

AREA ACTIVITIES FOR TOTS

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Music & Play



Deals and Tips:

- Check your local library for passes for discounts for places to go and community story hours.
- Check with your town's recreation department for a listing of classes and events. They usually have something for everyone.
- Look into purchasing memberships - they frequently include other facilities in the area and across the country.
- Bank of America runs a "Museums on Us" program each May providing free membership to 51 of the finest museums and cultural institutions in the Northeast. Includes Children's Museum, Museum of Science, Stone Zoo and Drumlin Farms.
- Local elementary schools can be another great playground option during non-school time for older tots.
- Check your local paper for family events. Most of them occur in the Spring and Fall.
- Sign up for the free weekly Boston Family Activities Newsletter on BostonCentral.com for a listing of area events.

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| PLACES TO GO - MUSEUMS & THEATERS | | | | | | |
| Acton | Children's Discovery Museum | Filled with exciting, interactive exhibits for children of all ages using focused spaces and hands-on activities inviting exploration and discovery. New Exhibit - Sensory Exploration for Infants and Toddlers: Sensations is a visually stimulating environment, packed with sights and sounds, textures and patterns. The exhibit provides sensory experiences for infants and toddlers and encourages safe exploration with the guidance of an adult caregiver. Also older kids can visit the Discovery Science Museum - combo rate available. | Child and Adult \$8, <1 Year free, Seniors \$7 | Thursdays - Sundays 9-4:30, Monday-Wednesday 1-4:30, except school vacation weeks | www.discoverymuseums.org 177 Main Street Acton, MA 01720 978.264.4200 | |
| Boston | Boston Children's Museum | Boston Children's Museum provides an early museum experience to help children grow up self-confident with a respect for others and the natural world. As the pioneer of hands-on learning in the 1960's, the Museum supports learning by providing real objects and direct experiences that encourage imagination, curiosity, and questioning. | Adults: \$9.00. Seniors(65+): \$7.00, Child (2-15): \$7. Child (1): \$2. <1 free Special \$1.00 Admission Friday Nights from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Daily: 10 am-5 pm Fridays: 10 am-9 pm PlaySpace exhibit closes 1/2 hour before the rest of the Museum. | www.bostonkids.com 300 Congress St., Boston 617-426-8855 | Friday pm free entrance. Contained area for toddlers less than 3 yrs. Friday day time tends to be quiet. Check local library for passes. |
| Boston | Museum of Science | One of the world's largest science centers, the Museum of Science takes a hands-on approach to science, attracting approximately 1.5 million visitors a year through its vibrant programs and over 550 interactive exhibits. Ranked sixteenth among the "50 Overall Top-Rated Attractions" in the United States in the Zagat Survey U.S. Family Travel Guide and one of the top two science museums nationwide, the Museum was founded in 1830 and was first to embrace all the sciences under one roof. Features include the Thomson Theater of Electricity, home of the world's largest air-insulated Van de Graaff generator; the Charles Hayden Planetarium; the Mugar Omni Theater, a 180-degree domed theater; and the Current Science & Technology Center (CS&T), which offers breaking news stories to the public with interpretation by Museum staff. | Exhibit Halls Adult \$14, Children \$11 Omni theater, Planetarium, and Laser extra. | 9-5, Friday open 9-9 | www.mos.org Science Park at the Charles River Dam (off Rte 28), Boston 617-723-2500 | Check library for discount tickets. Food court has great view of Charles River. Check website for latest exhibits. |
| Brookline | Puppet Showplace | The Puppet Showplace Theatre (PST) is a non-profit performing arts organization committed to excellence in puppetry for all audiences. As the first puppetry center in New England, they strive to promote and present the magical world of puppet theatre to a broad community; to educate and enlighten audiences of all ages, abilities and backgrounds about this ancient, worldwide theatre; to share our passion for puppetry as a vital, living art. TOT Shows are recommended for preschoolers, ages three to six. Weekend shows are recommended for varying age ranges. | \$8.50 Reservations Strongly Recommended | Tot Shows Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 am Weekend Shows Saturdays & Sundays at 1 & 3 pm | www.puppetshowplace.org 32 Station Street Brookline MA 02445 617.731.6400 | |
| Brookline | Larz Anderson Auto Museum - Museum of Transportation | Unique collection of automobiles housed at the estate of Isabelle and Larz Anderson. Learn about the collection, the estate and the Andersons. | \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, free for children under 6 years. | Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. | www.mot.org 15 Newton St., Brookline (617) 522-6547 | Has lots of stuff for kids to climb on. |

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| Easton | Children's Museum in Easton | Housed in the Old Fire Station in the Museum offers interactive exhibits in the arts, sciences and the humanities for children and families to explore together. Changing themes and Exhibits, always something new to see or do. Classes and Workshops for children of all ages, Group rates available, Parent resource library and parenting workshops, Family oriented Special Events, Birthday and Private Parties. Gift Shop: Unique educational games and toys. Picnic Area, Butterfly Garden and outdoor exhibits. | \$3.50 per person, Children under 1 are free | Tues-Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5. Closed Mondays. Call ahead for holiday or school vacation hours. | www.childrensmuseumineaston.org 9 Sullivan Ave North Easton., MA 508-230-3789 | Lots of pretend play areas for kids, face painting. Offers drop-in program for new parents or parents new to area on Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., hosted by parent volunteers. Complimentary coffee, juices and snacks. A parent resource library of books and videos, a babysitters bulletin board and other resources are available. Held every Monday except school vacation days and holidays. No reservations required. Free with museum admission. |
| Milton | Blue Hills Trailside Museum | The interpretive center for the state's 7,000-acre Blue Hills Reservation and is managed by Mass Audubon. Indoor exhibits feature wildlife you may see while exploring the reservation's 150 miles of trails. Outside the museum, stroll through exhibits featuring native wildlife such as red foxes, white-tailed deer, river otters, and a snowy owl. | \$3 for nonmember adults; \$1.50 for nonmember children (3-12); \$2 for nonmember seniors | Nature Center: Wed - Sun, and Monday holidays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trails: Open every day, dawn to dusk. | 1904 Canton Ave., Milton 617-333-0690 http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Blue_Hills/ | Some stroller friendly trails. |
| Pembroke | South Shore Children's Museum | Interactive exhibits including a giant sand pendulum, a "Bubble Wall", a 200-gallon fish tank, and a Jurassic sandbox. | \$4 | Monday - Saturday 9:30-6, Sunday 12-6 | Brigantine Village, Route 139 Pembroke 781-829-6999 | |
| Providence, Rhode Island | Children's Museum | Providence Children's Museum is an active place where kids and grown ups play and learn together. Located in Providence's Jewelry District, the Museum presents hands-on exhibit areas and lively programs designed for children ages 1 to 11 that explore the arts, culture, history and science. Exhibits and programs are based on the developmental needs of children and embrace a wide range of learning styles and forms of expression. | \$5.50 | Sept - Mar: Tues-Sun 9-6, Monday holidays and 3rd Friday - free after 5 p.m. April - Labor Day: daily 9-6, Friday evenings in June, July and August - free after 5 p.m. | 100 South St., Providence, RI 401-273-5437 www.childrensmuseum.org | More managable than Boston |
| Weymouth | Child's Play Museum | Interactive playspace | \$4,50 | 6 Days week | 293 Libbey Industrial Pkwy (R3) Weymouth, MA (781) 337-7920 | |

