



Free Activities 2025

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

<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 \$3 per guest, must buy advanced time ticket online)
 - 5X5 Denver School Program
 - Children 2 and under: Free
 - Senior discount

Free Day tickets are first come, first served: [Denver Zoo Free Days - Denver Zoo](#)

- January 10 & 26, February 9, April 6, November 7, 15 & 23.
- The Zoo provides a limited number of tickets for each Free Day, using a first-come, first-served online lottery system. If you want to visit on a free day, you must grab your tickets online when they are released. Tickets are posted 11 days before each Free Day.

Children’s Museum of Denver

303-433-7444

2121 Children’s Museum Dr, Denver

<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:** Joy Park is open for free from 4:30 - 8 pm (or sunset) the third Friday of the month, May - September. Aside from the restrooms, the inside of the Museum is closed.

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!
- SNAP Explorer Card Holder - \$1 tickets, up to 10 guests
- January 14, February 22, March 11, April 8 & 27, May 13, June 10, July 8 & 27, August 12, September 6 & 9, October 14, November 8, December 9.
 - 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

<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
- 2025 FREE Days/Nights – Walk-ins accepted
 - Free days – 9am-5pm, Free nights - 5pm-9pm
 - January 12, February 2, March 7 (free only from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.), April 7 & 28, May 12, June 19, August 25, September 15, October 12, November 8 (free only from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.) and December 8.
 - 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
- 2025 FREE DAYS April 27, June 29, July 27, November 8 (free from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.).
- Pay-What-You-Wish Days: January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 3,
- 5x5 Denver School Program

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

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
- Submit form request to schedule a tour: <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>

- Programs are appropriate for a variety of ages
- January 20, February 13, March 10, March 17, April 22, June 10, July 3, August 27, November 28. Advanced online registration is required. Tickets will be available three months at a time (on a rolling basis) and the tickets will be released on the
- SNAP explorer Pass: \$1/person for up to 6 individuals per SNAP card

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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
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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 \$20 adult, \$14 youth (SNAP/EBT cardholders get a discount)
- Exhibit Hall, Main Visitor Center, and Discovery Center Hours:
 - \$4 per person for exhibit hall only

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
 - Admission is free, ride tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 2-17. Must reserve admission.
 - March 13, May 8-October 2
 - Boulder County Residents only – May 23, October 8, October 17
- 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, 12pm, 1pm, and 2pm (limited to 15 people/tour, first come first served)
 - Please call for updates and holiday closures

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Denver US Mint Tour

303-405-4761

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

<https://www.usmint.gov/learn/tours-and-locations/denver/tour-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) | 7:30am, 9am, 10:30pm, 12pm, 1:30pm, and 3pm
 - 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

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

National Renewable Energy Lab

303-384-6565

15013 Denver West Pkwy, Golden, CO

<https://www2.nrel.gov/about/energy-education>

- 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.

Lifetime Fishing License

<https://www.cpwshop.com/purchase-disability.page>

- Any Colorado resident who has a verifiable disability may obtain, free of charge, a Columbine Lifetime Fishing License. License holders will be exempt from purchasing a Habitat Stamp each year.
- License is valid once it is obtained as long as the individual is a resident of Colorado. Please visit the website for an application and information on submitting this.

Additional Discounts

<https://cdhs.colorado.gov/ebt-discounts>

- Households who receive SNAP benefits may be eligible for reduced cost of admission to many museums and activities throughout the area when presenting their EBT card. Please visit online to see the variety of options available!

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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://www.westminsterco.gov/specialevents>
- Lakewood Area Events: <https://www.lakewood.org/Events-directory>
- Littleton Area Events: <https://www.downtownlittleton.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://www.infinityparkatglendale.com/events/>
- 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 Free Concerts and 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/>
- 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 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, Stanley Lake

[Events | Jefferson County Public Library | BiblioCommons](#)

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

Gilpin County Public Library – Story Hour

303-582-5777

15131 Highway 119, Black Hawk, CO

<https://www.gilpinlibrary.org/>

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Clear Creek County Public Library – Story Hour

<https://cccl.d.org/>

- Many different classes and events available, 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

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