



Free Activities 2023

Navigation Services



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**Most, if not all, locations closed on national holidays*

This website has the most up to date information on free and low cost activities in the metro area:

<https://www.milehighonthecheap.com/>

Denver Zoo

720-337-1400

2300 Steele St., Denver – In Denver’s City Park

Zoo’s main entrance is on 23rd Ave between Colorado & York

<https://www.denverzoo.org>

Hours: 10 am – 5 pm (Entry gates close at 4 pm)

- Affordable options: See website for free or nearly free admission
 - SNAP Explorer Card Holders (Admission is \$1 for up to 10 guests)
 - 5X5 Denver School Program
 - Seniors: \$3 discount
- 2023 FREE DAYS
 - **Free Days are determined by lottery:** [Denver Zoo Free Days - Denver Zoo](#)
 - Sunday, April 9 (apply by Saturday April 1)
 - Saturday, October 7 (apply by Friday, Sept. 29)
 - Tuesday, November 7 (apply by Tuesday, Oct. 30)
 - Sunday, November 12 (apply by Saturday, Nov. 4)

Children’s Museum of Denver

303-433-7444

2121 Children’s Museum Dr, Denver – I-25 & 23rd Ave

<https://www.mychildsmuseum.org>

Hours: 7 days a week | 9 am – 4 pm | Entry first come first served

- Programs are appropriate for newborns through age 8 years old
- Joy Park Free Nights:
 - 4:30pm – 8pm (or dusk)
 - May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, Sept, 15
- Normal Pricing:
 - Children under 1: Free, Age 1: \$15, Ages 2 – 59: \$17, Seniors (60+): \$15, Members: Free, Military discount: \$2 off per person
 - Excludes birthdays, rentals & school groups

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Denver Art Museum

720-865-5000

100 West 14th Ave Pkwy, Denver - At the Civic Center Cultural Complex, downtown Denver, between Broadway and Bannock St

<https://www.denverartmuseum.org>

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- General admission is always free to all youth ages 18 and under every day!
- 2023 FREE DAYS
 - March 14, April 11, April 30, May 9, May 14, June 13, July 11, July 30, August 8, September 9, September 12, October 10, November 4, November 14, December 12
 - Free days do not include ticketed exhibitions, good for general admission only.

Denver Museum of Nature and Science

303-370-6000

2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver - In City Park at Colorado and Montview

<https://www.dmns.org>

Hours: Saturday-Thursday 9am-5pm | Most Fridays 9am – 9pm | Thanksgiving 9am – 3pm | Closed Christmas Day

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- 2023 FREE Days/Nights – Walk-ins accepted
 - Valid for Wildlife Halls and Permanent Exhibits
 - April 30th, June 28th free night, August 16th free night, September 6th free night, September 18th, October 15th, December 4th
- SNAP Access: \$1 admission per person. Just show your EBT card. Valid for up to 10 people.

Clyfford Still Museum

720-354-4880

1250 Bannock St., Denver, CO

www.clyffordstillmuseum.org/

Hours: Tuesday – Sunday | 10am – 5pm

- No designated parking, public transportation is encouraged
- Programs are appropriate for adults and older children
- 2023 FREE DAYS
 - Tickets are available one week before each free day.
 - March 26th, April 30th, May 31st, June 25th, July 23rd, August 18th, September 6th, October 5th, November 4th, December 3rd
- General admission: Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8, Kids age 17 and under FREE, Students and Teachers w/ valid ID \$6

Hammond's Candy Factory

888-226-3999

5735 N. Washington St, Denver, CO

www.hammondscandies.com

- FREE Tours: Monday - Saturday 9:15 am – 2:15 pm. Closed on Sundays
- Reservations are required 24 hours in advance | Walk-ins accepted based on availability

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Governor's Mansion

303-866-3682 (CO History Museum)

400 East 8th Ave, Denver, CO

<https://governor-residence.colorado.gov/public-tours>

- TOURS ALWAYS FREE
- Please see website for available dates: <https://www.coloradoshome.org/public-tours/>