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| PLACES TO GO - PLAYSPACES (INDOORS) | | | | | | |
| Canton | Tot Plex | Indoor Play Space hours are Monday thru Friday from 9-2. Play on our Undersea Adventure, climbers, slides, cars or full size moonwalk. Equipment is organized into age appropriate groupings. On site café serving breakfast, lunch and snacks. Tumble Tots Gym classes also available. (\$96/8 weeks) | \$7/child, discounts for siblings Monthly memberships available. | Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 2 pm. Closed on school holidays and when Canton Public has Emergency Closings | www.totplex.com 5 Carver Circle Canton, MA 02021 781 821-0304 ext 34 | On Stoughton Randolph Canton line, R139 just this side of R24 (vs BJ's side). Look for free pass in Parents Paper. Can be really busy, easy to lose sight of your child |
| Millis | Crown Family Fun Center | Candlepin bowling with a kids' hour early evening, put on UV lights and there's luminous Disney characters that you can see. Also put up the bumpers so the bowling balls don't go into the gulleys | \$4/child | | (508) 376-1101 1170 Main Str Millis, MA 02054 | |
| Natick | Natick Mall | Kids placespace and Kiddie rides located in foodcourt area. | Free | Mall Hours | 1245 Worcester Street, Natick, MA (Rt. 9 Westbound) Phone: (508) 655-4800 www.natickmall.com | Challenging trying to feed toddlers with so much for them to do! |
| Needham | Needham Bowl-A-Way | With only eight candlepin lanes, it's like bowling in your family's basement rec room. Each lane can have bumpers raised. | | | www.needhambowlaway.com 16 Chestnut St.781-444- 9614 | Next to a dentist's office just off the village green. |
| Newton/Chestnut Hill | Atrium Mall | Clubhouse on the 4th floor has plastic houses, climbing structures, teeter-totters and more for kids. | Free. Kids can join the "Kidgits" club for \$5 to get discounts on craft kits and in some mall shops, notice of special events. | Mall Hours | 300 Boylston St. (Rt 9 Eastbound), Chestnut Hill (617) 527-1400 www.simon.com | Great rainy day spot, but go early, can get crowded. |
| Norton | The Ultimate Party & Play Place | R123 behind Legends Restaurant. \$5 per child, unlimited time. Indoor playground. Free coffee & tea. Can get snacks. Parties on weekends. | \$5 per child Unlimited time. | check website - typically 9-6 Mon-Sat, weekends may close for parties | 184 West Main St. (rt 123) Norton, 02766 (508) 285-8510 www.ultimatepartyandplay.com | Very busy during school vacation week/holidays. |
| Norwood | Norwood Sports Center | Candle pin bowling; they will raise the bumpers on request, so the bowling balls don't go into the gulleys | Shoes \$1, Daytime is \$2.25 per person, per game, Evening is \$2.50 per person, per game. | Daily 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. - 10 p.m. | 65 Cottage St E Norwood, MA 02062 (781) 769-0606 | Candle pin bowling; they will raise the bumpers on request, so the bowling balls don't go into the gulleys |

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| Norwood | Kid's Club Funland | Has a large 2 story maze with tubes, tunnels, slides and an air pillow. Video games, mostly being redemption games which give tickets. You may redeem your tickets for prizes or save your tickets for a next visit | \$8 per Child + 4 tokens (Mon-Fri) \$10 per child + 10 tokens (Sat+Sun) \$1.00 per Adult + 1 free drink (Sat+Sun) | Monday–Thursday, 10 - 8; Friday & Saturday, 10 - 9; Sunday, 12 - 8 | http://www.kidsclubfunland.net/ Route 1 - 500 Providence Turnpike Norwood, MA 02062 Phone: (781) 762-7007 | Security – child and adult have stamp on hand, and when leaving child's and adult's stamps have to be the same or adult is not allowed to take child |
| Walpole | Walpole Mall | Great 2:1 location with a carousel of tot rides (50 cents each, but smaller tots are happy just to sit inside and pretend). Barnes and Nobles has great children's section with story hours. There is also a Papa Gino's to grab a quick bite. | Free | Mall Hours | The Walpole Mall 90 Providence Highway Walpole, MA 02032 Route 1 and 27 | |
| Walpole | YMCA | Has a great indoor playground. Also offers Toddler's gym time from 1-3 p.m. | \$2.00 per child (non-members), Child only memberships available. | Monday - Thursday: 5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Friday: 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday: 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. | www.ymcaboston.org 1034 East Street Walpole, MA 02081 [508] 668 1098 | |
| Westwood | New England Sports Academy | Open gym on Sundays. Mostly geared toward pre-school and older children. | \$20/family | 8:30-11:30 on Sundays | www.nesacademy.com 345 University Avenue Westwood MA 02090 Just down the road from the 128 MBTA station 781-493-6345 | |
| Woburn | Children's Playground | Younger kids can enjoy toddler town. 16,500 square feet of fabulous adventure in the largest indoor playground in New England with no video games, arcades or tokens! No outside food or drink, socks must be worn. | Walking to 18 years - \$7.99 Each Adult accompanying children - \$3.00 Mini Golf FREE with admission! | Mon-Wed 10-6, Thurs 10-7, Fri 10-8, Sat 9:30-8, Sun 11-7 | www.kidsplayground.com 15 Normac Road, Woburn, MA, 01801 Phone: 781-935-2300 | Voted: 'Best Indoor Playground' by the Boston Parents Plus & Community Newspaper Groups for two years in a row. Exit just before R93. Dress up, structures. Cater for birthday parties. Reasonably priced. |

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| PLACES TO GO - ZOOS & AQUARIUMS | | | | | | |
| Boston | Franklin Park Zoo | 72 acres and park-like open play space. Offers lots of the animals found in your toddler's alphabet books including kangaroos, lions, ostriches, lions and zebras. The Farmyard area provides hands-on contact with the more commonly seen farm animals. Kalahari Kingdom, an awesome Lion habitat where you can really see lions up close (through glass of course!). The Butterfly Landing, open seasonally, is filled with over 1000 butterflies and is a must-see. Kids will also like the African Tropical Forest Habitat where they'll see Gorillas at play, and don't miss the Australian Outback where you'll come face to face with wonderful Red Kangaroos. Food available and picnic areas. | Adults - \$9.50 Children (2-15) - \$5.00 Under 2 - Free Seniors - \$8.00 Butterfly Landing - \$1.00* 1/2 price on 1st Saturday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. | 4/1-9/30: Weekdays: 10:00am to 5:00 pm, Weekends: (Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day): 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. 10/1-3/31: Daily: 10:00am to 4:00pm | www.zoonewengland.com One Franklin Park Road, Boston, MA Phone: 617-541-5466 | Super indoor tropical jungle with gorilla and monkey exhibits. Safe parking. |
| Boston | New England Aquarium | The mission of the New England Aquarium is to increase understanding of aquatic life and environments, to enable people to act to conserve the world of water, and to provide leadership for the preservation and sustainable use of aquatic resources. Exhibits showcase the diversity, importance and beauty of aquatic life and habitats, and highlight critical aquatic conservation issues. Programs emphasize species, habitats, and issues critical to New England. | Adult \$16, Child 3-11 \$9 Senior \$14 | M-F 9-5, Sat and Sun 9-5 | www.neaq.org Central Wharf, Boston (waterfront/financial district, near fanuel hall) 617-973-5200 | During school, Mondays usually quieter in terms of school groups. During the summer, parents think Thursday is slower. Check if your local library has passes (not available during summer months). Good to do by train if your children are old enough. Parking is close by, but is very expensive. |
| Mendon | Southwick's Zoo | 300 acres of rolling countryside are home to one of the largest zoological collections of giraffes, lions, tigers, bears chimps and more. Many animals can be fed by children. There's a petting zoo with goats, liamas, sheep as well as a 35-acre deer forest. | Adult \$13.50, Child 3-12 \$9.50 Senior \$9.50 Seasonal pass (12 visits) \$85. | May - late October 10-5 daily | 2 Southwick Street Mendon, MA 508-883-9182 www.southwickszoo.com | Huge deer forest, enclosed, that you can walk in, can pet the deer as they are very tame) |
| New Bedford | Buttonwood Zoo | Nearly 200 species of animals are represented in the Buttonwood Park Zoo, ranging from tiny frogs to enormous elephants. Pony rides are available for a modest fee on a seasonal basis. The rides are usually available on the weekends in the spring and fall and every day of the week during the summer. Train rides around the zoo are now available on the "Zoo Choo Choo" on weekends, weather permitting. Rides are \$2 and the proceeds support educational programs and family events at the zoo. | Adult: \$5 Senior: \$3.75 Student: \$3.75 Child 3-12 yr: \$2.50; Child under 3: Free Family: \$15 (2 Adults and their children under 18) | Open every day (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day) from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (gates close at 4:30pm). | www.bpzoo.org 425 Hawthorn Street New Bedford, MA 02740 (508) 991-6178 Three minutes from I-195: Take exit 13A to Route 140 South. Cross Route 6 and continue south on Brownell Ave. Turn left on Hawthorn Street. Turn left at zoo entrance. Free Parking. | |

