

WHERE CAN WE GO TO

PLAY?



Affordable ideas for family fun in Dakota County

DAKOTA COUNTY LIBRARY

- Free programs
- Storytime
- Arts and crafts
- Movies and games
- Movement activities



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Most cities have parks or playgrounds close enough to walk to.

Make physical activity part of your family's daily routine!



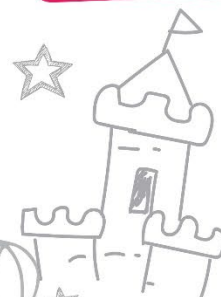
DAKOTA COUNTY PARKS

- Family classes
- Trails (year round)
- Equipment rental
- Nature programs
- Beaches
- Hiking
- Archery
- Biking
- Canoeing



EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

Your school district offers parent/child activities. Call your school district for a class listing.



Dakota County Public Health

Apple Valley

City of Apple Valley Parks and Recreation

952-953-2300

Various sites/days

<http://www.cityofapplevalley.org/>

Sports and activities for all ages, puppet wagon.

Preschool, Youth and Family Open Gym

<http://www.cityofapplevalley.org/> search "Open Gym"

Open gym for several ages:

- Preschool open gym (age 5 and under)
- Youth open gym (grades 6 - 12)
- Family open gym (Ages 17 & under with parent)

Ice Skating Lessons Open Skating

Apple Valley Sports Arena

952-953-2366

www.cityofapplevalley.org - search "skating"

Lessons, open skating, and skate rental.

Sliding fee and scholarships available. Free outdoor ice rinks at several city parks, call 952-953-2300.

ISD 196 Community Education

651-423-7920

Various sites/days

<http://district196.org/ce/>

Children and family dance, indoor open swim, and more. Partial to full scholarships available.

Music in Kelley Park (July and August)

www.cityofapplevalley.org - Search "Music in Kelley Park".

Family friendly, free concerts in the summer.

Water Activities

Kelley Park Splash Pad - Free

6855 Fortino Street

Free park with picnic shelter, playground, and splash pad.

Redwood Community Pool

311 150th St. W

Open swim with small fee.

Burnsville

Burnsville Ice Center

251 Civic Center Parkway

952-895-4651

www.burnsvillemn.gov - search "ice center"

Indoor skating arena. Public skating, rentals available.

City of Burnsville Parks Program

Parks Department: 952-895-4500

www.burnsvillemn.gov – search "recreation"

Play equipment, hiking trails, outdoor skating, public beaches, splash pads, family activities, and more.

Many free options.

ISD 191 Community Education

952-707-4150

www.communityed191.org

Family fun nights, concerts, young parents play time, sports and recreation, swimming lessons, open swim, and more.

Skateville

952-890-0988

201 So. River Ridge Circle, Burnsville, MN 55337

www.skateville.com

Open family roller skating and birthday parties. Fees and hours vary.

Summer Concerts and Movies

www.burnsvillemn.gov -Search "Summer Concerts"

Catch a concert, see a movie or attend a great festival this summer in Burnsville!

All events are free and open to the public.

Grand Slam

952-224-0414

12425 River Ridge Boulevard, Burnsville, MN 55337

<http://grandslammn.com>

Prices vary based on activity.

Eagan

Caponi Art Park

651-454-9412

1220 Diffley Road, Eagan, MN 55123

www.caponiartpark.org

Open May-October; Closed on Mondays

Free (donations encouraged)

A 60-acre park with wooded hiking trails, a sculpture garden, and outdoor amphitheater. Traveling art presentations include theater, dance, music, poetry, photography programs and more.

Eagan Parks & Recreation Programs

651-675-5500 / Hotline 651-675-5511

Various sites throughout Eagan

www.cityofeagan.com -click "Places to Play"

Preschool programs, the Blast indoor gym, child and adult sports leagues & gym availability. Eagan Art House, Puppet Wagon, Summer in the Park.

Jensen Lake Trailhead

Lebanon Hills Regional Park

1350 Carriage Hills Drive, Eagan, MN 55123

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/parksTrails/LebanonHills>

651-554-6530 Picnic area, children's play area, interpretive trail and year-round hiking trails. Restrooms available.

Free entrance to the Trailhead.

Lebanon Hills Regional Park Visitor Center

651-554-6530

860 Cliff Road, Eagan, MN 55123

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/parksTrails/LebanonHills>

Equipment rental, family and youth programming, interactive nature displays, and access to the 2,000-acre park.

Schulze Lake Beach

Lebanon Hills Regional Park

651-554-6530

860 Cliff Road, Eagan, MN 55123

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks/parksTrails/LebanonHills>

Open Memorial Day – Labor Day

Free (no lifeguard on duty). Restrooms, picnic areas, hiking trails. Canoe, kayak and stand-up paddle board rental.

Trapp Farm Snow-Tubing-Hill

651-675-5511

841 Wilderness Run Rd, Eagan, MN 55123

www.cityofeagan.com/tubing-hill

Open Friday-Sunday, weather permitting. No personal sledding devices allowed during posted tubing hours.