Denver Botanic Gardens at York Street

720-865-3500

1007 York Street, Denver - York St and 10th Ave

<https://www.botanicgardens.org>

Hours | Winter: 9am-4pm | Spring 9am – 7pm | Summer 9am – 8 pm | Autumn: 9am – 7 pm | Holiday: 9am – 2:30pm

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- 2023 FREE Days
 - Please check website for more details – *advanced registration is required*
- SNAP explorer Pass
 - \$1/person for up to 10 individuals per SNAP card

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield

720-865-3500

8500 W. Deer Creek Canyon Road, Littleton, CO

<https://www.botanicgardens.org>

Hours | Winter: 9am-4pm | Spring 9am – 7pm | Summer 9am – 8 pm | Autumn: 9am – 7 pm | Holiday: 9am – 2:30pm

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- 2023 FREE Days
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Dinosaur Ridge

303-697-3466

16831 W. Alameda Pkwy, Morrison, CO

<https://www.dinoridge.org>

- Programs appropriate for all ages – Walking may be required
- Always free to view dinosaur fossil sites or to visit the Visitor Center
- Guided Bus Tour Hours:
 - 45 min tour of Dinosaur Ridge is \$18 adult, \$12 youth
 - Summer Hours: Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10 am to 4 pm (bus every 20 min)
 - Winter Hours: Labor Day to Memorial Day, 10 am to 3 pm (shuttle every hour)
- Exhibit Hall Hours:
 - Summer Hours: May through October, everyday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.
 - Winter Hours: Nov through April, everyday 9:30-3:30
 - \$4 per person for exhibit hall only

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Colorado Sports Hall of Fame

720-258-3888

Sports Authority Field at Mile High, 1701 Mile High Stadium Cir., Ste 500, Denver - West side of Sports Authority Field at I-25 & Colfax Ave - Enter through Gate #1.

www.coloradosports.org

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages. Kids' Zone for children
- FREE: Admission always free (Fee for tours of field)
 - Labor Day-Memorial Day: Thurs-Sat 9:30am-3pm
 - Memorial Day-Labor Day: Mon-Sat 9:30am-3pm
- Closed the day before and day of Bronco games, are open the day after any Bronco home game

Colorado Railroad Museum

800-365-6263

17155 W. 44th Ave, Golden - I-70 west to Hwy 58 west, exit MacIntyre

<https://coloradorailroadmuseum.org>

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- 2023 FREE days – please contact
- Discounted Rates available for Active Military and AAA Members, disabled adults, groups of 20 or more.
- Hours: Tuesday - Sunday 9am-5pm

Colorado Capitol Building

303-866-2604

200 E. Colfax Ave, Denver - Colfax Ave and Broadway

<https://leg.colorado.gov/node/1024591/>

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- All tours are FREE
- Hours: Mon-Fri, guided tours available at 10am, 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (limited to 15 people/tour, first come first served)
 - Please call for updates and holiday closures

Denver US Mint Tour

303-405-4761

320 W. Colfax Ave, Denver - Between Delaware and Cherokee Streets

<https://www.usmint.gov/about/mint-tours-facilities/denver/visiting-the-denver-mint>

- FREE: Tours always free. Tickets are available at the Tour Information window located at the Gift Shop entrance on Cherokee St. Window opens at 7am Monday-Thursday and will remain open until all tickets have been distributed. Tickets are for same day tours only no advance tickets available. First-come, first-served basis, limit 5 per person.
- Hours: Mon-Thursday (excluding observed federal holidays) | 8am, 9:30am, 12:30pm, 2pm, and 3:30pm
 - Tour times and availability vary each day
- Prohibited items: Purses, handbags, fanny packs, tote bags, strollers, packages, backpacks, food, drinks, tobacco products and weapons including pocket knives and pepper spray. All necessary medication must be identified.
- All visitors must be 7 years or older

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Geology Museum at the Colorado School of Mines

303-273-3815

General Research Lab, 1310 Maple St, Golden (13th and Maple St)

<https://tour.mines.edu/mines-museum/>

- FREE: Admission is always free. Reservations are required
- Hours: Monday-Saturday from 9 am – 4 pm | Sunday 1pm – 4 pm

National Renewable Energy Lab

303-384-6565

15013 Denver West Pkwy, Golden, CO

<https://www.nrel.gov/about/energy-education.html>

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- FREE Virtual Tours available: <https://www.nrel.gov/about/community.html>
 - Variety of Group Programs available, for additional information contact education.center@nrel.gov for more information. Reservations required.
- Learn about energy from the sun, wind, biomass and sources of renewable energy.