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| Providence, Rhode Island | Roger Williams Zoo | Home to hundreds of rare and fascinating animals from around the world including polar bears, snow leopards, moon bears, giraffes and elephants all in naturalistic settings. The zoo's population numbers over 1000 animals, with some 139 different species on display at any given time. | Adult \$10 Child 3-12 \$6 Seniors \$8 Masters of the Sky show Adult \$2 Child 3-12 \$1 Seniors \$2 | Fall/Winter 9-4 Spring/Summer: M-F 9 to 5 S-S and Holidays 9 to 6 | www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org 1000 Elmwood Avenue Providence, RI 02907 . 401-785-3510 | Passes available at local library year round. Zoo and play area are two separate day trips, too much to do in one visit. |
| South Attleboro | Capron Park Zoo | Recently renovated. Features Wildlife of the Americas, including North American River Otters, Great Horned Owl, Llamas and more. A Walk in the Dark exhibits a fascinating variety of nocturnal animals under special night-like conditions. Africa features animals like Meerkats, Black and White Ruffed Lemurs and Silvery-cheeked Hornbills. Tropical Rainforest a steamy paradise, features specimens from the exotic rainforests of Asia. Asian Wildlife including Sloth Bears, Snow Leopards and more. Gift Shop, Food Concession (open seasonally) features a diverse menu of quality refreshments, from frozen fruit drink to sandwiches to ice cream. | Over 13: \$3.50, 3-12: \$2, Seniors \$2 Attleboro residents receive discount. | Oct-April 10-4, April - Oct 9:30-5 | www.capronparkzoo.com 201 County Street Attleboro, MA 02703 508-222-3047 | Small, managable zoo. Playground area. Tends to be very sunny. High percentage of nocturnal animals, so be prepared for empty enclosures or sleeping critters. But the playground was fun for toddlers. Playground and the llamas were the high point of the trip. |
| Stoneham | Stone Zoo | A Touchable Barnyard that includes goats and sheep. Other animals to view include: African Crested Porcupine, Coatimundi, Colobus monkeys, Cougar, Coyote, Flamingos, Great Horned Owl, Jaguar, Llamas, Markhor goats, Mexican gray wolves, Peregrine Falcon, Snow leopards, Windows to the Wild. Train and Carousel Rides (seasonal). Food and Picnic tables available. Playground. Check out Zoolights over Thanksgiving - Dec 30th. | Adult \$6 Child 3-15 \$4 Senior \$5 Family Memberships \$45 | 10/1-3/31: 10-4 daily 4/1-9/30: M-F 10-5, Sat, Sun and Holidays 10-6 | 149 Pond Street Stoneham, MA 781-438-5100 www.zoonewengland.com | |

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| PLACES TO GO - OUTDOOR FUN | | | | | | |
| Boston | Swan Boats | Enjoy a peaceful 15 minute paddleboat cruise around the Boston Garden lagoon. The only boats of their kind in the world, inspired by the opera Lohengrin. Little has changed since they first graced the 24-acre gardens lagoons in 1877. Operated by descendants of Swan Boat founder Robert Paget, they are still propelled the old-fashioned way - by pedal power! | \$2.50 Adult, \$1 Child (2-15) | Patriots Day to Labor Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 21st to Labor Day open until 5 pm. | www.swanboats.com 617-522-1966 Boston Public Garden | Great fun. |
| Boston | Castle Island | Great views of Boston Harbor and Logan International Airport. Sullivan's take-out only restaurant (seasonal) is located at the base of the castle, and is very popular with the local residents. Public restrooms are also available on the island. Please note it can be very windy at Castle Island, so dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Playground for older children. Guided tours of Fort Independence at Castle Island are available to the public on weekends in June through August, from 12:00pm to 3:30pm. The tours are conducted by volunteers of the Castle Island Association, a local historic preservation entity. Purchasing historic souvenirs is encouraged to help fund this volunteer organization. | Free | Year round | | Great place to watch planes land and take off from Logan, also to watch the big ships going in and out of the harbor. Good hotdogs – not free) |
| Boston | Duck Tours | 80 minute tour of Boston given on a "DUCK", an authentic, renovated World War II amphibious landing vehicle. Tour includes all the places that make Boston the birthplace of freedom and a city of firsts, from the golden-domed State House to Bunker Hill and the Fleet Center, Boston Common and Copley Square to the Big Dig, Government Center to fashionable Newbury Street, Quincy Market to the Prudential Tower, and more. Just when you think you've seen it all, there's more. It's time for "Splashdown" as your ConDUCKtor splashes your DUCK right into the Charles River for a breathtaking view of the Boston and Cambridge skylines, the kind of view you just won't get anywhere else. | Adults \$25, Ages 3-11 \$16, under 3 \$3 | 3/28 - 11/27/05, 7 days a week. Tours begin at 9:00am and the last tour leaves an hour before sunset. Tours leave every 30 or 60 minutes, depending upon the season. | www.bostonducktours.com | Kids love it when they go into the water |
| Boston | Harbor Cruises | 3 Sightseeing Cruises include: U.S.S. Constitution Cruise (45 mins), Historic Sightseeing Cruise (90 mins) and Sunset Cruise (90 mins) Whale Watching and Other Specialty Cruises (Lighthouse Tours, Constitution Turn Around Cruises, etc.) also available. | Adults varies from \$12-\$20, Child varies from \$9-15. | Check website or call for latest schedule. Most cruises run from May 21st - Sept. 5th. Some longer. | www.bostonharborcruises.com Boston Harbor Cruises One Long Wharf Boston, MA 02110 Phone: 617-227-4321 or 1-877-SEE-WHALE (733-9425) | |
| Hopkinton | Hopkinton State Park | Located in the towns of Hopkinton and Ashland, Hopkinton State Park contains 1450 acres. Activities include bicycling, non-motorized boating, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and swimming. A group use area (50-175 people) which includes a pavilion, playing field, restrooms, picnic tables and a large grill is available by reservation during the summer. Reservations are accepted from the first business day of the calendar year until all dates are booked. | Free | | Rte. 85, Hopkinton 508 435-4303 www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/northeast/hpsp.htm | |
| Marlboro | Wayside Country Store Duck Pond | Ducks and Geese in a beautiful lake setting. Bring bread for your kids to feed the animals and lunch for yourselves to enjoy in the gazebo. | Free | Year round | 105 Boston Post Road (Route 20), Marlboro | |

