



Family Activity Guide

[Animas River trail-](#) Enjoy a stroll down our 8-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. Pick up a map from a Downtown Ambassador or at the Durango Welcome Center.

[Powerhouse Science Center](#) - 1333 Camino Del Rio. The Powerhouse Science Center is educational and playful place for children of all ages with hands-on learning and interactive exhibits. Hours of Operation: Sunday & Monday 12-4pm, Wednesday- Saturday 9:30-4pm, Closed on Tuesday. <https://powsci.org/> Call 970-259-9234

[Durango Recreation Center](#) – located in the North Main District at 2700 Main Avenue. The 71,557 sq. ft. facility is filled with fun activities for the whole family. The facility has an expansive aquatics area with a 160 ft. water slide and play structures. The kids will enjoy scrambling over the rock wall or playing games on the full-size basketball court. Call 970-375-7300 for more information.

[Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad](#) & [Railroad Museum](#) –479 Main Avenue. Take a ride on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This is an unforgettable experience to ride a coal-fired, steam-powered narrow-gauge train. It's an amazing experience that your family will continue to talk about years to come. Book your trip at www.durangotrain.com Explore the Durango Silverton Railroad Museum. Admission is free! The museum has an interactive train model, authentic train cars for kids to explore, plus many interesting historical railroad artifacts. Open 7 days a week. Also ask about the new D&SNG Railroad Yard Tours. 1-hour tour of in-depth history & Tour.

[The Durango Public Library](#) –1900 E. 3rd Street. Now open Monday- Thursday 9:30-6pm, Friday-Saturday 9:30am-5pm. Call for additional information 970-375-3380

[Durango Fish Hatchery and Wildlife Museum](#) -151 E. 16th Street is open 7 days a week from 8am-4:30pm. The facility produces more than 1.3 million fish per year, and visitors can feed the fish via coin-operated dispensers. Inside, the museum features an intimate display covering the area's wildlife. Allow 30 minutes. Bring some quarters so you can feed the fish! 970-375-6766

[Chapman Hill-](#) 500 Florida Road. Open for roller skating starting May 21! Friday for Disco Skate night 6 - 9pm and Saturday 6 -9pm. Cost is \$10 with or without skate rental, Children under 3 are free. 375-7395

[Bike Rentals:](#) We have several local bike shops that offer rentals for the day. Pedal the Peaks 598 Main Avenue, Second Ave Sports at 640 E. 2nd Avenue, Ski Barn 3533 Main Avenue.

[Rafting on the Animas River-](#) Enjoy some adventures down the Animas River with one of our local guide companies. River Rafting, and tubing is a great way to cool down in the summer months. Check out these guide companies for reservations or for equipment rental. [Mountain Waters Rafting](#) 303 W. College Drive (by Albertsons), [Durango Rivertrippers and Adventure Tours](#), 724 Main Avenue, [Mild to Wild Rafting & Jeep Tours](#) 50 Animas View Drive

Jeep tours: Explore the San Juan Mountains on a jeep tour or create your own trip with a rental. Visit these companies for more information. Mountain Waters Rafting – 303 W. College Drive (800) 585-8243; Mild to Wild Rafting & Jeep Tours-50 Animas View Drive (970) 247-4789; Durango Rivertrippers and Adventure Tours 724 Main Avenue (970) 259-0289; Colorado Outback Adventures 970-903-1923

Lake Nighthorse- Open daily from 8am to 6pm. The new Wibit Aqua Park at the swim beach is open 10am-6pm. Day pass vehicle entrance \$10, Walk/bike \$4. There are season passes and 5 punch passes available online. Paddle board rentals are available on site.

Schneider Park Skate Park- Located at 950 Roosa Ave. Compact skate park for both beginner & advanced skaters or bikers, featuring rails, ramps & stairs. Free!

Durango BMX track –360 S. Camino Del Rio. Free to use when races are not occurring.

Raptors Wild- Offering educational live bird display by master falconers. See live birds up-close. Located at 563 Main Avenue. Open 10am-6pm daily.

Purgatory Resort- For a full day of fun check out Purgatory Resort for summer activities. They offer seven different activities including the exciting inferno Mountain Coaster, Alpine slide, and Bike Park. Additional activities include the scenic chairlift ride, treasure panning, paddle boards & boats, Kids off-road track and more. All tickets need to be purchased online. www.purgatoryresort.com/activities/day-tickets/

Mesa Verde National Park- Families will enjoy a trip to Mesa Verde to learn the history and sites of Ancestral Pueblo people who made Mesa Verde their home for over 700 years. Ask how your child can become a Junior Ranger and participate in activities while visiting the park. Entrance fee: \$30 (private Vehicle) Park entrance is 56 miles from Durango. Call (970) 529-4465 for more information. Tour tickets can be purchased only on recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777.

Free Movies in the Park! Offered twice a month during the summer. See schedule at www.downtowndurango.org/movies-in-the-park

Shopping – places offering toys, games, puzzles and more!

[Twilight Toys](#), 600 Main Avenue Suite 105

[Rio Grande Trading Company](#), 519 Main Avenue

[Beads and Beyond](#), 840 Main Avenue

[Fuzziwigs Candy Factory](#), 680 Main Avenue

Restaurants & Sweet treats

Sweet treats!

- [Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory](#), 561 Main
- [Magpie's Newsstand & Café](#)- 707 Main Avenue
- [Cream Bean Berry](#), 1021 Main Avenue
- [Animas Chocolate Company](#), 920 Main Avenue
- [Fuzziwigs Candy Factory](#), 680 Main Avenue
- [Cold Stone Creamery](#), 598 Main Avenue
- [Baskin Robbins](#), 32 Town Plaza

Family Friendly Restaurants:

- [Carver Brewing Co-](#) 1022 Main Avenue
- [Grassburger](#) – 726 ½ Main Avenue
- [Steamworks Brewing Co-](#) 801 E. 2nd Avenue
- [Fired Up Pizza-](#) 735 Main Avenue
- [Olde Tymer's Café](#) - 1000 Main Avenue
- [Durango Doughworks](#) 2653 Main Avenue
- [Nini's Taqueria](#) – 552 Main Avenue
- [Birds-](#) 2957 Main Avenue
- [Serious Texas BBQ-](#) 3535 Main Avenue
- [11th Street Station](#) – 1101 Main Avenue

Visit our website for more information: DowntownDurango.org