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Things to Do in Durango

Durango offers array of fun activities for you to enjoy. If you have a few hours or even a few days, you will find an abundance of fun-filled activities to enjoy during your visit. Here are some ideas in around the Business Improvement District. If you need additional ideas, please visit the Durango Welcome Center at 802 Main Avenue.

Explore

Take a trip down the Animas River Trail. The Animas River Trail stretches 9 miles through Durango's Animas River Greenway. The trail is an easy connection to many of our recreational areas, parks and open spaces, including the Durango Recreation Center, Powerhouse Science Center and more. Bike, ride, stroll. Maps are available at the Durango Welcome Center.

Take a Hike. Durango is filled with many hiking trails that the whole family can enjoy. Many are located right in town and offer a nice getaway to enjoy the beautiful scenery in Durango. Grab a hiking guide from a Downtown Ambassador or visit the Durango Welcome Center for a full map and information on some local trails.

Paddle our Lakes and Rivers. Spend a lazy day on the water at one of the multiple lakes in our area. [Lake Nighthorse](#) is located close to town and offers a swim beach, motorized/non-motorized boating and fishing. The reservoir opens each spring. Check website for dates and times. Day pass vehicle entrance \$10, Walk/bike \$4. Other nearby lakes include Haviland Lake, Navajo Lake, Molas Lake, and Vallecito Reservoir. The Animas River runs right through the heart of Durango and offers a great place to cool off in the summer.

Take a stroll down Historic Downtown Durango. You will find a variety of stores, galleries, and restaurants. Looking for something extra special? Check out our Business Directory at DowntownDurango.org/durango-businesses to search for what you need. Or pick up on Map & Business Directory from a Downtown Ambassador. These are also available at the Welcome Center.

Visit

Check out the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum. The museum is free and features a giant interactive train model, authentic cars and engines that rolled the rails for kids to explore, and many unique artifacts reflecting the history of the railroad. Located in the 500 block of Main Ave.

Visit our amazing Powerhouse Science Center, which offers an educational and playful place for children of all ages. Offered are a wide range of programs, exhibits and activities designed to provide an entertaining and inspiring look at science and technology. Located at 1333 Camino Del Rio.

Stop by the Fish Hatchery and Wildlife Museum- The facility produces more than 1.3 million fish per year, and visitors can feed the fish via coin-operated dispensers. Allow 30 minutes. Bring some quarters so you can feed the fish! Located at 151 E. 16th St.

Stop by the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings in the TBK Bank parking lot. Market runs from 8am to noon and features local farmers, artisans, live music, services and more. Pets are not allowed at the market www.durangofarmersmarket.com

Fun

Make beautiful Glass pieces at Get Fused Glass Studio. It's a fun and affordable way to spend some quality time with family and friends. You can make your own unique fused glass piece to take home with you. They will teach you all the basics on how to create your own beautiful glass piece. Located at 640 Main Ave., Suite 201(upstairs).

Wine Tasting at Four Leaves Winery. This quaint boutique winery adjacent to the historic Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Depot imports the highest quality grapes to handcraft, blend and ferment all its own wines on premise. Stop in for a wine tasting, a full glass of wine (or two), or pick up a bottle to take home. Located at 528 Main Ave.

Chapman Hill Rink and Ski Hill. Chapman Hill is open during the summer months for Disco Night on Friday & Saturday nights. In the Winter, enjoy our in-town ski hill that offers two rope tows. Chapman Ski Hill opens in mid- December, weather permitting. Located at 500 Florida Rd. (970)375-7395

Take a raft trip or Jeep tour. Call one of our local adventure companies to schedule a trip. Durango Rivertrippers & Adventure Tours, Outlaw Tours & Rafting, Mild to Wild Rafting & Jeep Tours

Recreate at the Durango Community Recreation Center. The 71,557 sq. ft. facility offers a variety of activities for the entire family, including an expansive aquatics area with a 160 ft. water slide and play structures. The kids will enjoy scrambling on the 30-ft. high rock-climbing wall. And do not forget the racquet ball courts and gymnasium. The Rec Center also provides a youth games space with fun activities such as air hockey, pool table and ping pong. Located at 2700 Main Avenue.

Tour

Take a tour of our local craft breweries. Durango features six award-winning craft breweries each with their own unique flare. Ask an ambassador for a Beer Wine & Spirits Mini Itinerary. Or download one at: www.downtowndurango.org/beer-wine-tour

Take a historic guided tour or a ghost tour. Horsefly History Tours offer walking tours and ghost tours. This is a great way to learn about the history of Durango. Call to book at tour at 970-570-0437

Learn about the history of Durango with our Self-Guided Historic Walking Tour, pick up a map at the Durango Welcome Center.

Entertainment

Enjoy Free Concerts in the Park at Downtown Buckley Park. Held every Thursday afternoon beginning June 16 through July 28. Picnics, blankets, and lawn chairs are encouraged, with Fired Up Pizzeria offering a selection of food and beverages.