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| Norfolk | Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary | An extensive boardwalk system allows you to follow along the edge of Teal Marsh for a great view of turtles, fish, muskrats, and great blue herons. The boardwalk leads to a grove of beech trees right in the middle of Kingfisher Pond, where wood ducks, black ducks, and Canada geese can often be seen. In the summer, keep an eye and ear out for the buzz of activity in the butterfly garden by the nature center. The sanctuary adjoins Bristol Blake State Reservation. | \$4 for nonmember adults; \$3 for nonmember children (3-12) and seniors | Nature Center: T-Friday, 9-5, Sat and Sun 10-4. July-August only: Also open on Monday, 9-5. Trails: Open every day, dawn to dusk. | www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Stony_Brook/index.php 108 North Street Norfolk, MA 02056 508-528-3140 | |
| North Attleboro | World War I Memorial Park & Petting Zoo | World War I Memorial Park - Hundreds of picnic sites, petting zoo with over 100 animals, ball-field complex, ski slope with two trails and j-bar lift, nature trails, balancing rock, look-out point. | Free | Dawn to Dusk, year round. | Elmwood Street North Attleboro, MA 02760 Elmwood runs between Route 1 and 106. www.naparkrec.com/wwi/index.asp | Shady! |
| Norwood | Norwood Airport | Norwood Memorial Airport has two runways, covering all four cardinal headings on the compass. Kids love to come and watch the planes take off and land. | Free | 24 hours/day | www.ci.norwood.ma.us/Airport/Default.htm | |
| Sharon | Moose Hill | Moose Hill is Mass Audubon's oldest sanctuary and one of the largest with nearly 2,000 acres. The 25-mile trail system brings you through diverse habitats— explore the red maple swamp via the boardwalk, observe amphibians at a vernal pool, or watch swallows catching insects in the meadows. Each season brings another opportunity to explore nature's wonders—enjoy a winter stroll, watch migrating warblers, or experience the beauty of the fall foliage. Our bird-feeding station and butterfly garden bring wildlife close to the nature center. Art exhibits are shown September through June, and the gift shop is open year-round. | \$4 for nonmember adults; \$3 for nonmember children (3-12) and seniors | Nature Center: M -F 9 - 5, Sat and Sun, 10 to 4. Trails: Open every day, dawn to dusk. | http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Moose_Hill/ 293 Moose Hill Street Sharon, MA 02067 781-784-5691 | Indoor & Outdoor activities in winter |
| Walpole | Adam's Farm | Approx. 700 acres of conservation land. Winter offers cross-county skiing. Hiking year round. Field behind the pig barn may offer sledding opportunities for toddlers and preschoolers. Spring offers the chance to get out and hike when the new growth offers the fresh start to the growing year and the arrival of the birds for their new start. In summer, the walks take you through the shaded paths all over the Farm. Fall is probably the most spectacular season from the viewpoint of changing color for which New England is famous. All of the seasons offer great photographic possibilities, each in their own way. Hiking, Cross-country Trail Running, Mountain Bike Trail Riding (non-motorized), Bird Watching, Nature Photography, Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Sledding for Children, Day Outings for Groups of All Kinds | Donations accepted. | | www.adamsfarm.net Access to Adams Farm is available off of North Street in Walpole, not far from Route 109. The main entrance offers a visitor kiosk with useful information such as trail maps, event information, and wildlife education. | Adams Farm is home to a significant white-tailed deer population. These beautiful animals carry and sustain the presence of the tiny, disease transmitting Deer Tick. Most abundant in Spring, Summer & Fall, the deer tick lives low in bushes and grasses and may be as small as the head of a pin. They recommend you inspect your dog(s) after every visit for hitchhiking pests. |
| Waltham | Gore Place | "Take a Walk": Explore the open spaces and hidden places on this 45-acre estate. With Gore Place's spring "activity packs", children and their accompanying adults visit the llama, sheep, goats and chickens on our farm. Each borrowed backpack contains binoculars, a magnifying glass, and activities appropriate for children ages 3-9. Just ring the bell at the Mansion to get your backpack and begin your spring adventure! | One hour backpack rental is \$5. Parking is free. | M-F 10-3, Sat-Sun 1-3 | www.goreplace.com 781-894-2798 52 Gore Street Waltham Massachusetts 02453-6866 | |
| Wellesley | Wellesley Duck Pond | Bring bread to feed to ducks, geese, pigeons and sparrows. The pond is enclosed with a fence with a path around it if you want to let the kids run around. Picnic and park benches. Walking distance to food, library. | Free | Year round | Washington St (Rt 16), Wellesley | Great place to feed birds. |

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| Weston | Norumbega Duck Feeding Area | Popular duck-feeding spot. The ducks gather next to the large parking area, which is also used by patrons of the Charles River Canoe and Kayak Service, located across the river. | Free | Year round | Opposite Newton Marriott Hotel | |
| Westwood | Hale Reservation | 1,100 acre tract of woodland which is open to the public for most (non-mechanized) recreational uses. Summer membership offers swimming, boating and arts & crafts lessons. Special events, campouts, nature programs, storytime, games, campfire sing-a-long and ropes course. | Free off season, Seasonal membership \$710 family. | | http://www.halereservation.org/ 80 Carby Street Westwood, MA 02090 Tel: 781-326-1770 | "Nature Jay" teaches about nature at the Education Center. Through Westwood Rec Dept |

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| PLACES TO GO - FARMS & ORCHARDS | | | | | | |
| Easton | NRT Sheep Pasture | Sheep Pasture is a 150 acre farm education center/wildlife sanctuary. The farm operation includes diverse livestock, hay fields, community gardens, actively managed forest and walking trails open to the public from dawn to dusk. Farmer's Market Spring and Fall, Annual Harvest and Craft Fair in October | Free | Dawn to Dusk, year round. | www.nrtofeaston.org (508) 238-6049 307 Main Street (138/Main) North Easton, MA 02356 | |
| Lincoln | Drumlin Farm | Large demonstration farm and sanctuary. Organic farm garden, farm animals, owls, night animals and chickens. There are fields, short trails and ponds. Hayrides available, weather permitting. Tales of the Night the Wednesday and Thursday before Halloween 6-8 p.m. The entire farm is decorated with pumpkins, lanterns, etc. You can go in costume. Animal exhibitions, haunted hayrides, story telling, and more. | \$6 for nonmember adults; \$4 for nonmember children (3-12) and seniors | Nov-Feb: Tues-Sun 9-4; Mar-Oct: Tues-Sun 10-5. Closed Mondays except holidays. | www.massaudubon.org/drumlin/ 208 South Great Road Lincoln, MA 01773 781-259-2200 | |
| Lincoln | Codman Community Farms | Working farm set on 19 acres with chickens, sheep, cows and pigs along with an impressive community garden. In the fall there is a Farmside Feast and Harvest Fair. Other community events include sheep shearing in March, a bi-annual gala auction and dinner in the spring, and a summer concert | Free | Open year round Mon.-Sat., 8 - 5:30 pm | Codman Road Lincoln, MA 781-259-0456 www.lincoln-ma.com/town_groups/codmanfarm.htm www.rjbird.com/ccg/ | |
| Millis | Tangerini Farm | Tangerini's Spring Street Farm is a 67 acre working family farm established in 1995 on land that had been in agriculture since the early 1800's. The farm's diverse operations include growing and selling a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, speciality cut flowers, perennials, hanging baskets, annuals and Christmas related items. The farm also has an ice cream shop, gift shop, and a Christmas shop. Family events are held regularly at the farm and our walking trail is open dawn to dusk. A greenhouse café serving light breakfasts, lunch and evening entrees as well a homemade baked goods opened in the summer of 2004. | | Walking trails open dawn to dusk. | 139 Spring Street, Millis, Ma. 02054 Phone: 508-376-5024 www.tangerinisfarm.com | Great place. Check website for calendar of events and classes. |
| Natick | Marino Lookout Farm | With so many great activities and events at Marino Lookout Farm it's the perfect place for family day trip entertainment. You can pick your own apples, Asian pears, strawberries, and peaches. Along with U-Pick, there is a farmer's market, petting zoo animals, train rides, pony rides, bee observatory, birthday parties, guided tours and more! Pay-By-The-Pound system. All fruit – apples, Asian Pears, peaches, is \$1.50 per pound. Bags are weighed upon check-out. Pints for raspberries and strawberries are \$4.00. Visit website for coupons. | Train ride (weekends) \$5.00 adult, \$4.00 child<12, <2 free; weekdays is \$4.00 adult, \$3.00 child<12, < 2 free. The petting zoo, hay play area, and bee observatory are free. Pony rides and caterpillar train rides are for kids 3 and older \$3. | U-Pick season is mid-August through late October. 10am - 5pm, 7 days a week. U-Pick strawberries in June. | South Natick, MA 01760 Phone Main number: 1-508-651-1539 www.outlookfarm.com | Beware of bees |