Participants must be able to walk up the hill. Hours vary, small fee, free for children under 42" tall.

Eagan Civic Arena

651-675-5590

3870 Pilot Knob Rd, Eagan, MN 55122

www.cityofeagan.com/open-skating

Indoor park, birthday parties, open skating, learn to skate program. Hours and prices vary.

Eagan Central Park Splash Pad

651-675-5500

1501 Central Parkway, Eagan, MN 55212

Free-splash pad with a picnic shelter.

Farmington

Farmington Parks & Recreation

651-280-6850 / Hotline 651-280-6870

www.farmingtonmn.gov

Classes, outdoor ice skating, summer and sport camps and more. Scholarships available.

Schmitz-Maki Arena-Indoor Public Ice Skating

651-280-6960

114 West Spruce Street, Farmington, MN 55024

www.farmingtonmn.gov – search “ice skating”. Small fee for open skate and rentals.

ISD 192 Community Education/ECFE-Farmington

651-460-3200

6100 195th Street West, Farmington, MN 55024

Various sites/days

<https://farmington.arux.app/>

Classes, swimming lessons and open swim. Scholarships available.

Hastings

Carpenter St. Croix Valley Nature Center

651-437-4359

12805 St. Croix Trail So, Hastings, MN 55033

<http://carpenternaturecenter.org/>

Free trails and interpretive center with hands-on exhibits and live animals. Children’s activity programs for age 2-5 years with parent and more.

Hastings Family Aquatic Center

651-480-2385 Hotline: 651-480-2392

901 Maple Street, Hastings, MN 55033

<http://www.hastingsmn.gov> - search “Aquatic Center” - Programs, family and open swim. Fee and hours vary.

Hastings Outdoor Skating

Hotline 651-480-2392

<http://www.hastingsmn.gov> -search “Outdoor-Rinks”

Recreational & hockey, rental equipment available.

Hastings Grandstay Hotel (pool)

651-437-8870

300 33rd Street, Hastings, MN 55033

Open swim 7am - 6pm - small fee. Family membership available. Bring own towel.

Hastings (continued)

Hastings Civic Arena

651-480-6195

2801 Redwing Blvd, Hastings, MN 55033

<http://www.hastingsmn.gov> - search "Civic Arena"

Public ice skating and skate rental.

Swimming Beaches – Hastings area

Lake Byllesby, Cannon Falls

7650 Echo Point Road

www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks

Point Douglas Park, Hastings 651-430-8240

<https://www.co.washington.mn.us/> - search "swimming beaches"

ISD 200 Community Education

651-480-7670

310 River Street, Hastings, MN 55033

<https://hastingscommunityed.com/>

Crafts, music and movement, science and math activities, opportunities for play and interaction.

Financial assistance is available.

Schaar's Bluff

Spring Lake Park Reserve

952-891-7000

8395 127th Street East, Hastings, MN 55033

www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks

Programs, picnic area, children's play area, sand volleyball court and year-round hiking trails.

Disc Golf Course – C.P. Adams Park

651-480-6175

1301 LeDuc Drive Hastings, MN 55033

<http://www.hastingsmn.gov> - search "Disc Golf"

18-hole disc golf course, open during day and free.

Summer Levee Park Events

651-480-6175

20 Ramset St, Hastings, MN 55033

www.hastingsmn.gov

FREE events throughout the summer. Outdoor movies, music, performances, story times, and more.

Inver Grove Heights

IGH Parks & Recreation Preschool Programs

651-450-2580

8055 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

www.ighmn.gov - search "Preschool Programs"

Preschool programs, gym, swim, safety camps and parent/child activities. Scholarships available.

Veterans Memorial Community Center

651-450-2480

8055 Barbara Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077

www.ighmn.gov

The Grove Aquatic and Fitness Center, waterpark, fitness center, arena ice skating and programs.

Membership, 10-day visit & daily passes. Hours vary.

Lakeville

Lakeville Parks and Recreation

952-985-4600 / Hotline 952-985-4690

www.lakevillemn.gov - search "parks and recreation"

Programs, sports, outdoor skating rinks, summer music in the park and puppet wagon.

ISD 194 Community Education/ECFE

952-232-2150

Various sites/days

<https://www.isd194.org/community-education>

Programs, gymnastics, swimming, art, Early Childhood classes. Sliding fee.

McGuire Jr. High – Open Swim

952-232-2150

21200 Holyoke Ave. W, Lakeville, MN 55044

<https://www.isd194.org/community-education> - search open swim

Small fee, children under 2 are free.

Lakeville Parks – Swimming Beaches

952-985-4600 / www.lakevillemn.gov

Antlers Park Beach - 9740 201st St. W. Lakeville, MN 55044

Large swimming beach, picnic area, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, playground equipment, fishing pier, water and sand place center for tots and restrooms. No lifeguard on duty.

Orchard Lake Beach - 17195 Judicial Road Lakeville, MN 55044

Picnic area, shore fishing, playground equipment, volleyball courts and restrooms. No lifeguard on duty.

Rosemount

ISD 196 Community Education

651-423-7920

<https://ce.district196.org>

Classes, children and family dance, indoor open swim, gymnastics and more. Partial to full scholarships available.

