

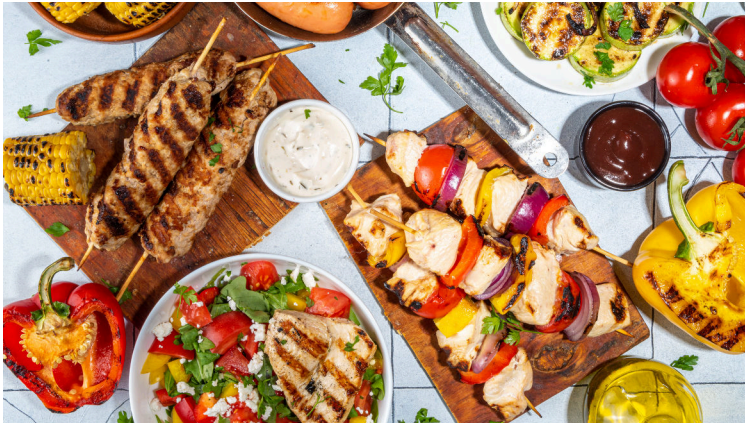
————— SUMMER 2023 —————

Looking for things to do close to home this summer?

HERE ARE SOME FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES
THAT ARE HAPPENING IN CT !



JULY EVENTS



JULY 1: HARTFORD, CT

Connecticut Museum - Backyard BBQ

Get ready for summer barbecues with this event! Families will decorate their own chef hats to wear, and decorate a cookbook filled with refreshing, summery recipes. This is a drop-in activity great for all ages, no need to pre-register.

FREE EVENT

<https://chs.org/event/familyprogrambarbecues/>

JULY 3: MANCHESTER, CT

Manchester Library - Family Game Night

Game night for ages six and up. Learn some new games, play some old favorites, spend time with family and friends, and unplug. Board game librarian Jenn will be on hand to teach new games. Pizza and light refreshments to be served.

FREE EVENT

<https://www.manchesterct.gov/Government/Departments/Library/Program-Calendar/Family-Game-Night-July-2023>

JULY 10: ESSEX, CT

CT River Museum - Sensory Friendly Day

Exhibits with loud noises and bright lights are modified and sensory friendly items are present including beanbag chairs and fidget toys. A quiet room is set up to allow visitors to decompress and take a break.

ADULTS \$12 | CHILDREN AGES 6-12 \$8 | CHILDREN UNDER 6 \$2

<https://ctrivermuseum.org/sensory-friendly-days/>

JULY 13-16: HARTFORD, CT

Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz

This festival has live jazz at the Performance Pavilion, featuring great artists from around the world. Connecticut's State Capitol Building and Hartford's skyline provide a beautiful, dramatic backdrop as the sun sets & the stars rise.

FREE ADMISSION | FOOD, DRINKS, ETC ARE AN EXTRA COST

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

JULY 14, 23: TORRINGTON, CT

KidsPlay - Sensory Friendly Inclusive Playtime

A sensory-friendly and judgement-free environment for play and learning. Register online!

PLAYTIME TICKETS \$2 | ADDITIONAL MEMBERS FREE

<https://kidsplaymuseum.org/events/>

JULY 17, 24, 31: AVON, CT

Avon Library - Summer LEGO Club

Come create your own LEGO masterpiece at this event! For children 6-12. The library will provide LEGOS for this program. Register online!

FREE EVENT

<https://www.avonctlibrary.info/event/summer-lego-club/>

JULY 18, 20: TRUMBULL, CT

Rockwell Dance - Free Summer Dance Classes

Summer Dance Classes in July and August for dancers ages 3-21! Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Pre Ballet & Tap, Ballet & Tap, Kids Bop. Register online!

FREE EVENT

<https://www.rockwelldancecenter.com/free-summer-classes>

JULY 21: BERLIN, CT

Autism Families CT - Friday Night Teen Social

A monthly program where teens ages 14-21 can hang out, play games, sing, and dance with their friends. We'll be decorating cookies and movie themed activities. Register online!

\$15 PROGRAM COST

<http://www.autismfamiliesct.org/events/friday-night-teen-social-july-2023/>

JULY 26-29: VERNON, CT

Vernon's 15th Annual "Summer Days" Carnival

100% of the net proceeds of this event benefit underprivileged children within the community. The carnival includes a food court and various ticket-based rides.

FREE ADMISSION | RIDES, FOOD, DRINKS, ETC ARE AN EXTRA COST

https://allevents.in/mobile/amp-event.php?event_id=200024679317732

JULY 30: NORWICH, CT

Norwich Little League - Kid's Fun Fest

Kids Activities, Bounce Houses, Games, Food Trucks, Music, Vendors, Petting Zoo, and Spider-Man will be there all day!

FREE ADMISSION | FOOD, DRINKS, ETC ARE AN EXTRA COST

<https://kidtivity.com/event/kids-fun-fest-2/>

AUGUST EVENTS



AUGUST 5: PUTNAM, CT

Church of Putnam - Super Hero Day Breakfast

Various Superheroes will be popping into breakfast at this event, bring your cameras! Contact 860-481-2519 to purchase tickets.

ADULTS \$12 | CHILDREN AGES 5-12 \$6 | CHILDREN UNDER 5 ARE FREE

https://allevents.in/mobile/amp-event.php?event_id=200024679289136

AUGUST 7: HARTFORD, CT

CT Science Center - Sensory Friendly Day

The museum's lights are turned down, extra sounds are limited, and distracting motions are stopped. Extra signage is also added to help visitors determine if an exhibit will have any triggers.