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| Needham | Owens Poultry Farm | Bring bread, carrots and/or popcorn to feed a variety of farm animals including: cow, calf, goat, baby goat, sheep, baby sheep, lammas, peacock and more.. Has on site store. | Free | Open year round Mon.- Sat., 8 - 5:30 pm | 585 Central Ave Needham, MA 02494 Phone: 781-444-1861 | Store has great reputation - especially for chicken pot pies. |
| Sharon | Ward's Berry Farm | Pick your own berries, pumpkins. Year round farm stand. Field crops include sweet corn, pumpkins, tomatoes, gourds, decorative corns, strawberries, blueberries, squashes, beans, peas, and root crops. | | Fields open every day except Wed., 9 am-6 pm. Free hayrides to the strawberry patch. | 614 South Main Street, Sharon, MA. Phone: 781-784-3600. Take Exit 8 off Route 95 South and go .5 miles East towards Sharon. Or from Cobb Corner, go about 5 miles West, straight through Sharon center. | |
| Sterling | Davis' Farmland - Family Farm Adventure | 150 year old family farm that is the country's largest exhibitor of endangered farm animals, many of which you can pet and feed. There is also a variety of themed play areas such as a pretend farm, water play, sand play and goat play. You can take a guided hayride or safari hayride through the animals or pack a picnic and eat in the picnic grove. Pony rides are available for \$2. | \$7.95 weekdays, \$8.95 weekends, Under 2 free, Seniors \$7, Season passes available. | Open April 12- Labor Day 9:30 - 4:30, Sept and Oct Thurs-Sunday 9:30-4:30 weather permitting. | Redstone Hill Road Sterling, MA 978-422-6666 www.davisfarmland.com | Hay maze, animals, playground, water facility. May have a lot of flies around at times. |
| Westford | Butterfly Place | An 3,100 sq ft indoor living glass atrium building which at any given time may contain up to 500 butterflies representing as many as 50 different species from around the world provide a living butterfly environment, complete with a caterpillar hatching area. It is planted primarily with colorful flowerling plants and shrubs to provide nectar for the butterflies. | Adults \$8.50 Seniors \$6.50 Children (3-12 years) \$6.00 Children (2 & under) Free | Open 2/14 - Columbus Day: 2/14 - 3/31 10-4; 4/1 - Columbus Day: 10-5 | http://www.butterflyplace-ma.com/ 120 Tyngsboro Road, Westford, MA 01886 (978) 392-0955 | Children under 3 MUST be in strollers, backpacks, carried or held by the hand. Sunny days are the best to go. |
| Wrentham | The Big Apple | Pick your own; blueberries, raspberries; apples, after Labor Day; hayride, donuts, cider, home made pies. | | Closes off season, opens in May or June. Call for info. | (508) 384-3055 207 Arnold St., Wrentham | |

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| PLACES TO GO - PLAYGROUNDS (OUTDOORS) | | | | | | |
| Canton | Ponkapoag Playground | Tiny tot swings, slide, merry-go-round, field house, older swings, tennis court, basketball area. | Free | Rec Dept Staff leaders available to assist children with activities 8:30-1:30 | Sutcliffe Avenue | |
| Canton | Memorial Playground | Water fountain, swings, slide, field house, horseshoe area, merry-go-round, arch climber, tiny-tot swings, 3 ball fields, arch climber, blacktopped area. | Free | | Reynolds Street | |
| Canton | Pequitside Play Area | Tot play area, swings and slide. Ball field and tennis court also available. Grills available. | Free | | Pleasant Street | No bathroom. |
| Dedham | Riverdale-Memorial-Condon-Paul-Greenlodge | Barnes Memorial Park on Eastern Avenue (14.7 Acres) Condon Park Bussey St (7.2 Acres) Paul Park Cedar Street (2.9 Acres) Fairbanks Park Rustcraft Road (14.2 Acres) Churchill Park Churchill Place (1.6 Acres) Gerish Park, Whiting Triangle, Hartnett Square Oakdale Square and East Dedham Passive Park. | Free | | | |
| Dover | Carlyl Park | It has a great playground, wonderful hiking and biking paths. It is 83 acres and also includes: baseball/softball, basketball, football/soccer, general play, hiking, horseback riding, nature observing, organized events, other-team, picnicking, tennis and walking/jogging. | Free | | Dedham Street, behind Tennis Courts, not visible from street. | |
| Medfield | Curve Street Playground | | Free | | Curve Street | |
| Medfield | Green Street Playground | | Free | | Green Street | |
| Medfield | Hinkley Playground | Nice playground for a wide range of toddlers and preschoolers. | Free | | Brooke Street off 109 near center of Medfield | Great playground, caters to a variety of ages. Not completely fenced. |
| Needham | Claxton Field | Tot lot, grills, softball | Free | | Central Avenue | |
| Needham | Cricket Field | Tot lot, soccer, softball | Free | | Hillside Avenue | |
| Needham | DeFazio Field | Tot lot, grills, soccer, baseball, outdoor skating | Free | | Dedham Avenue | |
| Needham | Mills Field | Tot lot, grills, baseball, basketball, tennis | Free | | Off Gould Street | |
| Needham | Perry Park | Tot lot, baseball, basketball | Free | | Beaufort Avenue | |
| Norfolk | Boardman Park | Toddler and preschooler playground. | Free | | On Boardman Street, between Main Street and Route 115 in Norfolk. | Great area for small kids, especially boys. Big sandbox |
| Norwood | Bond Street Playground | Tot lot. | Free | | Bond Street | Parking is tough. Gets very hot (no shade). Port-a-potty. |
| Norwood | Wilson Street Playground | Tot lot. | Free | | Wilson Street | |
| Norwood | Ellis Field | Baseball field. No bathrooms. | Free | | Cameron Road | |
| Plainville | 1A - across from Cumberland Farms | Picnic Tables, Sandbox | Free | | | |

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| Sharon | Dr. Walter Griffin Playground | Playground apparatus, basketball court, 4 softball diamonds, picnic area, handicapped accessible, Family Week monument. Parking. Playground building with rest room facilities, drinking water. | Free | | Ames Street (1 block east of Pond Street) | |
| Walpole | Bird Park | The park, covering 89 acres, has over 5 miles of walking paths, many unique footbridges, two ponds, wooded and open areas, an open-air stage called the Music Court, tennis courts, a roller blading / street hockey / basketball court, and two playgrounds with play equipment for children. The park provides a place for quiet relaxation; active organized sports take place at a nearby sister, property, Ellis Field, located at East and June Streets. | Free | | The main entrance to the park is located on Washington St. at June St. (across from Peggy Lawton's bakery). Parking is available in a parking area on Polley Lane (running between Washington St. and Old Post Road) | Great afternoon spot - sunny in the morning, good shade in afternoon. Gated tot lot area. Port-a-potty Occasionally gets crowded as local preschool/daycares use. |
| Walpole | Memorial Playground/Carolyn Woodward Playground. | There are 32.5 acres, including Memorial Pond, the Blackburn Building and parking lot, with the remainder used as a recreation park. Among the facilities are a children's Mini-Park (swings, etc.), a 60' baseball diamond with lights, one skating pond and shelter with lights, one jogging and walking trail, and a picnic area with grill. Playground is located next to the Town Pool. | Free | | Stone & School Streets. | Parking can be challenging during pool hours. |
| Westwood | Tot Lot | Managable gated area with great age appropriate equipment. Good Shade. Grass area for picnics in non-gated area. Can use restroom at Senior Center next door if needed. | Free | | Nahatan Street, Next to Westwood Senior Center, near Westwood High School and Thurston Middle School. | Parking can be tough when games are on at field behind lot. Can get crowded as some local preschools occasionally take kids to playground. Be careful of the gate near Nahatan Street. It does not secure well and kids can get out. |