Rosemount Community Center and Ice Arena

651-322-6000 / Info. line 651-322-6020

13885 South Robert Trail, Rosemount, MN 55068

www.rosemountmn.gov

Ice arena: Public open ice-skating and lessons. Skate rental not available. Scholarships available for lessons.

Rosemount Parks and Recreation Programs

651-322-6000 / Info. line 651-322-6020

www.rosemountmn.gov

Year-round programs, camps, classes, special events, trips, team sports, and sport instruction for all ages.

Central Park Splash Pad

651-322-6000

2893 145th St W, Rosemount, MN 55068

Free splash pad with picnic shelter.

South St. Paul

Central Square Community Center

651-306-3632

100 7th Ave. North, South Saint Paul, MN 55075

<https://communityed.sspps.org/>

Swimming lessons, Gymnastics Center, and fitness center. Hours vary.

Early Childhood Family Education Community Education

651-457-9418

1225 1st Ave S South St. Paul, MN 55075

<https://communityed.sspps.org/>

Programs, day and evening events, Music and Movement and drop-in play times.

Scholarships available.

Lorraine Park

651-366-6200

756 3rd Ave. So, South Saint Paul, MN 55075

www.southstpaul.org

Outdoor playground, skating rink with warming house and sand volleyball.

Splash pool features interactive water toys and a zero-depth entry pool. Special Toddler Swim Time. Small fee.

South St. Paul (continued)

Doug Woog Arena

651-554-3330

141 6th Street S, South Saint Paul, MN 55075

www.southstpaul.org/

Public skate and skate rental available. Small fee.

West St. Paul

ISD 197 Community Education

Early Childhood Family Education

1897 Delaware Avenue, Mendota Heights, MN 55118

651-403-8390

<https://tridistrictce.arux.app/> Day and evening programs and events. Scholarships available.

Outdoor Ice Skating

West Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

651-552-4155

www.wspmn.gov – search “outdoor rinks”

FREE, warming houses available. Must provide your own skates.

Dodge Nature Center

651-455-4531

365 Marie Avenue West, West Saint Paul, MN 55118

www.dodgenaturecenter.org

Preschool programs, parent/child classes, and family events. Scholarships available.

Thompson County Park

952-891-7000

360 Butler Avenue E, West Saint Paul, MN 55118

www.co.dakota.mn.us/parks

Picnic area, children’s play area, and year-round hiking trails - FREE.

West St. Paul Regional Athletics Center

651-552-4158

1655 Livingston Ave, West Saint Paul, MN 55118

<https://wspmn.gov/> search “regional athletic center dome”

Batting cages, soccer/lacrosse field, summer camps walking and running free to the public.

West St. Paul (continued)

Water Activities

West St. Paul Pool

651-552-4146

92 W. Orme, West Saint Paul, MN 55118

www.wspmn.gov search “pool”

Outdoor pool, zero depth splash pool and playground equipment. Daily and season passes available.

Harmon Park Splash Pad

230 Bernard St. W., West St. Paul, MN 55118

Free splash pad in park.

Twin Cities Area

Children’s Museum

651-225-6000

10 W 7th, St. Paul, MN 55102

<https://mcm.org/>

Free admission on 1st Sunday of each month (reservations required).

Discounted tickets or memberships available to qualifying families through All Play.

<https://mcm.org/join/all-play-membership/>

Dakota County Libraries

Visit your local library for fun programs, story times, movement activities, and free books and materials with a library card.

<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/libraries>

Minnesota Zoo

952-431-9200

13000 Zoo Boulevard, Apple Valley, MN 55124

www.mnzoo.org

Free to Explore Zoo Admission Program: free admission for qualifying families. Must be enrolled in a qualifying program (www.mnzoo.org/us/freetoexplore), must provide documentation upon entry.

Science Museum of Minnesota

651-221-9444

120 W. Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55102

www.smm.org

Discounted tickets and memberships available for qualifying families. <https://smm.org/visit/>

Twin Cities Area (continued)

Toddler Tuesdays

Mall of America

952-883-8800

2131 Lindau Lane Bloomington, MN 55425

www.mallofamerica.com/toddlertuesdays

Every Tuesday: discounts at Nickelodeon Universe, free kids meals (with purchase of adult meal). 2nd Tuesday of each month: special character appearances, activities, and story time in the rotunda – FREE.

YMCA

Burnsville: 952-898-9622

Eagan: 651-456-9622

Hastings: 651-480-8887

www.ymcatwincities.org/

Exercise equipment, weight training, track, swimming pools, preschool classes, parent/child movement classes, family events and dance classes. Scholarships available on a sliding fee scale.

Farmers Market

Find nearby markets or specialty items – enter your city or zip code for a list of farmers market locations near you.

www.minnesotagrown.com

Taking your kids to the farmers market can be a fun outing -- but that's not all!

It can also be a fabulous learning experience for them.

Five things' kids can learn:

1. What local food is
2. What goes into making a meal
3. What different types of farming mean
4. The seasons of foods
5. How to identify fruits and veggies

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