Free and Low-Cost Local Events

(check websites for updated dates and times)

- Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities , 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO
 - <https://arvadacenter.org>
- Evergreen Area Events: <https://members.evergreenchamber.org/events>
- Westminster Area Events: <https://cityofwestminster.us/specialevents>
- Lakewood Area Events: <https://www.lakewood.org/Events-directory>
- Littleton Area Events: <https://www.downtownlittle.com/events>
- Four Mile Park: <https://fourmilepark.org>

Free Summer Movies

(check websites for updated dates and times)

- Monday Movie Madness at Infinity Park, 4599 E. Tennessee Ave., Glendale
<http://infinityparkatglendale.com>
- Outdoor Movie Series on Founders Green at Stapleton, 29th Ave and Roslyn St, Denver
<https://www.stapletoncommunity.com/programs/signature-events/outdoor-movie-series>
- Summer Movie Series at E.B. Rains Jr. Memorial Park, 11701 Community Center Dr., Northglenn
<http://northglennarts.org/programs/summer-movie-series/>
- Movies and Music in the Park at Parfet Park, 10th St. and Washington Ave., Golden
<https://www.cityofgolden.net/play/events/movies-music-in-the-park/>
- Film in the Park in Highlands Ranch, Civic Green Park, 9370 S Ridgeline Blvd., Highlands Ranch
<https://hrcaonline.org/>
- Movies in the Park in Westminster, each night is hosted at a different park in Westminster, check website for details
<https://www.cityofwestminster.us/specialevents>

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Every Kid Outdoors

<https://everykidoutdoors.gov/index.htm>

- As of September 1, 2015, all fourth grade students have access to their own Every Kid has a park pass.
- Provides free access to national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and more
- Complete an Adventure Diary on the website to receive the pass

Story Times in Jefferson, Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties

Jefferson County Public Libraries

303-235-5275

Locations: Lakewood, Arvada, Wheat Ridge, Golden, Evergreen, Conifer, Columbine, Belmar, Edgewater, Standley Lake

<https://jeffcolibrary.org/#overlay251>

- FREE Events for all ages
- Hours: Specific to each individual library

Hay Bales and Tall Tales Story Times

720-865-0800

715 South Forest St, Denver, CO

www.fourmilepark.org

- Four Mile Historic Park, Story time and related activity
- Free days 2023: March 24th, April 28th, May 26th, June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th, September 22nd, October 27th, November 24th, December 22nd

Gilpin County Public Library – Story Hour

303-582-5777

15131 Highway 119, Black Hawk, CO

www.gilpinlibrary.org

- Hours: M, W, F 9am – 6pm | Tues & Thur 9am – 8pm | Sat & Sun 10am – 2pm

Clear Creek County Public Library – Story Hour

<https://ccclld.org>

- Classes and events are occurring virtually, check website for dates and times
- Idaho Springs – 219 14th Ave., Idaho Springs, CO, 80452 – 303-567-2020 (see website for hours)
- Georgetown – 605 6th St, Georgetown, CO 80444 – 303-569-2620 (see website for hours)

Kids Eat Free!

Please call ahead to verify the deals as different restrictions or requirements may apply and promos often change or end with little notice

Websites

- <http://www.milehighonthecheap.com/kids-eat-free/>

Everyday Deals

- Golden Corral – Kids 3 and under eat free. Limit 2 per adult.
- Kachina Southwestern Grill (Westminster) – Kids (12 & under) eat free with purchase of adult entrée.
- Steak ‘n Shake- One kid 12 and under eats free for every \$9 spent.
- Café Rio Mexican Grill – Kids (6 & under) get free Nino Quesadilla with purchase of adult entrée.