

Free school holiday activities

Peachy Park

Cnr Kew and Acton Aves Kewdale

Bike adventure track, playground, BBQ (no toilet)

There are 11 obstacles or challenges in total with a see-saw, poles to ride around, bridges, planks and more to challenge the kids' bike riding skills and confidence.

For kids to get the most out of the adventure bike track obstacles they need to be fairly confident with riding their bike, but if they are not they can try some of the easier obstacles in the Junior Discovery section or just ride around the winding paths to practice pedalling.

Swim in the River

Matilda Bay, Hackett Drive, Crawley

Point Walter Reserve – Honour Ave, Bicton.

Visit Matilda Bay, where kids can paddle in the river or swim to the giant floating pontoons, which are great for jumping off. Shady trees, free BBQs and toilets make it a great place to spend the day. You might even see a dolphin. Afterwards, take a walk through the University grounds over the road where you can see beautiful old buildings and gardens.

Point Walter Reserve in Bicton has a big jetty for swimming, plenty of shade and good shower and toilet facilities. Take a walk out to the middle of the river to the permanent sandbar.

Shipwreck Galleries

45 Cliff St, Fremantle.

Open 9.30am to 5pm

Explore Fremantle's maritime history, dress up like a pirate, hold a cannon ball and more!



Ellenbrook Water Playground and BMX track

Pinnaster Pde, Ellenbrook

Open 9.00am to 7.00pm

This free water playground is lots of fun when the weather heats up, with lots of grassed areas and free BBQs. There is also a BMX track next door so you can bring the bikes along for some added fun.

Plane Viewing Platform

Dunreath Dve between the Domestic and International airports.

Open 6.30am to 7.00pm



See the planes take off and land— up close!

Woodbridge Riverside Park

First Avenue, Woodbridge

A popular riverside playground near Midland that offers an Eco Zone, flying fox, swings and plenty of space to have a picnic or kick a ball around.

Creative ideas for the great outdoors

Visit the Nature Play website for heaps of ideas for fun and mostly free things to do outside these holidays. You can sign up to receive a free Nature Play WA 'Passport to an Amazing Childhood' which challenges kids to complete a range of outdoor 'missions'. www.natureplaywa.org.au

Fire and Emergency Services Education Centre

Cnr Murray and Irwin Streets Perth

Open 10am to 3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

The centre is open to the public and offers an interactive, interesting and fun experience. Kids can dress up as a firefighter and have their photo taken.

Kings Park

Entry points off Kings Park Road and Thomas St

Discover the fantastic playgrounds of Kings Park. The Lotterywest family area is accessible via Kings Park Road and includes the popular Ivey Watson Playground, which is ideal for very young children. The Synergy Parkland is great for children over six years with a 75 m long elevated walkway, island fort, large-scale replicas of extinct Australian mega fauna and an interactive water misting forest. Manicured lawns and free electric barbecues make it an ideal picnic venue. Also check out Saw Avenue Picnic Ground, which includes a fort, climbing net, bridges, tunnels and climbing logs, as well as new barbecues and picnic tables, and is designed with needs of children with disabilities in mind. The Rio Tinto Naturescape is also offers a wonderful urban escape, but isn't always open, so have a Plan B in mind before heading there.

Shopping Centres

Many shopping centres often have special entertainment for kids during the holidays. Keep an eye out for the schedule.

Your local libraries

Many local libraries run free story time and craft sessions suitable for young children and of course, have books, books and more books! Most libraries also lend DVDs, games and CDs.

Council Concerts

Many local councils now have a program of summertime concerts and events that everyone is welcome to and are usually kid-friendly. These offer a great, free day or evening out with your family. They are usually promoted in community newspapers, via street banners and on websites.

Bunnings

Most Bunnings Warehouses offer DIY kids workshops. Check with your local store. They're often advertised on a black board near the entrance.

More ideas

Visit these websites for more great ideas:

www.kids-around-perth.com/free-things-to-do-in-perth-with-kids.html

www.visitperthcity.com



Variety Place in Kings Park
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