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## Things to Do in Durango

Durango offers an 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 in the Heart of Durango. 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 map and information on local trails. Visit: [HeartofDurango.com/durango-hiking-guide](http://HeartofDurango.com/durango-hiking-guide)

**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 \$5. 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](http://DowntownDurango.org/durango-businesses) to search for what you need. Or pick up a 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 the Animas Museum-** Located in the North Main District, they offer a variety of exhibits and program for all ages. The museum is housed in the former Animas City school building, and features an authentic restored classroom from the early 1800s. Located at 3065 West 2nd Avenue. Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, Saturday 10-4pm and Wednesday & Friday 1pm- 4pm. Call (970) 259-2402 for more information.

**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! The Wildlife Museum is open from 10am-4pm Monday-Friday and 11am-3pm on Sundays. The Hatchery is open 8am-4pm, 7 days a week. Located at 151 E. 16th St.

**Take a stroll through the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings** in the TBK Bank parking lot. Market runs from 8 am to noon starting on May 11. The market features local farmers, artisans, live music, services and more. Pets are not allowed at the market [DurangoFarmersMarket.com](http://DurangoFarmersMarket.com)

## Fun

**Make beautiful Glass pieces at Sun Sapphires 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).

**Picasso & Vino-** Paint, Sip and be happy. Join a painting party and tap into your inner artist. The instructors will show you step by step how to create your own masterpiece based on our featured painting, while you enjoy a glass of wine or brew to get you in the artistic frame of mind.

**Wine Tasting at Four Leaves Winery.** This quaint boutique winery across the street from 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. Be sure to check out their new patio! Located at 528 Main Ave.

**Take a raft trip or Jeep tour.** Call one of our local adventure companies to schedule a trip. Mountain Waters Rafting, Colorado Outback Adventures, and 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 five award-winning craft breweries each with their own unique flare. Ask an ambassador for a Beer Wine & Spirits Mini Itinerary. Or download one at: [DowntownDurango.org/beer-wine-tour](http://DowntownDurango.org/beer-wine-tour)

**Learn about the history of Durango** with our Self-Guided Historic Walking Tour, pick up a map at the Durango Welcome Center. Or take a guided tour through Horsefly History Tours – (970)570-0437.

## Entertainment

**Enjoy Free Concerts in the Park at Downtown Buckley Park.** Held every Thursday afternoon beginning June 20 through August 1. Picnics, blankets, and lawn chairs are encouraged. For further information, visit [DurangoConcerts.com](http://DurangoConcerts.com).