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| PLACES TO COOL DOWN - POOLS & PONDS | | | | | | |
| Canton | Bolivar Swimming Pool | Run by the Canton Recreation Program open only to Canton Residents. Certified Red Cross Lifeguards will be on duty for your safety. Swim lessons available for tots. Facility has a limited parking area for approximately 30-35 cars for Canton Residents Only. | \$3/day or residents may purchase a season pass: Family \$40, Individual \$15, Individual Child \$10 | 7 days 1-6 p.m. | Located on Bolivar Street, approximately 1/2 mile from Washington Street. Recreation Office: 781-821-5030 | |
| Dedham | JuJu Mucciaccio Pool | At Dedham High School. Open year round. Contact Dedham Recreation Dept for more info 781-461-5990. | Adults \$4, Children \$1 | 6-8 a.m. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 5-9:30 p.m. | From Rte. 128 take Exit 15A Rte. 1 North and proceed to fourth set of lights and take a right. Follow through to two stop signs to Dedham H. S. which will be on the left. | |
| Medfield | Hinkley Pond | Man made pond. Opens June 24th. Medfield residents and non-residents alike may purchase a Hinkley Pond membership. Membership includes access to the swim pond with certified lifeguards, discounted swim lessons and certified instructors and many fun activities. | Daily guest fee: \$3/day. Individual Medfield resident \$25, non resident \$50. Family Membership for Medfield resident \$50, non resident \$100 | June and July: 9-6 M-F, 10-6 Sat and Sunday. August: 9-5 M-F, 11-5 Sat and Sunday. | Brooke Street off 109 near center of Medfield Parks and Recreation Department 508-359-2715 | Go early in the season, gets dirty later in summer. |
| Needham | Charles River YMCA | Family Programs, Babysitting, Classes offered. | Family Membership for YMCA is \$100 to join, monthly fee of \$62.50 for 1 parent, \$79 for 2 parents. | Pool Site: Mon, 6 am - 9:45pm, Tues, Thurs 5 am - 9:45 pm., Wed 6 am - 9pm, Fri 6 am - 8:45, Sat 6:30 am - 5:45 pm, Sun 7 am - 5:45 pm | Charles River YMCA 863 Great Plain Avenue Needham, MA 02192 [781] 444 6400 http://www.ymcaboston.org/ | |

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| Needham | Rosemary Pool | <p>Rosemary Pool is a 300 foot by 70 foot pool built into Rosemary Lake in 1972. The front length of the pool has shallow water, with appropriate level water for the very young. Sand surrounds the pool on both ends, and along the front section. A concrete pathway leads directly into the pool for swimmers with disabilities. The right half of the pool has lap lanes for swimming laps and water walking, and there is a diving section in the left section. A private concessionaire is open most public hours, and there is a picnic area adjacent to a small playground area. Showers are located in the bathhouse and just outside the bathhouse.</p> <p>The water in the pool comes from Rosemary Lake. It is carried through pipes to the Filter Room in the bathhouse where it is cleaned and chlorinated, and returned to the pool. The MA Department of Health has set standards for chlorine and ph levels, and the pool water is tested at least four times a day to insure compliance with those standards. The Needham Department of Health inspects the pool prior to season opening, and on an as-needed basis.</p> | <p>Non-Resident Season Pass available for \$270 Family, Individuals >2 \$130.</p> <p>Non-Resident Daily Pass \$8 (over 2), \$3 after 6 p.m., Guest Pass books can be bought 10 for \$70.</p> | <p>Season from June 17 - August 26, 2005 at 5:30 PM</p> <p>M-F 12:30-7:45 p.m., Sat-Sun 12:30-7:45 p.m.</p> | <p>www.town.needham.ma.us/ParkRec/ParkRecRosemaryPool.htm</p> <p>Directions: Take Highland Avenue to intersection of Rosemary Street. The Needham Public Library and Sudbury Grocery Store will be on the two corners. Turn onto Rosemary Street and cross over the railroad tracks. The upper parking lot will be immediately on your left, and the driveway to the lower lot and entrance is adjacent to the upper lot.</p> | |
| Norwood | Father Mac Pool | <p>Pool and Playground. Toddler swim lessons available.</p> <p>Currently, only for use by Norwood Residents. Norwood may place agreements with other towns, call for updated information. Unfortunately, Westwood will not have an agreement with Norwood for 2005.</p> | <p>Pool tag required. New rates due to budget cuts: Adult \$25, Child \$15, Family \$100 per season.</p> | <p>Opens June 25th.</p> <p>General Swim 1-7 p.m., Spray Park M-F 9-7, S-S 12-7 p.m.</p> | <p>Hawthorne Street, off of Winter Street - across from Cemetery.</p> <p>www.ci.norwood.ma.us/recreation/</p> <p>Norwood Rec Dept: 781-762-0466</p> | |
| Norwood | Hawes Pool | <p>Pool, Playground and Spray Park. Toddler swim lessons available.</p> <p>Currently, only for use by Norwood Residents. Norwood may place agreements with other towns, call for updated information. Unfortunately, Westwood will not have an agreement with Norwood for 2005.</p> | <p>Pool tag required. New rates due to budget cuts: Adult \$25, Child \$15, Family \$100 per season.</p> | <p>Opens June 25th.</p> <p>General Swim 1-7 p.m.</p> | <p>South Norwood on Route 1A, near Short Street.</p> <p>www.ci.norwood.ma.us/recreation/</p> <p>Norwood Rec Dept: 781-762-0466</p> | |
| Sharon | Lake Massapoag | Offers fishing, boating, swimming, sailing, camps, yacht club. | | | | |
| Sharon | Memorial Park Beach | Residents only beach. Bandstands, bathhouse, docks, lifeguards on duty, concession stand, swim lessons, picnic tables, parking. | | | Beach Street off Pond Street. | |
| Sharon | Community Center Beach | Lifeguard on duty, sailing lessons, picnic area, boat moorings, parking. | | | Off Massapoag Ave | |
| Stoughton | Ames Pond | Swimming lessons. For beach pass prices and lessons schedule, contact Recreation Office at Town Hall. | | | Highland Street | |

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| Walpole | Center Pool | Walpole's Center Pool Complex has pool, wading pool and adjacent playground. Operates June 25th through the week before Labor Day. Open to non-residents. | Residents \$35 per person for season. Non-residents \$60 per person for season. Purchase seasonal pass at rec dept. Daily fee \$7. | Wading pool is open 10-5 M-F, 11-6 Sat & Sun, Center Pool is open 1-5 M-F, 12-6 Sat & Sun | Center Pool Complex is located at Stone and School Streets. http://th.walpole.ma.us/Rec.htm (508) 660-7354 | |
| Walpole | South Walpole Pool | Opens June 27th. Open to non-residents. | Residents \$35 per person for season. Non-residents \$60 per person for season. Purchase seasonal pass at rec dept. Daily fee \$7. | Open M-F only 10-7. Available for rentals on weekends - contact rec dept. | South Pool is located at Jasons Path Road. http://th.walpole.ma.us/Rec.htm (508) 660-7354 | |
| Westwood | Hale Reservation | 1,100 acre tract of woodland which is open to the public for most (non-mechanized) recreational uses. Summer membership offers swimming, boating and arts & crafts lessons. Special events, campouts, nature programs, storytime, games, campfire sing-a-long and ropes course. 2005 Season: Saturday, May 28th through September 5th. | Seasonal membership \$710/family. | | http://www.halereservation.org/ 80 Carby Street Westwood, MA 02090 Tel: 781-326-1770 | |
| Westwood | Rec Center (High School Pool) | Pool will not be completed for 2005 season. Recreation Department working on some alternatives. Call for latest updates. | | | Recreation Dept 461-0070 recreation@townhall.westwood.ma.us www.townhall.westwood.ma.us | |
| Wrentham | Lake Pearl | Lake Pearl Park beach, operated by the Hockomock Area YMCA, is open seven days a week through Sept. 2 to residents and non-residents daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Swimming lessons offered. Boating lessons are also available. Boat rentals available. Group activities and a snack bar available. | Daily fee for adults is \$5, \$2 for senior citizens and children up to 14, \$10 for families and no fee for children under 2. Special memberships are available. | 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. | 508-695-7001 Located off Creek Street in Wrentham. | Beach is a bit stony. Lifeguard. Lots of shady picnic spots. |

