

Schedule some educational field trips for your family

“I’m bored!” Do you dread hearing this phrase over the summer? Then start planning now! In addition to collecting supplies, such as books, recipes and games, schedule a few field trips. Local educational destinations are often free and fun to visit!

Consider going to:

- Museums. Call or go online to check upcoming exhibits. Which would your child like to see most? Add them to your summer calendar.
- An arboretum. Kids love walking through gardens, admiring flowers and learning about habitats. Bring a camera or sketchbook so your child can capture the plants and animals.
- The zoo. This trip is almost always a hit with children. Before leaving, you and your child can read about the animals you’ll see. Talk about their natural habitat and what they like to eat.
- A fire station. Call ahead to see if a summer open house is planned. If not, see if you could schedule a visit.
- An airport. Simply driving by the airport is interesting. Can your child spot the control tower? What about the planes taking off and landing?
- Parks. Find a guide to local parks and keep it handy. Consider visiting hiking trails, historic battlefields and more. Add a nature guide and maybe even some binoculars, and you’re ready for an adventure!

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