

Summer 2024 Resource List: Free/Budget-Friendly Family Activities in the Greater Seattle Area

Free & Budget-Friendly Family Activities

Seattle Parks and Recreation Centers

- **Description:** Enjoy free activities such as swimming, sports, and arts and crafts at various community centers.
- **Locations:** Multiple locations throughout Seattle.
- **Website:** [Seattle Parks and Recreation](#)

Discovery Park

- **Description:** Explore trails, beaches, and a historic lighthouse.
- **Location:** 3801 Discovery Park Blvd, Seattle, WA 98199.

Seattle Center Fountain

- **Description:** Kids can cool off in the International Fountain at Seattle Center.
- **Location:** 305 Harrison St, Seattle, WA 98109.
- **Website:** [Seattle Center](#)

Seattle Public Library

- **Description:** Offers free story times, workshops, and reading programs for kids.
- **Locations:** Various branches throughout Seattle.
- **Website:** [Seattle Public Library](#).

Outdoor Movies

- **Description:** Enjoy free outdoor movie nights at various parks throughout the summer.
- **Locations:** Check local community calendars for specific dates and locations.
- **Resource:** [Where to Watch Outdoor Movies in Seattle | Seattle Met](#)

Splash Parks and Beaches

Local Splash Parks

- **Description:** Cool off at splash pads and water play areas.
- **Locations:** International Fountain at Seattle Center, Ballard Splash Park, Highland Park Spray Park

Seattle Beaches

- **Description:** Enjoy sandy shores and waterfront activities.
- **Locations:** Alki Beach Park, Golden Gardens Park, Discovery Park Beach

Discounted Attractions and Camps for SNAP and Medicaid Beneficiaries

Woodland Park Zoo

- **Description:** \$5 daily tickets and \$35 Explorer Pass for Washington residents receiving EBT/Washington Quest, P-EBT, or WIC assistance. Benefits include unlimited annual admission and membership discounts.
- **Location:** 5500 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103.
- **Website:** [Woodland Park Zoo Discounts](#)

Seattle Children's Museum

- **Description:** \$3 daily admission and 75% off annual membership plans for SNAP/EBT recipients.
- **Location:** 305 Harrison St, Seattle, WA 98109.
- **Website:** [Seattle Children's Museum](#)

Pacific Science Center

- **Description:** Family Access Memberships for \$19 per year available to anyone receiving public or government assistance. Free Youth Access Memberships for youth aged 14–21 in foster care or experiencing homelessness.
- **Location:** 200 2nd Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109.
- **Website:** [Pacific Science Center](#)

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium

- **Description:** Discounted daytime tickets (\$6 each) and \$45 annual Wild Access membership for Washington Quest, P-EBT, WIC, foster, and kinship families.
- **Location:** 5400 N Pearl St, Tacoma, WA 98407.
- **Website:** [Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium](#)

Free Boys & Girls Club Membership for Medicaid/Apple Health Youth

- **Description:** All youth aged 6–18 who receive Medicaid/AppleHealth can access a free Boys & Girls Club membership by showing their Health Insurance Card at a club location near them.
- **Website:** [Boys & Girls Clubs of King County](#)

Free Camps List

- **Description:** A list of free camps and summer activities for children and young people.
- **Directory:** [Best Starts Blog – Summer Activities for Kids and Young People](#)

Free Summer Matinees in North Bend

- **Description:** Enjoy free summer matinee movies at North Bend Theatre.
- **Website:** [ParentMap – Free Summer Matinees](#)

Elevate Washington Directory

- **Description:** Provides information and resources related to youth programs and activities in Washington state.
- **Website:** [Elevate Washington](#)

Local Food Resources for SNAP and Medicaid Beneficiaries

Free Summer Meals for Ages 18 and Under

- **Description:** Locate free summer meals with no sign-up required.
- **Website:** [Seattle Free Summer Meals](#), [King County Free Summer Meals](#)

Northwest Harvest

- **Description:** Offers food distribution and meal programs to families in need.
- **Website:** [Northwest Harvest](#)

SNAP Farmer's Market Match

- **Description:** Find locations offering SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Farmer's Market Match programs in Washington.
- **Directory:** [SNAP Market Match Directory](#)

Kids Eat Free at Restaurants

- **Description:** 18 Puget Sound restaurants where kids eat cheap or free.
- **Locations:** Various restaurants throughout Seattle offer kids eat free promotions on specific days of the week. Check with individual restaurants for details and availability.
- **Website:** [kids-eat-free-or-cheap \(seattleschild.com\)](#)

King County Spray Parks

Auburn Les Gove Park

- **Description:** Features a spray playground, accessible playground, restrooms, softball field, bocce courts, outdoor fitness equipment, and walking trail.

Federal Way Town Square Park

- **Description:** Includes a splash park, playground, restrooms, picnic facilities, and basketball court.

Redmond Grass Lawn Park

- **Description:** Offers a sensory-activated spray pad, playground, restrooms, picnic facilities, sports fields and courts, and walking trails.

Redmond Town Center

- **Description:** Features a splash pad, fountains, benches, and nearby restrooms.

Sammamish Commons

- **Description:** Includes a spray park, playground, restrooms, picnic shelters with barbecue grills, basketball court, skate park, and walking trail.

SeaTac Angle Lake Park

- **Description:** Features a spray park, playground, restrooms, picnic shelters, barbecue area, fishing pier, and open recreation areas.

Tukwila Community Center

- **Description:** Offers a spray park, playground, restrooms, picnic facilities with BBQ grills, basketball hoops, softball field, T-ball field, soccer field, open field, skate park, and walking path.

Kitsap County Spray Parks

Bremerton Harborside Fountain Park

- **Description:** Features fountains, benches, and restrooms.

Pierce County Spray Parks

Various Locations

- **Description:** Most spray parks, spray grounds, and splash pads are open Memorial Day to Labor Day from 11AM-7PM. Check individual park websites for details.

Puyallup Pioneer Park

- **Description:** Includes a spray park, playground, restrooms, picnic facilities, outdoor chess tables, and open recreation areas near the library.

Tacoma Spray Parks

Senator Rosa Franklin Park

- **Description:** Features a sprayground, playground, restrooms, picnic facilities, sports fields, and trails.

Point Ruston

- **Description:** Waterfront community with a sprayground, playground, bike and pedestrian paths,

shopping, dining, and scenic views.

Verlo Playfield

- **Description:** Offers a sprayground, playground, restrooms, sports fields, tennis courts, and walking trails.

Wright Park

- **Description:** Features a sprayground, playground, restrooms, picnic facilities, basketball courts, lawn bowling and bocce, walking and biking trails, botanical garden, and conservatory.

Snohomish County Spray Parks

Edmonds City Park

- **Description:** Includes a spray park, playground, restrooms, picnic tables and shelters, soccer and baseball fields, horseshoe pits, and walking trails.

Lynnwood North Lynnwood Park ("Dragon Park")

- **Description:** Features a spray park, playground, restrooms, picnic facilities, large play areas, and a basketball court.

Snohomish Willis D. Tucker Community Park

- **Description:** Offers a splash pad, playground, restrooms, picnic shelters, and sports fields.