](#) (Picnic Point and short trails), [Aldo Leopold Nature Center](#) (Monona, short trails), [Pheasant Branch Conservancy](#) (Middleton)

## Farmer's Markets:

[Madison, DeForest](#)

## Events:

[Kids Building Wisconsin](#) (May, McKee Park- Fitchburg) Register online in advance, kids activities and construction trucks to see

[Henry Vilas Zoo: Party for the Planet](#)

# Summer

## Favorite Parks:

[Sun Prairie Dream Park](#), [Winnequah Park](#) (Monona), [McKee Park](#) (Fitchburg),

## Events:

[Dane County Fair](#)- Late July at Alliant Energy- Minimal fee for entry, see animals and visit the "kids zone" for free activities

# Family Adventures

[Bay Beach](#), Green Bay WI- Amusement Park with lots of rides for littles and low cost tickets

[Discovery Center](#)- Rockford, IL- Children's Museum with hands on activities to explore

[Discovery World](#)- Milwaukee, WI - Children's Museum

[Milwaukee Zoo](#)- Milwaukee, WI

[Devil's Lake State Park](#)- Baraboo, WI- (paid admission) hiking, beach/lake

[Donald County Park](#)- easy flat hiking with natural springs (Mt. Horeb)

[Indian Lake County Park](#)- easy loop trails, and a hill with a view (Cross Plains)