



Free Activities 2021 Navigation Services



Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or navigation@jcmh.org

**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

www.denverzoo.org

- If you are entering the address into your GPS system, please enter 2900 E 23rd Avenue for “GPS Systems Only”
- Winter Hours (Nov 1-Feb 28): Admission opens at 10am-4pm, grounds close at 5pm
- Summer Hours (Mar 1-Oct 31): Admission opens at 9am-5pm, grounds close at 6 pm
- 2021 FREE DAYS -
 - April 8 is the next free day, families must apply for a lottery due to limited capacity.
 - Families must apply for the lottery between March 29th and March 31st.
 - ***Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult***

Children’s Museum of Denver

303-433-7444

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

www.mychildsmuseum.org

- Programs are appropriate for newborns through age 8 years old
- Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm (Wednesday open until 7pm), Sat & Sun 10am-5pm
- No free days advertised for 2021.
- Normal Pricing:
 - Children under 1: Free, Age 1: \$12, Ages 2 – 59: \$14, Seniors (60+): \$12, Members: Free, Military discount: \$2 off per person
 - Excludes birthdays, rentals & school groups

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

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!
- 2021 FREE DAYS
 - March 27th – April 2nd, 2021. Must go online and reserve a ticket
 - Free days do not include ticketed exhibitions, good for general admission only.

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Denver Museum of Nature and Science

303-370-6000

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

www.dmns.org

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- 2021 FREE DAYS – Tickets must be reserved in advance
 - April 25, May 23, June 30, August 11, September 1, September 20, October 4, and December 6.
 - Night at the Museum 5pm-10pm
 - Free days are for Colorado residents only. Proof required (license, school ID, etc).
 - Free admission does not include IMAX or Planetarium.
 - All military (current, retired, reservist, National Guard) with valid military ID free!
 - Fees apply to IMAX, Planetarium shows, and temporary exhibitions
- Hours: 9am-5pm every day except Christmas/ Kids Discovery Zone: 9am-5pm
- 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/

- Programs are appropriate for adults and older children
- 2021 FREE DAYS
 - Tickets are available one week before each free day.
 - March 20, April 25, May 19, June 19, July 25, August 13, September 10, October 12, November 18, December 8
- Hours: Tues-Thurs 10am-5pm, Fri 10am-8am, Sat-Sun 10am-5pm, Closed Monday every week
- General admission: Adults \$10, Seniors (65+) \$8, Kids age 17 and under FREE, Students and Teachers w/ valid ID \$6, Friday Evenings (5pm-8pm) \$5

Hammond's Candy Factory

303-333-5588 x110

5735 N. Washington St, Denver, CO

www.hammondscandies.com

- FREE Tours: Monday through Saturday 9:15 am – 2:45 pm. Closed on Sundays
- Reservations are required
- To schedule a tour for a group of 10 or more, call 303-333-5588 ext 110

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 (Times and dates below)
- Tours are currently suspended as of March 2021, check the website for updates.

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Denver Botanic Gardens

720-865-3500

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

www.botanicgardens.org

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- As of March 2021, no free day due to COVID-19 concerns. Please check the website for updates.
 - Free days are for Colorado residents only. Proof required (license, school ID, etc). They are for regular garden hours only and do not include ticketed events.
- Summer Hours (May 13-Sept 30) 9am-8 pm, Winter Hours (Sept 25-May 12) 9am-5pm

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield

720-865-3500

8500 W. Deer Creek Canyon Road, Littleton, CO

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- As of March 2021, no free day due to COVID-19 concerns. Please check the website for updates.
 - Free days are for Colorado residents only. Proof required (license, school ID, etc). They are for regular gardens hours only and do not include ticketed events.
- Hours: 9am-5pm; last admission is 4:30pm

Dinosaur Ridge

303-697-3466

16831 W. Alameda Pkwy, Morrison, CO

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 \$10 adult, \$8 youth (3-11 yoa), 2 and under free
 - 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
 - \$2 per person for exhibit hall only

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

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Colorado Railroad Museum

303-279-4591

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

<http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org>

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- 2021 FREE DAYS: March 18, May 13, and October 7
- 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

- No tours at this time due to COVID-19 concerns, please check the website for updates.
 - Reservations are required for groups larger than 10
- Hours: Mon-Fri, 10am – 3pm

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>

- **Tours at the Mint are currently suspended until further notice (as of 3/2020). Please check the website for updates.**
- 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-Thur, 8am-3:30pm
 - Tour times and availability vary each day
 - Must be there 30 minutes early, late arrivals will not be admitted
 - Adults will need a photo ID
- 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.
- Tours are not recommended for children under 7 years of age

Geology Museum at the Colorado School of Mines

303-273-3815

General Research Lab, 1310 Maple St, Golden (13th and Maple St) www.mines.edu/Geology_Museum

- FREE: Admission is always free. Reservations are required
- Hours: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 am – 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

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- 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 Summer Concerts

(check websites for updated dates and times)

- Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities , 6901 Wadsworth Blvd., Arvada, CO
 - <https://arvadacenter.org/#what-s-happening-95>
- Evergreen Lake Concert Series: <https://members.evergreenchamber.org/events/details/2020-eprd-summer-concert-series-1-80395>

Free Summer Movies

(check websites for updated dates and times)

- Monday Movie Madness at Infinity Park, 4599 E. Tennessee Ave., Glendale
<http://infinityparkatglendale.com/free-movie-nights-at-infinity-park/>
- 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>

Every Kid in a Park

<https://everykidinapark.gov/>

- 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

www.jefferson.lib.co.us

- FREE Virtual/Call In: Classes, story times and other events
 - Dates specific to each library, but most are open 7 days a week
- Hours: Specific to each individual library

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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 2021: The 2nd Friday of each month

Gilpin County Public Library – Story Hour

303-582-5777

15131 Highway 119, Black Hawk, CO

www.gilpinlibrary.org

- Hours: Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00am
- Occurring virtually on Zoom

Clear Creek County Public Library – Story Hour

www2.youseemore.com/clearcreeklibrary

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

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.