



Family Activity Guide

Recreation Activities

Animas River Trail Enjoy a stroll down our 9-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.

Durango Recreation Center 2700 Main Avenue (in the North Main District). 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.

Chapman Hill 500 Florida Road. Open for roller skating starting in May. Get your groove on for Disco Night Friday and Saturday evenings from 7-10pm. All ages welcome. Cost is \$10 with or without skate rental, Children under 3 are free. 375-7395.

Go for 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. Visit the Durango Welcome Center for a map and information on local trails.

Bike Rentals We have several local bike shops that offer rentals for the day. Pedal the Peaks at 598 Main Avenue, 2nd Ave Sports at 640 E. 2nd Avenue, or Ski Barn at 3533 Main Avenue. Go Play Durango (835 Main Ave) and Roll Ebike & Paddle Board (1259 Main Avenue) offer daily E-bike rentals.

Lake Nighthorse Open daily starting May 10th. The new Wibit Aqua Park and swim beach is open on June 1-September 2, 2024, advanced reservations are required. There is a \$5 fee per person/per session for the Wibit. Day pass vehicle entrance \$10, walk/bike \$5. There are season passes and 5 punch passes available online. Paddle board rentals are available on site. Visit: co-durango.civicplus.com/lakenighthorse for more information.

Durango BMX Track 360 S. Camino Del Rio. Located on the south end of Durango. The track is free to use when races or clinics are not occurring. The track may be closed prior to races or when the track is wet.

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

Museums and Educational Activities

The Powerhouse - 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: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am-1pm. Saturday & Sunday 9 am – 3:30 pm. Closed on Wednesday. Visit their website: PowSci.org Call 970-259-9234

Durango Fish Hatchery and Wildlife Museum 151 E. 16th Street Open 7 days a week 8 am - 4:30 pm. The facility produces more than 1.3 million fish per year, and visitors can feed the fish via coin-operated dispensers. Bring some quarters so you can feed the fish! The Wildlife Museum is open Monday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm and Sundays 11 am-3pm Call (970) 375-6766 for more information.

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and Railroad Museum 479 Main Avenue. This is an unforgettable experience to ride a steam-powered narrow-gauge train. It's an amazing adventure that your family will continue to talk about years to come. Book your trip at DurangoTrain.com. Don't forget to explore the **Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge 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 from 7 am – 6 pm in the summer. Also ask about the new D&SNGRR Yard Tours. One hour tour with in-depth history.

The Durango Public Library 1900 E. 3rd Avenue. Open Monday - Wednesday 9:30 am – 6 pm, Thursday 10 am – 6 pm, Friday 9:30 am -5:30 pm, Saturday 9:30 am- 5 pm. Closed on Sunday. The library has an expansive selection of books for children with seating areas, computers, puppet play area and more. They have a full calendar of activities for children. Call for additional information. 970-375-3380

Mesa Verde National Park Families will enjoy a trip to Mesa Verde to learn the history of Ancestral Pueblo people who made Mesa Verde their home for over 700 years. The park entrance is 35 miles from Durango. To reach the cliff dwellings, plan on approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours from Durango. We suggest that you stop at the visitor's center at the base of the park first to gather information. Children can enjoy learning about the park through the Junior Ranger program. Entrance fee: \$30 during the summer months for a private vehicle. Call 970-529-4465 for more information. Tour tickets can be purchased only on Recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777.

Adventure Activities

Rafting on the Animas River Enjoy some adventure 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. Colorado Outback Adventures 555 Main Avenue, Mountain Waters Rafting 303 W. College Drive (by Albertsons), and 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; Colorado Outback Adventures 555 Main Avenue 970-903-1923

Purgatory Resort For a full day of summer fun, check out Purgatory Resort. 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 and boats, kids' off-road track and more. Open daily starting on June 15 to August 18. Open Friday-Sundays August 23-October 6. (Plus, Labor Day, September 2.) All tickets need to be purchased online. PurgatoryResort.com/activities/day-tickets/

Hands on Activities

Mining Cave at Durango Treasures 900 Main Avenue. Stop by Durango Treasures and check out their mining cave where you can pan for gems, fossils, and other treasures. Call (970) 403-5562 for availability.

Create Art at Sun Sapphires at 640 Main Avenue Suite 201 (upstairs). This is a great activity for the whole family. They will teach you how to create your own beautiful glass piece or gifts. No experience necessary. Sun Sapphires is open 11 am – 5 pm Tuesday - Saturday and Sunday 12 pm – 5 pm. Walk-ins welcome for fused glass only but space may not always be guaranteed. Appointments are necessary for classes due to limited seating available. Call for availability (970) 259-2229.