

Here are some ideas for activities that are family friendly, free and FUN!

1. Museum Adventure Pass: You can get tickets at any Hennepin County Library to any of these 18 places.
 - a. American Swedish Institute (4 passes)
 - i. 2600 Park Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407
 - ii. 612-871-4907
 - iii. <http://www.americanswedishinst.org>
 - b. Bell Museum of Natural History (4 passes)
 - i. 10 Church Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455
 - ii. 612-624-7083
 - iii. <http://www.bellmuseum.org>
 - c. Como Park Zoo and Conservatory (4 passes)
 - i. 1225 Estabrook Drive, St. Paul, MN 55103
 - ii. 651-487-8200
 - iii. <http://www.comozooconservatory.org/>
 - d. Minneapolis Institute of Arts (4 passes)
 - i. 2400 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404
 - ii. 612-870-3200
 - iii. <http://www.artsmia.org>
 - e. Minnesota Museum of American Art (4 passes)
 - i. 50 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102
 - ii. 651-266-1030
 - iii. <http://www.mmaa.org/>
 - f. The Landing – Minnesota River Heritage Park (4 passes)
 - i. 2187 East Highway 101, Shokapee, MN 55379
 - ii. 763-694-7784
 - iii. <http://www.threeriversparkdistrict.org>
 - g. The Museum of Russian Art (4 passes)
 - i. 5500 Stevens Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419
 - ii. 612-821-9045
 - iii. <http://www.tmora.org/>
 - h. Weisman Art Museum (4 passes)
 - i. 333 East River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55455
 - ii. 612-625-9494
 - iii. <http://www.weisman.umn.edu>
 - i. Bakken Museum (2 passes)
 - i. 3537 Zenith Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55416
 - ii. 612-926-3878
 - iii. <http://www.thebakken.org>
 - j. Hennepin History Museum (2 passes)
 - i. 2303 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404
 - ii. 612-870-1329
 - iii. <http://www.hennepinhistory.org/>
 - k. Historic Fort Snelling (2 passes)
 - i. 200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55111
 - ii. 612-726-1171
 - iii. <http://www.mnhs.org/fortsnelling>
 - l. Minnesota History Center (2 passes)
 - i. 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102
 - ii. 651-259-3000

- iii. <http://www.mnhs.org/historycenter/index.htm>
 - m. Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (2 passes)
 - i. 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55318
 - ii. 952-443-1400
 - iii. <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/>
 - n. Minnesota Zoo (2 passes)
 - i. 13000 Zoo Boulevard, Apple Valley, MN 55124
 - ii. 952-431-9200
 - iii. <http://www.mnzoo.com>
 - o. Sirens, Signals and Whistles Pass (2 passes)
 - i. Firefighters Hall & Museum
 - 1. 664 22nd Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418
 - 2. 612-623-3817
 - 3. <http://www.firehallmuseum.org>
 - ii. Minnesota Transportation Museum
 - 1. 193 Pennsylvania Avenue East, St. Paul, MN 55130
 - 2. 651-228-0263
 - 3. <http://www.trainride.org>
 - iii. Twin City Model Railroad Museum
 - 1. 1021 Bandana Boulevard East, Suite 222, St Paul, MN 55108
 - 2. 651-647-9628
 - 3. <http://www.tcmrm.org>
 - p. The Works: A Technology Discovery Center (2 passes)
 - i. 5701 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55424
 - ii. 952-848-4848
 - iii. <http://www.theworks.org>
 - q. TRACES Museum Center for History and Culture (2 passes)
 - i. 75 West Fifth Street, Suite 211, St Paul, MN 55102
 - ii. 651-292-8700
 - iii. <http://www.TRACES.org>
 - r. Walker Art Center (2 passes)
 - i. 1750 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403
 - ii. 612-375-7600
 - iii. <http://www.walkerart.org/>
- 2. Spend time at the Library: Read books, attend story time or other activities.
 - a. Calendar of Events & Hours: 612-630-6230
 - b. <http://www.mpls.lib.mn.us/>
- 3. Rent movies from the library
- 4. Walker Art Center* (1.r.): The museum normally costs \$10 for adults, but is free to all every Thursday evening (5–9 pm) and on the first Saturday of each month (10 am–5 pm).
- 5. Sculpture Garden* (1.r.)
- 6. Minneapolis Institute of Arts* (1.d)
- 7. Weisman Museum of Art* (1.h)
- 8. Wading pools (they're all over)
- 9. Como Zoo (and conservatory)* (1.c)
- 10. Midtown Global Market
 - a. 920 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407
 - b. 612-872-4041
 - c. <http://www.midtownglobalmarket.org/>
 - d. EXAMPLE:
Family Night - August 8, 2008 - 5:00pm–8:00pm

FREE! Please join us for family night every Friday night. We will have live music, a children's play area, free balloons and we will put out crayons and coloring sheets appropriate for all ages.

