# SUMMER

# FUN FAMILY THINGS TO DO SUMMER 2026

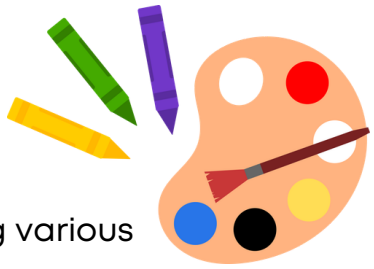
## PLAYGROUNDS TO VISIT

- Colchester Recreation Complex and Splash Pad!(215 Old Hebron Road, Colchester)
- Columbia Recreation Park (Hennequin Rd., Columbia)
- Veteran's Park in Hebron now with a skate park! (Wall Street - across from RHAM High school, Hebron)
- Adam's Adventure Playground (167 Rhodes Rd., Tolland) -for children of all abilities MAP
- Riverfront Park-Playground, walking area, picnicking (300 Welles Street, Glastonbury) Hours: 6:00 am- 8:30 pm
- Mansfield Community Playground (4 S Eagleville Rd, Storrs) *Close to the UConn Dairy Bar and horse/sheep barns located on the UConn campus

## INDOOR PLAY SPACES

- My Kid's Place-Indoor play area (76 Amston Rd., Colchester) Hours: Mon.-Fri 9:00 am – 5:00pm, Sat. & Sun. 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Rooted Play Studio-Indoor Play space and summer camps! (Glastonbury)

## ART EXPERIENCES



- The Color House ( 43 Hayward Ave., Colchester)
- Firestone Art Studio and Cafe (1115 Main St., Manchester)
- AHM Health Matters Programs (25 Pendleton Drive, Hebron)
  A variety of activities for children, teens, and adults including various types of art, yoga, and wellness programs!

## SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS 2026

- AHM Preschool Camp-For Children ages 3-5, hours are 9-12 M-F, Choose from 1-6 weeks!
- Town of Hebron Summer Camp Pre K-10th grade
- Town of Marlborough Summer Camps Ages vary
- Eastern Youth Soccer Camps (Willimantic) Ages 6-15
- Patti Dunnes Gymnastic Camp (Hebron) Ages 5 & up

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## STATE AND OTHER AREA PARKS

Please note: Anyone in a Connecticut-registered vehicle can park free of charge at all CT State Parks and Forests year-round!

- Gay City State Park (Hebron) Hiking, bike riding, walking Grayville Falls Town Park (142 Grayville Rd., Hebron) Hiking, picnicking, horseshoes.
- Mansfield Hollow State Park (Mansfield)- Boating, fishing, hiking, bike riding, walking, picnicking, large open fields for playing in and flying kites.
- Day Pond State Park (Colchester) Hiking, pond fishing, picnicking, swimming.
- Elizabeth Park (1561 Asylum Ave, West Hartford) Famous rose garden is a beautiful place to take a walk or picnic.
- Wickham Park (Manchester) 250 acres of gardens, open fields, woodlands, ponds, picnic areas and playgrounds.
- Salmon River State Forest (Marlborough)- Hiking, fishing, picnicking
- Harkness Park (Waterford)- Pick up seashells as you walk along the beach, fly kites or picnic in the open grassy areas, take a tour of the mansion and garden, *even though there is access to the beach swimming is not permitted.

## MUSEUMS AND ATTRACTIONS

Please note: Many libraries have passes with free or reduced rates to many CT attractions!

- The Bushnell Park Carousel (Hartford)
- Lutz Children's Museum (Manchester)
- CT Science Center (Hartford)
- KidCity (Middletown)
- Niantic Children's Museum ( Niantic)
- CT Trolley Museum (East Windsor)
- KidsPlay Museum (Torrington)
- Mystic Aquarium ( Mystic)
- Mystic Seaport (Mystic)
- Maritime Aquarium ( Norwalk)
- Dinosaur State Park ( Rocky Hill)
- Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo (Bridgeport)
- Glastonbury Ferry (Rocky Hill - Glastonbury)
- Gillette Castle State Park ( East Haddam)

## MOVIES

Cinemark (Manchester) ½ off on Tuesdays, $6.50/ticket if you join the "Rewards" program (which is free). You may have to plan ahead. Tickets can be purchased on line. Be sure to select the **Manchester/Buckland Hills** theater.

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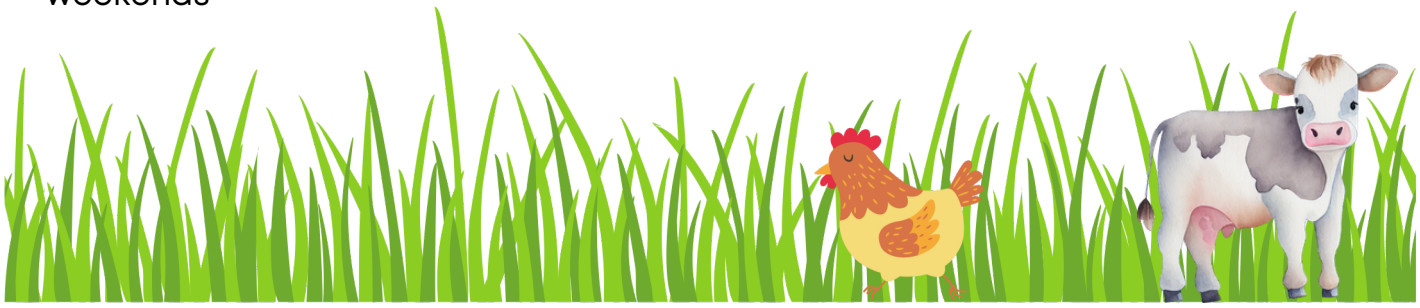
## FARMS TO VISIT

- Fish Family Farm (20 Dimock Ln., Bolton) Visits the cows and eat some delicious homemade ice cream and milk·
- UConn horse barns and Dairy Bar (Horsebarn Hill Rd, Storrs) Walk around the horse and sheep barns to see the animals. When your done visit the UConn Dairy Bar for some delicious ice cream
- East Willow Farm (402 Route 66, Columbia) Visit this local farm to see the goats, pigs and chickens. Check out their farm store stocked with local produce, eggs, chicken, beef and pork.
- Ray of Light Farm (232 Town St., East Haddam) Visit all the rescue animals at this animal sanctuary. They also offer a program where children can interact with the animals. Be sure to check out their website for programming.
- Buttonwood Farm (Griswold) Visit the cows and sunflower maze. Grab a delicious homemade ice cream from their ice cream shop.

## A LITTLE FARTHER, BUT FUN TO DO!

- Roger Williams Zoo in Providence RI-Lots of animals, petting zoo, and a carousel!
- Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory-Many species of butterflies!!S. Deerfield, MA
- Zoo at Forest Park-Springfield, MA. A smaller zoo, good for young children. Open weekends



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