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Top Ten Things to Do in Golden with Kids this Summer...

Golden offers ample entertainment for families and is filled with a variety of activities to help you savor summer. Golden features all the fun of a mountain town without the drive up I-70 – perfect for a quick adventure with kids no matter where you are coming from in the Denver Metro area. Our favorite type of summer escape – fun, affordable (or free) and nearby. What's not to love?

Here are some of our favorite (kid-friendly) summer activities in Golden...

- **Jumpstart your weekend with First Friday Street Fairs** – From May – October, local parents know Golden's First Friday Street Fairs are a fantastic way to get your weekend on. First of all, they're free! Chow down on kid-friendly fare, dance to great music and enjoy the beauty of a perfect Colorado summer evening with other families.
- **Make memories at Heritage Square** – Check out the Miner's Maze features fun activities like Water Walkerz, where you can literally walk on water, laser tag, mazes, ropes courses and more. A perfect way to spend a summer afternoon.
- **Ride the Rails Saturdays at the Colorado Railroad Museum** – Ride the Rails is the perfect multi-generational activity. Bring along grandma and grandpa, as well as the kids, to catch a ride on one of the museum's steam or diesel locomotives in passenger cars from different eras in Colorado railroad history or experience the uniquely Colorado Galloping Goose.
- **Explore and experience Clear Creek** – Just off Washington Avenue and adjacent to Parfet Park, families can experience the beauty of Clear Creek with its wooded walking paths and perfect picnic spots. Visitors enjoy scenic and historic bridges, bronze sculptures and babbling of the creek and the beauty of the foothills, as well as the professional kayakers and fly-fishermen who flock to the area. Don't miss the twisting slide next to the Washington Avenue Bridge.
- **Step back in time at Clear Creek History Park** – This makes a perfect addition to your Clear Creek outing. Your kids will never know they're getting a history lesson when you walk into the Clear Creek History Park. With costumed interpreters offering a glimpse of pioneer life in the 1880s, you can check out the one room schoolhouse and frontier cabin, as well as the chicken coop and heritage gardens. Admission is always free, donations accepted.

- **Buckets of fun**– Golden’s Splash Water Park is the perfect alternative to the major water theme parks. While still filled with twists and turns, the park offers a more relaxed atmosphere and scaled back thrills that will delight the kiddos without taking such a big bite out of your wallet.
- **Inspire your little artist** – Golden offers several ways to let your little artist express him or herself. Art on the Brix is a wonderful artist studio in downtown Golden and offers an inexpensive way for kids to create. Bonus – they clean up the mess! Foothills Art Center also offers a series of weeklong classes for the budding artist. For inspiring fabric artists check out the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum’s camps.
- **Take in Colorado at Golden’s City Parks** and Surrounding Open Space – A good book, a picnic blanket, gorgeous mountains, fresh air, a hike and a nap under the trees. Who says you have to pay admission to enjoy summer? Golden is home to several City parks where you can kick back and enjoy Colorado. Whether you want a kid friendly hike to the top of North Table Mountain where the vistas are fabulous or you’d prefer to cuddle up on a picnic blanket and read at Lyons Park, Golden’s got it all.
- **Cowboys & dinosaurs** -- Give your little guy the day of his dreams with a cowboy and dinosaur themed outing. Start at Dinosaur Ridge, where you can run along in the great outdoors looking for dinosaur tracks. Afterwards, head up Lookout Mountain to celebrate Colorado’s most famous Westerner, Buffalo Bill at the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave.
- **Get in touch with the natural world at the Lookout Mountain Nature Center and Preserve** – Teach your kids to respect and love natural ecosystems with interactive exhibits of the flora and fauna. Kids will also enjoy the hands-on play room and observation room. You’ll feel a world away, but appreciate the interconnection of our ecosystem. While on the top of Lookout Mountain, make sure to capture a family photo with Golden and the Denver skyline as your backdrop.

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