



2026 SUMMER FUN

CHECKLIST

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FREE FUN!

BIG SUMMER FUN

- Play at the IMS Museum
- Watch a movie under the stars
- Catch a bargain big-screen flick
- Dance to the summer soundtrack
- Find a new fireworks spot
- Take a one-tank family road trip
- See Feast of Lanterns shine
- Beat the heat with indoor thrills
- Make it an amusement park day
- Take on a waterpark adventure
- Indiana State Fair like a pro
- Get gloriously messy at Mud Day
- Hunt for tiny fairy homes
- Hop aboard a real train ride
- Ride the rails, kid-sized
- Marvel at Mr. Muffin's trains
- Bring a stuffed friend for a checkup
- Make summer magic for others
- Spend a day with dinosaurs

CREATIVE DAYS

- Make it a museum day
- Play in an art park
- Explore First Friday art night
- Take a mural walk
- Make art for free
- Create something cool
- Find the musical swings
- Watch live theater
- Join a summer reading program
- Find a favorite bookstore
- Pick a favorite library
- Take a story walk
- Visit the Young Readers Center
- Try a free kids workshop
- Chalk up the sidewalks
- Hit the pavement for a walking tour

EATS AND TREATS

- Go on a donut crawl
- Chase a frozen treat
- Make pizza memories
- Try a techy restaurant
- Eat at a retro diner
- Find a sweet stop
- Picnic with your peeps
- Have a treat with cats
- Eat at a themed restaurant
- Go where kids eat free
- Dine at a patio restaurant

ACTION-PACKED FUN

- Chase IndyCar adventures
- Cheer on the home team
- Spend a day at Colts camp
- Tour the Colts' home field
- Picnic at a polo match
- Watch school buses race
- Try pickleball
- Play a round of golf with a twist
- See soapbox cars race downhill
- Take aim with archery
- Plan a family game day or night
- Bowl for free all summer
- Putt your way through summer
- Play inside for free
- Climb aboard big trucks
- Visit the weirdest places
- Play at Midtown Carmel
- Laugh it up at ComedySportz
- Paddle a peaceful waterway
- Get your thrills at White Rock Park

ADVENTURE DAYS

- Splash-pad through the day
- Make a pool day of it
- Hit the beach
- Lake life for a day
- Float the river
- Stomp through a creek
- Chase a waterfall
- Take a kid-friendly hike
- Park hop
- Play on Monument Circle
- Explore a nature center
- Earn State Park Pins & Patches
- Wander through a garden
- Spend a day on the farm
- Attend the Water Lantern Festival
- Zip through the trees
- Try kid-friendly fishing
- Let a kite take flight
- Stay up for the stars
- Go on a fossil hunt
- Explore an Indiana cave
- Roll into a bike adventure
- Pick a field of flowers
- Go strawberry picking
- Make it a blueberry day
- Buzz over to a honey farm
- Stroll a farmers market
- Join the strawberry festival fun
- Watch airplanes take flight
- Wander a historic cemetery
- Break a world record
- Go on a family scavenger hunt
- Take a rail bike adventure
- Explore a local college campus
- Climb the Monument