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| Wrentham | Sweatt Beach | On Lake Pearl off Woolford Road is open to Wrentham, Norfolk and Plainville residents for swimming and recreation. | Daily fees for adults \$4, children \$3. | Weekdays 10-7 Seasonal passes available. | Signs off Route 140. On the other side of Lake Pearl. | Parking is no problem and it seems like it never gets really crowded. Lifeguards on duty. |

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| STORIES TO TELL - STORY HOURS & BOOKSTORE EVENTS | | | | | | |
| Canton | Village Toy Store | Special Events & Activities. Storytime for children 18 months and up on Wednesdays at 10:30am | Free | Wednesdays 10:30 | www.villagetoy.com 95 Washington St, Canton, 02021 - (781) 821-9374 | |
| Canton | Canton Public Library | Occasional Mom's Club of Canton meetings. Check website for events. | Free | Call or check website. | town.canton.ma.us/library 786 Washington St., Canton 781-821-5027 | |
| Dedham | Blue Bunny Bookshop | The Blue Bunny is run by the Reynolds family and offers favorite children's books, art supplies, toys, puppets, greeting cards, fine art, creativity workshops for all ages, and much more... including signed books and original artwork by Blue Bunny co-owner, children's book author/illustrator Peter H. Reynolds! | Free | Tues-Fri: 10a-6pm Sat: 10a-5pm Sun: Closed Mon: Closed | www.dedhambluebunny.com 593 High Street * Dedham Square * Dedham, MA 02026 USA * ph: 781-493-6568 | On Wednesday and Thursday (I believe they alternate) mornings there is a free story time which is followed by a (free) craft for the children. |
| Dedham | Dedham Public Library | Registration Required - check website for details. Tottime (Ages Birth-2) Prewalkers - Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., Upstairs, Walkers - Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Downstairs Toddler time (Ages 2 1/2 - 3 1/2), Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Downstairs Endicott Branch - 257 Mt. Vernon Street Toddler time (Ages 2 1/2 - 3 1/2), Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. and Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. | Free - Registration Required for all storytimes | See Description | Church Street Dedham (781) 751-9280 and Endicott Branch - 257 Mt. Vernon Street www.dedhamlibrary.org | |
| Easton | Village Toy Store | Special Events & Activities. Storytime for children 18 months and up on Tuesdays at 10:30am | Free | 10:30 on Tuesdays | www.villagetoy.com 285 Washington, Easton, 02334 - (508) 238-8697 | |
| Foxborough | Boyden Public Library | The Childrens' Department provides story time programs for youngsters from ages two to five. Call for more info - website not updated. | Free | Call | 10 Bird Street, Foxborough 508-543-1246 www.sailsinc.org/foxboro/boyden.htm | |
| Medfield | Medfield Public Library | The Children's Room is located on the Second Floor. It contains the children's collections, computers, play space, program / activity room, and the Children's Room Desk - home of the Children's Librarian. A brochure listing the current session's programs is available at the Children's Room Desk on the second floor and online. Weekday drop-in storytimes (no registration required) for children under 2 (currently Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30-11), 2 and 3 (Currently Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30-12) There are 2 or 3 entertainers including storytellers, musicians, magicians, science and animal shows each session. | Free | See Description | 468 Main Street • Medfield, MA 02052 508.359.4544 www.medfieldlibrary.org | |
| Norwood | Norwood Public Library | Children storytimes run weekly, need to register in advance. | Free | Call | 33 Walpole St., Norwood 781-769-0200 | |

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| Walpole | Barnes & Noble | Story hour – ages 3 and under. | Free | Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. | www.barnesandnobleinc.com Walpole Mall Rt 1 and 27 508-668-1303 | |
| Walpole | Walpole Public Library | Mondays - 10:30-11:00am, Bubbles, Bells & Books for the under 2 year olds. Lapsit style storytime with lots of fun for lots of tots! Drop-in. Tuesdays - Storytime for 2 & 3 Year Olds, 10:30am-11:00am. Parent/caregiver and child share stories & songs. Drop-in. Not every week - check online (events calendar) or call. For Walpole Residents only | Free | See Description | 65 Common St., Walpole 508-660-7340 www.walpole.ma.us/library.htm | |
| Westwood | Westwood Public Library - main branch | Mondays - Terrific Two's - 10:15-11 - Stories, songs, films and crafts. Registration Required. Tuesdays - 2 1/2 and up - 10:15-11 - Stories, songs, films, crafts. Registration Required. Fridays - Babies and Books - 10:10-10:30 and 11:10-11:30 - Short stories, songs, dance and puppets Not every week - check online (events calendar) or call. | Free | See Description | 668 High Street, Westwood - 781-326-7562 www.westwoodlibrary.org | |

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| FOOD TO EAT - RESTAURANT ENTERTAINMENT | | | | | | |
| Dedham | Papa Gino's | Clown at Papa Gino's on Route 1 - Thursday is kids night.. | Free | Thursdays 5:30-7 | 600 Providence Highway (Rt 1) Dedham Tel: 781-329-1946 www.papaginos.com | |
| Dedham | Joe's American Bar & Grill | Magician at Joe's American Bar and Grill Brunch. | Free | Sunday Brunch | 985 Providence Hwy, Dedham, MA (781) 329-0800 | |
| Foxboro | Funway Café | Has a variety of activities, many may be summer only. Inside is mostly video games. Tuesday • Kids Night • Bob the Balloon Man • \$5.25 Pizza and Sundae Bar • Four Game Room Tokens • Adults Pay \$8.25 | Free | Tuesday Evenings | 2 Washington Street • Foxboro, MA 02035 Route 1 • One Mile North of Gillette Stadium Phone: 508-668-2000 | |
| Needham | Sing-a-long at Finagle a Bagel, 946 Highland Ave. | Acclaimed musician Ed Morgan will perform a selection of original and classic children's songs at a Finagle A Bagel near you. Enjoy a bagel while your children sing along with Ed! | Free | Thursdays 5-6 pm | Ed (978) 567-8922/ Finagle (781) 444-8501 | |
| Newton/Chestnut Hill | Sing-a-long at Finagle a Bagel, 1240 Boylston St. (Rt 9, Across from Bloomingdales) | Acclaimed musician Ed Morgan will perform a selection of original and classic children's songs at a Finagle A Bagel near you. Enjoy a bagel while your children sing along with Ed! | Free | Tuesdays 5-6 pm | Ed (978) 567-8922/ Finagle (617) 738-0800 | |
| Norwood | McDonald's | Indoor playspace, movies, games, internet access. | Free | Store Hours | Located on Route One near University Ave on Norwood/Westwood Line. | |
| Walpole | McDonald's | Indoor playspace that is manageable for younger tots. | Free | Store Hours | Near Walpole Mall on Route 1. | |
| West Roxbury | Sing-a-long at Finagle a Bagel, 75 Spring Street | Acclaimed musician Ed Morgan will perform a selection of original and classic children's songs at a Finagle A Bagel near you. Enjoy a bagel while your children sing along with Ed! | Free | Tuesdays 10- 11 AM | Ed (978) 567-8922/ Finagle (617)327-7896 | |