TICKETS \$17.95 | 1:1 AIDS ARE FREE

<https://ctsciencecenter.org/events/>

AUGUST 7, 9: TRUMBULL, CT

Rockwell Dance - Free Summer Dance Classes

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FREE EVENT

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AUGUST 11, 27: TORRINGTON, CT

KidsPlay - Sensory Friendly Inclusive Playtime

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PLAYTIME TICKETS \$2 | ADDITIONAL MEMBERS FREE

<https://kidsplaymuseum.org/events/>

AUGUST 18: WASHINGTON DEPOT, CT

Judy Black Park - Summer Family Movies

A special Summer Family Movie at the park for a showing of "The Secret Life of Pets!" BYO blankets, chairs, food and beverages. Leashed pets are allowed and the movie rolls at dusk.

FREE EVENT

<https://judyblackpark.org/events>

AUGUST 18: HARTFORD, CT

Hartford.com - Pratt Street Salsa Social

Unlike a concert or performance event – everyone who comes to this event becomes a part of the fun. Dancers, kids, grandparents, professional instructors, and the audience all experience the energy and celebration of cultural pride. This event is open to all!

FREE EVENT

<https://hartford.com/events-calendar/august-pratt-street-salsa-social/>

AUGUST 19: HARTFORD, CT

Riverfront - Dragon Boat & Asian Festival

At this family-friendly event, celebrate Asian & Pacific Island cultures through traditional music & dance, hands-on art activities, food, & martial arts. Dragon boat races are back again!

FREE ADMISSION | FOOD, DRINKS, ETC ARE AN EXTRA COST

<https://riverfront.org/events/riverfront-asian-festival/>

AUGUST 19: BRISTOL, CT

Rockwell Park Summer Festival

Great Family Friendly event with 150 vendors, crafts and artists, local organizations, car show, bands, food trucks and Kids Zone! Free shuttle bus service from the Dollar General parking lot.

FREE ADMISSION | FOOD, DRINKS, ETC ARE AN EXTRA COST

<http://www.westendbristol.org/rockwell-park-summer-festival-2023/>

AUGUST 26: NAUGATUCK, CT

The Naugatuck Food Truck Festival on the Green

Enjoy your pick of yummy treats from food trucks as well as other food vendors on the Green. For kids there's touch-a-truck, music, and entertainment. All proceeds will benefit the Naugatuck Valley Soup Kitchen, an organization helping to alleviate hunger in the area.

FREE ADMISSION | FOOD, DRINKS, ETC ARE AN EXTRA COST

<https://www.facebook.com/NaugatuckFoodTruck>

ANYTIME ACTIVITIES



VARIOUS TOWNS, CT

AMC Movie Theatres - Sensory Friendly Films

AMC theatres offers unique movie showings where the lights are up and the sound is down so you can get up, dance, walk, or sing! Purchase your tickets online.

TICKETS STARTING AT \$6

<https://www.amctheatres.com/programs/sensory-friendly-films>

WEST HARTFORD, CT

Elizabeth Park

Elizabeth Park is on the national register of historic places. Elizabeth Park offers over 100 acres of formal gardens, green space, recreational facilities, walking loops, the Pond House Café and occasional performances in the park. Come enjoy the beauty of the gardens and grounds. Bring your camera!

FREE

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

GRISWOLD, CT

Buttonwood Farm

Buttonwood Farm is famous for farm fresh ice cream and growing sunflowers for a good cause.

FREE ADMISSION | ACTIVITIES ARE AN EXTRA \$3 COST EACH

<https://www.buttonwoodfarmicecream.com/>

ROCKY HILL, CT

Dinosaur State Park

Dinosaur State Park & Arboretum is a state-owned natural history preserve occupying 80 acres. The state park protects one of the largest dinosaur track sites in North America.

ADULTS \$6 | CHILDREN AGES 6-12 \$2 | CHILDREN UNDER 6 ARE FREE

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

HARTFORD, CT

Yard Goats Game

Come support the Hartford Yard Goats in Minor League Baseball game.

TICKETS START AT \$6 | FOOD, DRINKS, ETC ARE AN EXTRA COST

<https://www.milb.com/hartford>

DANBURY, CT

Tarrywile Park

Explore the 722-acre park with trails, ponds, a lake, and picnic spots. Frolic in scenic fields, hike woodland trails, admire Tarrywile Mansion's architecture, and discover the enchanting ruins of Hearthstone Castle.

FREE

<https://tarrywile.com/the-park/>

STORRS, CT

UConn Animal Barns

UConn is the home to dozens of Holstein and Jersey cows, sheep, and horses for their Department of Animal Science program. This is not a petting zoo so make sure not to feed the animals. Make sure to stop by the Dairy Bar for some of the best ice cream in Connecticut!

FREE | DAIRY BAR ICE CREAM IS AN EXTRA COST

<https://animalscience.cahnr.uconn.edu/animal-barns/>

NEW HAVEN, CT

Pardee Rose Gardens

It is the perfect time to go out and the natural beauty at Pardee Rose gardens. Explore the two full acres of greenery perfect for a stroll and perfectly accessible.

FREE

<https://animalscience.cahnr.uconn.edu/animal-barns/>

MYSTIC, CT

Mystic Seaport

You'll find accessible buildings, restrooms, roads and a museum throughout the Seaport, as well as reduced admission for some special needs visitors.

FREE LOCATION | VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES ARE AN EXTRA COST

<http://mysticseaport.org/explore/village/>

ANYWHERE, CT

Local Library

Check out your local library or their website for free events, performances, programs, crafts, & much more!

FREE