



Family Activities

Durango is a great place for families and offers many activities for children of all ages.

Animas River Trail and Durango City Parks- During the summer months, enjoy a stroll down our 7 mile river trail or visit one of our many local parks including Fassbinder Park at Main Ave. and 17th Street, Santa Rita Park, and the park at the Durango Recreation Center to name a few.

Durango Community Recreation Center- Enjoy an afternoon at the Durango Recreation Center, where the kids can play the day away. Slide down the giant water slide, dive off diving boards or float around the lazy river at the aquatics area. The kids will enjoy scrambling up the 30 foot high climbing wall. And don't forget the racquetball courts and gymnasium. The Rec Center also has a great youth games space with fun activities such as air hockey, pool table and ping pong.

Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Train Museum. The museum has a giant interactive train model, real train cars and engines for the kids to explore, and many interesting artifacts about the history of the railroad.

Fish Hatchery and Wildlife Museum- Spend some time feeding the fish at the Fish Hatchery and Wildlife Museum, open May 15 to September 15. Located at 151 E. 16th Street, the hatchery produces more than 1.3 million fish a year, and visitors can feed the fish via coin-operated dispensers. Inside, the museum has a few displays covering the area's wildlife. Allow 30 minutes. Bring some quarters so you can feed the fish!

The Durango Public Library has some great activities for kids with regular weekly events such as baby story time, Fired Up Stories where local firefighters read stories, STEAM-Tastic Friday, Lego Club and more. During the summer months check out the summer reading shows on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and 1 pm. These are great activities that the kids will continue to talk about long after your trip is over.

Schneider Park (Skate Boarding Park) Your little shredder will love Schneider Park where the kids can enjoy skating in several of the deep concrete bowls and slide down multiple rails. The park is open to bikes too! Great location right on the river and very close to town.

<http://www.durangogov.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/29>

Chapman Hill Rink & Ski Hill - Check out the Chapman Hill Rink & Ski Hill for more fun activities, located at 500 Florida Road. You can ice skate at the rink October to April, and rollerblade during the summer months. Durango is lucky to have our in-town ski hill that offers two rope tows. Chapman Ski Hill opens in mid-December weather permitting.



DowntownDurango.org or NorthMainDurango.org

[Powerhouse Science Center](#)-Offering an educational and playful place for children of all ages. They offer a wide range of programs, exhibits and activities designed to provide and entertaining and inspiring look at science. 1333 Camino Del Rio. <https://powsci.org/>

Mesa Verde Tour Tickets-Purchase tour tickets for Mesa Verde at the Durango Welcome Center. One hour, ranger-led tour is the best way to see some of Mesa Verde's breathtaking cliff dwellings and tickets for these tours are now conveniently sold by the Mesa Verde Museum Association at the Durango Welcome Center, located at 802 Main Avenue in Durango.

Tickets for tours can be purchased two days ahead. Kids will love the experience of learning about Mesa Verde and the Ancestral Pueblo people who made it their home for over 700 years ago. Tour Tickets can be purchase seven days a week from 10-6pm Monday-Sunday in the Durango Welcome Center.

Concerts in the Park- For some summer time fun, check out the free Concerts in the Park starting mid-June through the end of July. Concerts are held at Buckley Park on Thursdays from 5 to 7pm, and are FREE to attend. This is a great family-friendly atmosphere to kick back and relax. Bring your own lawn chairs and picnic dinner, or enjoy food from one of the food venders. Schedule is available at DowntownDurango.org.

Events for Children-Durango has several events dedicated to children throughout the year. **[Children's Halloween trick or treat](#)** event takes place on October 31st each year. Kids can enjoy a safe and fun Halloween kids in Downtown Durango. Over 100 stores participate each year. Children's Halloween is for kids 10 and under, accompanied by an adult, and who are in costume. Join us for this fun Downtown tradition! DowntownDurango.org/Halloween

[The Downtown Balloon Glow](#) is now an annual tradition that takes place in October. Hot air balloons light up the sky in Downtown Durango in the 500 block of Main in front of the train Depot. This event is weather permitting.

[Singing with Santa](#) is an annual Tradition in Downtown Durango! Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus in Downtown, the follow them up Main Avenue singing Christmas carols. At Buckley Park, help us count down to the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree, then enjoy free hot chocolate and cookies. Plus free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Singing with Santa takes place the Friday after Thanksgiving each year. More information at DowntownDurango.org/SingingWithSanta

Rain or shine, Durango has something to do that every member of the family can enjoy!