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| CLASSES TO TAKE - MUSIC & PLAY | | | | | | |
| Canton | Gymboree | Play, Art and Music classes. Open play times for registered member and family members at no cost. | Classes start at \$175 for 12 weeks, plus \$25 one time family membership. | Varies - check web site. Call for PlayGym (open Gym times) | 95 Washington Street Canton, Massachusetts 02021 US Phone: (781) 828-6620 | Husband and Wife team run this and Medfield Gymboree and are wonderful. |
| Canton | Blue Hills Music Together | A research-based music program for young children with trained and licensed teachers. Parents attend classes with young children (no musical skills required). There is new music issued for each semester, including: songbook, CD, cassette tape, and parent guide. At each class, children are introduced to songs and live music, as well as creative movement with fun props, rhythms, tonal patterns, and opportunities to play instruments. Classes involve mixed age groups, birth to kindergarten, and children participate at their own level. | Tuition is \$110.00/child with a non-refundable registration fee of \$20.00 for newly registered families only. Discounted fee for sibling is \$80.00. Babies 8 months and younger attend free with a registered sibling. | varies - check website for classes | bluehillsmusicotogether.com First Parish Unitarian Church in Canton, MA Jill Malin 781 769 9827 | |
| Dedham | Music Together | Music and movement for children 0-5 Music Together classes meet for 45 minutes each week for 10 weeks. Ten children and their parents or caregivers (nanny, grandparent, babysitter) experience new songs, chants, movement activities, and instrumental jam sessions. Both adults and children sit in the circle and participate, led by a registered Music Together teacher. The teacher helps adults understand how to participate and conveys the importance of relaxing and enjoying the activities with their children. Parents, regardless of their background in music, learn to make music with their children. Each new semester families will receive a beautifully illustrated songbook, a professionally recorded CD and cassette tape to be used at home in order to carry over the musical environment outside of the class. | \$161 for first child and sibling fee is \$90.00. This includes a CD & tape and an illustrated songbook with activity suggestions for parents. | varies - check website for classes | www.mariannesmusicotogether.com Classes held at Yoga Now 282 Bussey St. Dedham and Allin Congregational Church 683 High St. Dedham Marianne Ryan 617-469-0669 | |
| Dedham | My Gym | Children's fitness center - movement classes example: Gymsters (20 months - 2.5 years) - Climbing a mountain, swinging on a trapeze, our toddlers develop their fine and gross motor coordination as they learn beginning gymnastics. Music, puppets, rides and irresistible group activities keep these little ones. Terrific Tots (2.5 - 3.5 years) - Listening and comprehension skills improve as we increase structure and add more challenging gymnastics and tumbling. Parental involvement is gradually decreased through enticing activities with love and understanding. | 12 week classes start at \$204 plus \$50 membership fee, sibling discounts. | varies - check website for classes | 781.320.9496 622 Washington St. Dedham, MA 02026 Jim Koert Katie Koert www.my-gym.com | 5:1 ratio, classes max at 15 kids, frequent equipment changes. Open gym sessions for enrolled members wed 12:12, 4:30, Thurs 11:15, siblings of enrolled members \$5 |

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| Easton | Kidz Planet Gymnastics | Mom & Me Gymnastic Classes W-F mornings for 1 hour for ages 1-3 | \$128 for 8 weeks (1/hour/week) Sibling Discounts | See website | 15 Plymouth Dr South Easton, MA 508-238-0439 www.kidzplanetgymnastics.com | Lots of sensory activities (trampolines around the outer wall, ropes to swing from). Separate room for party food (take your own). Gymnastics classes for kids. If you are a member of a Moms' Club you can go once per month for free (with Moms' club) |
| Holliston | Gymnastics Training Center | "Drop in" for specific ages. Around \$6 per hour | Call | Call | 16 Everett Street, PO Box 6046 Holliston, MA 1746 Phone: 508/429-7779 | |
| Medfield | Gymboree | Play, Art and Music classes. Open play times for registered member and family members at no cost. | Classes start at \$175 for 12 weeks, plus \$25 one time family membership. | Varies - check web site. Open Gym (PlayGym) Mon 12-2, Wed 3-5, Thurs 2-4 | 10 North Meadows Road Medfield, Massachusetts 02052 (508) 242-9988 www.gymboree.com, follow links to location | Husband and Wife team run this and Canton Gymboree and are wonderful. |
| Medway | The Little Gym | The Little Gym's unique curriculum offers your child a multitude of life enhancing benefits and will prepare them for a lifetime of success. While your child is building motor skills, they will also show improvement in social and intellectual skills. Your child will increase flexibility, balance and rhythm, and consequently improve self-esteem, and confidence. Listening skills, attention span and the ability to follow directions will improve. Finally, your child will become more confident, more willing to take risks, and challenge themselves in ways they never have before. | check website | check website | 74 Main St Medway, MA 02053 (508) 533-9405 www.tgmedway.com | Rave reviews from parents. Rolling enrolment – sign up for 20 week semester |
| North Attleboro | YMCA | Limited open gym hours for members. | Call | Call | 54 Amvet Blvd North Attleboro, MA 02760-1429 Phone: (508) 695-7294 | |
| Natick | Musical Munchkins | 8 week one day a week enrichment program for ages 2-4 includes activities with music, finger puppets, crafts and snacks. | \$112 | M-F 9-11 | Longfellow Sports Club, 203 Oak St. 508-653-4633 x 217 | |
| Needham | Blue Hills Music Together | A research-based music program for young children with trained and licensed teachers. Parents attend classes with young children (no musical skills required). There is new music issued for each semester, including: songbook, CD, cassette tape, and parent guide. At each class, children are introduced to songs and live music, as well as creative movement with fun props, rhythms, tonal patterns, and opportunities to play instruments. Classes involve mixed age groups, birth to kindergarten, and children participate at their own level. | \$175.00 per child w/\$20.00 for newly registered families only. Discounted fee for sibling is \$125.00 | varies - check website for classes | bluehillsmusicitogether.com Congregational Church of Needham in Needham, MA Jill Malin 781 769 9827 | |
| Needham | Creative Movements, 145 Rosemary Street, Needham | Dance, Art and Pre-school prep classes. Part of Bright Horizons. Also offer "Go-It-Alone" programs and assistance with seperation issues. Space available for birthday parties. | \$295-588 for 16 weeks \$35 annual family membership fee | varies | www.centers.brighthorizons.com/creativen/ | Complimentary class available. |

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| Norwood | Norwood Recreation Dept. | 10 week Tot Fitness classes for ages 2 year olds. Classes for older children also available. | \$60, individual and family memberships available. | Mondays and Wednesdays 10:45-11:30, check web sit for session dates. | www.norwoodrecreation.com 165 Nahatan Street, Norwood 781-762-0466 | |
| Norwood | Gymnastics Academy Of Boston/Norwood | Gym classes, probably better for 4 – 5 year olds. Cater for Birthday parties. Mommy & Me Class for 2 – 3 year olds. | Call | Call for schedule. | 95 Vanderbilt Ave. Norwood, MA 02062 781-769-6150 | Behind where Mad Maggies was. Gym classes, probably better for 4 – 5 year olds. Cater for Birthday parties. Mommy & Me Class for 2 – 3 year olds – register for a semester at a time. |
| Norwood | The Ponds | Indoor soccer field for children; Indoor Ice rink. Ice skating and soccer programs. Pond Lot Gym Session for 1 year old to 3½ year olds - Come play with your child in a structured environment. Have your child explore new ways to have fun, using their own physical abilities. Climb, crawl, bounce, rock, slide and many more fun activities will definitely bring a smile to all!!! Classes taught by an experienced instructor. Each session runs for 8 weeks. | Each session is \$85 with a registration fee of \$25 per family per year. | Wednesday 9:00 am. to 10:00 am. Fridays 10:00 am. to 11:00 am. | www.thepondsofnorwood.com 236 Access Road, Norwood 781-762-9055 | |
| Plainville | Gymboree | Has open gym for non-members some afternoons. | \$5 | Call for hours. | www.gymboree.com 13 Taunton, (Rt 152, same plaza as Dollar Store) Plainville, MA 02762 US Phone: 508-695-3838 | |
| Westwood | Marcie & Me | Offers structured creative play for infants, toddlers and their parents or caregivers called "edu-tainment." This wonderful concept of edu-tainment promotes creativity, bonding, curiosity, humor, challenge and gratification! It keeps babies and toddlers happy and occupied; it ensures that parents/caregivers are pro-active in their patterns of learning and succeeding. 80% re-enrollment rate. Drop off programs. | 8 - 10 week classes ranging from \$200-360, Sibling classes available for \$375 | varies - see website | www.marcieandme.com 615 High Street (Rt 109) Westwood 781.329-0778 | Run from private home, small sign. Bright and clean. Marcie was special ed teacher. |
| Westwood | Westwood Recreation Department | Recreational programs for ages 1-5. Seasonal brochures available with program listing. Westwood residents given preference, non-residents accepted if space available. | Nominal fees vary per program | Varies | Westwood High School 220 Nahatan St. contact Jane Murphy or Taryn Crocker 781-461-0070 | |