

## PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS/TRAILS

### Alabaster/Pelham/Leeds Area

- Heardmont Park (on Hwy 119): playground, bike paths, creek, and ball fields
- Oak Mountain State Park (www.alapark.com): paddle boats, fishing, hiking, petting zoo
- Leeds Park (on Hwy 119): has giant slides!

### Birmingham Area

- Railroad Park
- Red Mountain Park
- Moss Rock Preserve
- Ruffner Mountain Nature Center

### Homewood

- Homewood Park (Central Avenue)
- Overton Park (off Mayfair)
- Woodland Park (435 Woodland Drive)
- Lakeshore Trail
- West Homewood Park (Oak Grove Road)

### Hoover area

- Star Lake (Star Lake Drive/Hoover Country Club): feed ducks, ride scooters around lake, go to nearby Krispy Kreme
- Bluff Park Community Park (Cloudland Drive, behind the Bluff Park Community Center): picnic tables, playground, rocks to climb, lots of shade
- Spain Park/Veteran's Park: playground, big open field, pond, and walking paths
- Greystone Park (behind Hoover Fire Station #7): good for toddlers
- Olmsted Park (Mt. Laurel/Hwy 280): small, quiet, has some shade
- Inverness Playground (behind Hoover Fire Station #8): Inverness Pkwy. near Valleydale Rd.
- Ross Bridge: south/west of the entrance is a walking trail that goes down by a creek then opens to an area with a wooden train to play on; playground with grassy area for ball play
- Georgetown Park (by Shipley's Do-nuts)

### Mountain Brook

- Tot Lot (Crestline Village)
- Overton Park (Overton Road)
- Jemison Park (Mountain Brook Pkwy)

### Vestavia Hills

- Wald Park (off Highway 31 and Merryvale Road)
- Little Shades Creek Park (on Rosemary Lane, off Rocky Ridge Road): pavilions, lots of trees, play set, sidewalks for bikes, and a creek nearby



## RESTAURANTS/TREATS

- Bruster's: free baby cone to anyone under 40 inches tall (Crosshaven one has a slide!)
- Tip Top Grill in Bluff Park: beautiful view
- Irondale Cafe: watch the trains
- Steel City Pops (Homewood, Summit, Hwy 280): Frequent Buyer Card
- Hamburger Heaven (Oxmoor Road & Hwy 280): Free ice cream w/ kids meal
- Chick-fil-A: kids can trade in unopened kids meal toy for an ice cream cone
- Whole Foods: Pizza "happy hour" every Tuesday and Thursday (all day). Large pizzas are \$10 for cheese/\$11 for up to 3 toppings. You can call and order ahead (912.8400)
- Mafiazas (Crestline): Tuesday two for one specials (order one pizza slice get second free; order one pizza and get second free, etc.)
- Birmingham Barons: \$0.50 hotdogs on Tuesdays (check schedule)



## KIDS EAT FREE

*Most with adult meal and age restrictions.  
Call to confirm—schedules and deals change frequently.*

### Everyday

- Shoney's
- The Drum (Summit)
- O'Charleys (not on weekends)
- Golden Rule BBQ (not Sun or Mon)

### Monday

- Firehouse Subs
- La Catrina (Trussville/Vestavia)

### Tuesday

- Moe's Southwest Grill
- Pizza Hut
- Chick-fil-A (Hwy 280)
- Lonestar Steakhouse (Trussville)
- Moe's Original BBQ (Rocky Ridge & Hwy 150)
- Johnny Ray's BBQ (Pelham)
- Beef O'Bradys (Hoover)

### Wednesday

- Dave's Sandwich Shop (Hwy 31)
- Cozumel's Mexican Grill (Pelham)

- Amigo's (Riverchase)
- JJ's BBQ (Pinson)
- Doodle's Cajun Cuisine (Fultondale)
- Schlotzky's Deli (Inverness)
- Pinches Tacos (Homewood)
- Baumhower's Restaurant (Patton Creek)

### Thursday

- Max's Deli (Colonnade)
- Captain D's
- Roly Poly
- Johnny Ray's BBQ (Pelham)

### Saturday

- Steak 'n Shake

### Sunday

- Steak 'n Shake
- La Dama Pizzeria (Liberty Park)
- Dave's Sandwich Shop (Hoover)

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# SUMMER FUN

# IN-AND-AROUND



## A GUIDE TO GREAT IDEAS FOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**"THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE.  
WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT."  
PSALM 118:24**

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## WELCOME



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Hello Friends!

Psalm 118:24 says, "This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!" It is my prayer that your family will enjoy quality time as you experience God's world and blessings together. I hope this brochure will be a helpful tool in finding fun things to do this summer. We would love to see you at Dawson's summer events!

Blessings!

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## DAWSON'S PRESCHOOL PLAY DAYS

### FAMILY POOL PARTY

Wednesday, July 9, Homewood Pool, 7:15 p.m.

### POOLS & POPSICLES

Thursday, July 17, Dawson Missionary Lawn, 9:30 a.m.

### DAWSON SUPER SAMPLER

Thursday, August 28, Dawson FRC, 9:30 a.m.

## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- McWane Center (Downtown Birmingham)
- Southern Museum of Flight (By the Airport): *Under 3 Free*
- Bud's Best Cookies (Hoover): train ride tour, Monday & Tuesdays during September - May
- Birmingham Zoo (Mountain Brook)
- Vulcan Park (Valley Ave)
- LightRails Tunnel (18th Street Viaduct near Railroad Park): *Free*
- Birmingham Barons (Downtown Birmingham)
- Botanical Gardens (Mountain Brook): *Free*
- Aldridge Gardens (Hoover): *Free*; feed the fish and turtles; bring your own bread
- Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum: *Free/Ages 3 & Under*
- Golden Flake (Birmingham): Tours Monday-Thursday; *Free*
- Rickwood Field (Birmingham): America's Oldest Ballpark
- Statue of Liberty Replica (Liberty Park)
- Peanut Depot (Morris Avenue): offers tours but call ahead



## INDOORS

- Vestavia Bowl: Sign up for free summer bowling at [www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com)
- Brunswick Lanes
- Birmingham Childrens Theatre
- Pump It Up (Pelham and Trussville)
- iJump (Hwy 280)
- Ice Skating (Pelham Civic Complex)
- Skates 280
- Birmingham Museum of Art
- Jump Zone (Pelham)
- AirWalk (Hoover)

## MOVIES/CONCERTS

- Carmike Theaters (Vestavia, Summit, Patton Creek & Lee Branch): *Stimulus Tuesdays* - Popcorn, Drinks & Candy \$2.00 each; *Kids Day* - Each Tuesday & Thursday at 10:00 a.m. \$4 for small popcorn, drink & movie ticket (*summer only; first come, first served*)
- Carmike 10 (Lorna Road): \$1.50 admission, \$3.50 for 3D; *Stimulus Tuesdays* - Popcorn, Drinks & Candy \$2.00 each
- Movies at Avondale Park
- Free Friday Flicks at Veterans Park (Hoover)
- Alabama Theatre Children's Matinees
- Roger Day Concerts: July 22-24 at Hoover Library; July 29 at Emmet O'Neal Library in Mountain Brook



## FUN STORES

- Bass Pro Shop (Leeds): shooting gallery, see the fish, ice cream, check for special activities
- Galleria: carousel, kids train, ride glass elevator, play "makeup" at Sephora, etc.
- Lego Store (Galleria): mini model build the 1st Tuesday of each month
- Sweet and Sassy Salon (Patton Creek): fun stuff for little girls
- Pet Stores: look at animals
- Whole Foods: children's play area
- Lowe's: Build and Grow Workshops on Saturdays
- Home Depot: Kids Workshops 1st Saturday of each month
- Painted by U (next to Toys R Us)
- Do it Yourself Crafts (Homewood)

## STORY TIMES/LIBRARIES

(Please call to confirm story times—schedules may vary.)

- Pottery Barn Kids (Summit): Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Barnes & Noble (Summit & Patton Creek): Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Books-a-Million (Brook Highland): Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.
- All Jefferson County Libraries: (Go to [www.jclc.org](http://www.jclc.org) and click events at bottom) for a complete listing
- North Shelby Library (on Hwy 119)



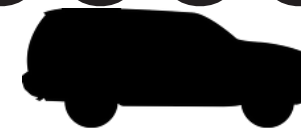
## OUTDOORS

- Pepper Place Market (2nd Ave S between 28th & 29th St)
- Cahaba River: anywhere to wade in and look for fish, and have a picnic
- Alabama Splash Adventure (off I-59, exit #110)
- Alabama U Pick farms: For a complete county-by-county listing [www.agi.alabama.gov/alabama\\_u-pick](http://www.agi.alabama.gov/alabama_u-pick)



## WORTH THE DRIVE

- Huntsville Space and Rocket Museum: *Free with McWane Center membership*
- Blue Bell Ice Cream (Sylacauga): tours by appointment, *Free/Ages 5 & Under; \$3/Ages 6 & Up*
- Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum (Calera)
- Gardendale Splash Pad
- Imagination Place at Gadsden's Center for Cultural Arts
- Noccalula Falls (Gadsden)
- Tannehill State Park (McCalla)
- Montgomery Zoo: 25% discount with a B'ham Zoo membership
- Ave Maria Grotto (Cullman): *Free/Ages 6 & Under; \$4.50/ages 6-12*
- Anniston Museum of Natural History: *Free/Ages 3 & Under*
- Children's Hands On Museum (Tuscaloosa)
- Tuscaloosa Barnyard: Open Friday & Saturday during the summer
- TreeTop Family Adventure (Chelsea): go karts, mini golf, laser tag, mini bowling, arcade, etc.
- Shark Tooth Creek (Aliceville): visits by appointment only
- Desoto Caverns (Childersburg)
- Spring Valley Beach Water Park
- Springville Splash Pad
- Argo Drive-In (Trussville) or Harpersville Drive-In (Hwy 280): Friday & Saturday at 7:30 p.m. *\$10/carload*
- Point Mallard Park (Decatur): Water Park *Free/4 yrs & under*; Ice Complex & Batting Cages



## AT HOME FUN

- Science Experiment Day: check out Science in Seconds for Kids (book) or the website [PreschoolRock.com](http://PreschoolRock.com)
- Craft Day: build with large boxes, paint the driveway with water
- Scavenger Hunts: make one for your neighborhood (search the Internet for lots of ideas)
- Lunch and Watch: find a construction site, pack a lunch, and watch the "diggers"
- Pizza at the Pool: have a pizza delivered to your pool while you swim
- Backyard Camping: set up your tent in the backyard and spend the night (or just the afternoon) outdoors
- Chef for a Day: bake some cookies or muffins and deliver them to a neighbor