We'll validate your stub if you park in the 10th Avenue Parking Ramp, FREE for up to three hours!

11. Minnehaha Falls: The falls are a natural wonder, and definitely a must visit for shutterbugs. In the area surrounding you can take nice long walk from the falls down to the Mississippi river.
 - a. 4825 Minnehaha Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417
 - b. 612-230-6400
 - c. <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=4&parkid=252>
12. Lyndale Park Rose Gardens at Lake Harriet: Lake Harriet in south Minneapolis has a beautiful Rose Garden that has been blooming every year since 1907-1908. Also, right across the street is a beautiful Japanese Gardens
 - a. 4124 Roseway Road, Minneapolis, MN 55409
 - b. 612-230-6400
 - c. <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=4&parkid=350>
13. State Capitol: Free tours every hour.
 - a. 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, St Paul, MN 55155
 - b. 651-296-2881
 - c. <http://www.mnhs.org/places/sites/msc/>
14. Traces Museum – Center for History and Culture* (1.q)
15. Bell Museum of Natural History*: Free admission on Sundays. (1.b)
16. Minnesota Children’s Museum: Free admission on the third Sunday of the month.
 - a. 10 West Seventh Street, St Paul, MN 55102
 - b. 651-225-6000 or 651-225-6001
 - c. <http://www.mcm.org/>
17. Minnesota Landscape Arboretum*: Free admission all day Thursday in the winter. Free Thursday evenings from 4:30 pm until 8 pm (or sunset) in the summer. Also, free family events and music on Thursday evenings in the summer. Summer is April 25 thru October 31. (1.m)
18. River Rats water ski show: Weekly show Thursday at 7pm through August 28, 2008
 - a. Location: Just south of the Broadway Bridge on the west bank of the Mississippi River (about halfway between the Broadway Bridge and Plymouth Avenue Bridge near 17th Avenue on West River Road)
 - b. <http://www.tcriverrats.com/>
19. Minneapolis Parks Concert Series (4 schedules are attached and marked 19-1 thru 19-4)
 - a. <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=182>
20. Movies in the Park (schedule attached; marked with 20)
 - a. 612-230-6484
 - b. <http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=182>
21. Centennial Lakes Entertainment (schedule attached; marked with 21)
 - a. 952-832-6783 or 952-832-6790
 - b. http://www.centenniallakespark.com/content/facilities/centennial_lakes/culture/index.htm
22. Plymouth Free events (schedule attached: marked with 22)

* These are part of the Museum Adventure pass so you can go free anytime during the week if you get that pass.

Museums Resource: <http://minneapolis.about.com/od/artsentertainment/a/freemuseums.htm>

Music Resource: <http://minneapolis.about.com/od/eventsfestivals/a/freemusic2008.htm>

These are not free, but are a good deal if you're looking for something else to do!

1. \$2 movies at the Hopkins theater on Tuesday
 - a. 1118 Main Street, Hopkins, MN 55343
 - b. 952-931-7992
 - c. <http://www.manntheatresmn.com/theater.php?!D=11>
2. \$2 matinee (all day Tuesday) movies at Ridgeview
 - a. 3800 42nd Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406
 - b. 612-729-7369
 - c. <http://www.riverviewtheater.com/>
3. St. Paul Saints tickets start at \$5 for adults, \$4 for children
 - a. 1771 Energy Park Drive, St Paul, MN 55108
 - b. 651-644-6659
 - c. <http://www.saintsbasedball.com/>
4. MN Lynx tickets start at \$10
 - a. Target Center: 600 First Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55403
 - b. 612-673-1600
 - c. http://www.wnba.com/lynx/index_main.html