**AREA PARENT CHILD ACTIVITIES**

Young children learn constantly, soaking up experience from everything they do. Doing lots of activities with them is a great way to stimulate their growth and development, and to have fun together, too.    Activities at home are fun and very valuable for your young children-- the simple activities are often the best!

This list includes places you can visit with your child, as well as some regularly available activities you can take part in with your young children.

## Cheboygan County

| **Activity** | **Location** |
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| Cheboygan County Library  Books, tapes, videos,  Preschool Story Hour | Cheboygan  231 627-2381  Story hour 10 a.m. Thursdays at the library.  Children’s Librarian Sam King |
| Gordon Turner Cooperative Park  Playscape | Cheboygan |
| Indian River Cooperative Park  Tots Playscape | Indian River  Playscape at rear of park behind the soccer fields |
| Indian River Public Beach  Beach, play area (no fee) | Indian River |
| Wilson State Park  Beach, play area (daily fee) | Indian River |
| Indian River Area Public Library  Summer programs | 3546 S Straits Hwy Indian River 49749  231 238-8581 |
| Indian River Summer Fest:  family day at the beach, child oriented, usually third weekend in July | Indian River Public Beach  Information Chamber of Commerce |
| Old Fashioned Christmas  Family fun.  Friday night after Thanksgiving | Indian River Downtown  Information Chamber of Commerce |
| MOPS (Moms of Preschoolers)  Parent-Child Playgroup | Cheboygan |
| Wolverine Riverside Park  Playground and Playscape area | Wolverine |
| Wolverine Community Library  Books, public use computers  programs | Wolverine 5716 W. Main St.  231 525-8800 |
| Youth Soccer | Cheboygan  Indian River |

## Otsego County

| **Activity** | **Location** |
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| Otsego County Library  Books, public use computers  Story hours  Summer programs | Gaylord  700 S. Otsego Avenue 989 731-5841  Children’s Librarian Cathy Campbell |
| Otsego County Library  Books, public use computers  programs | Vanderbilt  8170 Mill St. Corwith Twp. Hall   989 983-3600 |
| Otsego County Library  Books, public use computers  programs | Johannesburg  10900 E. M-32 Johannesburg   989 732-3928 |
| Wolverine Community Library  Books, public use computers  programs | 5716 W. Main St. Wolverine  231 525-8800 |
| Otsego County Historical Museum | Downtown Gaylord  320 W Main St.    989 732-4568 |
| Otsego Area Family Fun Fair  Parent-Child event.  One Saturday in April | Held at Gaylord Middle School.  Information Sam Cornelius 231 238-9394 ext. 216 |
| Energy Outlet  Playscape | Gaylord.  At Otsego Sportsplex  1250 Gornick Ave. |
| Otsego Sportsplex  Ice skating, walking track, indoor swimming and wading pools, swimming and skating lessons.  (fee for use) | Gaylord  1250 Gornick Ave.  989 731-3546 |
| Otsego County Community Center  Gym, indoor games area, Classes, leagues, and activity programs.  Outdoor playground, tennis courts | Gaylord  315 South Center |
| Otsego County Park  Camping, swimming beaches, playground, picnic area, boat launch.  Occasional events include aircraft fly-in, etc.  (entry fee) | 1657 County Park Rd.  Gaylord  731-6448  Off West Otsego Lake Drive, South of Gaylord |
| Otsego Lake State Park  Camping, swimming beach, playground, picnic area, fishing, nature, children’s activities  (entry fee) | 7136 Old 27 South  Gaylord  732-5485 |
| Playgroup, parent-child, for young children  Also New Moms Group  Meets on Fridays, 10-11:30. (call to check on day and time) | At Community Center, Gaylord  Information Debbie O’Neill, 732-6867 or 731-0272 |
| Call of the Wild  Taxidermy museum with Michigan animals  (entry fee) | 850 S. Wisconsin,  Gaylord  732-4336 |
| Aspen Park  Mountain bike trails, paved biking/ walking paths through woods. | Gaylord, behind K-Mart. |
| Elk Viewing area  Fenced area to view live elk | Gaylord, by Elks Lodge, behind K-Mart, off S. Otsego Avenue |
| Little League  For children xxx and up. Enrollment fee  Can watch games for free | Gaylord  Fields at 288 Summitview Dr.   731-1787 |
| Youth Soccer  For children 5-6 and up.  Fall season for younger children.  Enrollment fee.  Can watch games for free | Gaylord  Games at soccer complex N. Ohio and Fairview |
| Otsego County Fair  Animals, exhibits, carnival, music and other events  A week in August     (entry fee) | Otsego County Fairground, Gaylord  Contact xxx |
| Home Depot Kids’ Clinics (scheduled occasionally)  Make small projects | Home Depot  W Main St. (M-32 W) Gaylord   989 705-8471 |
| Jimmy Juke Box  Arcade games include some for young children  (cost to play) | Gaylord, 610 S. Wisconsin Avenue  732-5099 |
| City Parks  Walking, picnic, some with play equipment | Doumas Park, Fourth Street and S. Maple.  Downtown "pocket' park, Main Street  Park behind old post office |
| Pigeon River Country State Forest  Hiking, x-c skiing, elk viewing, driving tours, rustic and primitive camping, beaches, fishing.   Note non-motorized areas. | Eight miles East of Vanderbilt on Sturgeon Valley Rd.  for information stop at Gaylord DNR office or contact  Pigeon River Country Management Unit  9966 Twin Lakes Rd. Vanderbilt MI  49795  989 983-4101. |
| Community Park  Play structures | Vanderbilt |

## Presque Isle County

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| MOPS Moms of Preschoolers  Parent/ Child Playgroup | Rogers City |
| Ocqueoc Falls  Walking, waterfall. | Off M-68 between Onaway and Rogers City |
| Black Lake State Park | Onaway |
| P.H. Hoeft State Park | Off M-23 between Cheboygan and Rogers City |
| Chandler Park  Playscape | Onaway |
| Lakeside Park  Park, swimming, picnic, bandshell | Rogers City |
| Presque Isle District Library  Sites in Grand Lake, Onaway, Posen, Rogers City  Children's story hour Onaway and Rogers City. Call for details. | Grand Lake  989-595-5051  Onaway  989-733-6621  Posen   989-766-2233  Rogers City  989-734-2477 |
| T-Ball |  |
| Herman Vogler Conservation Area Hiking, wildlife | Rogers City |
| Presque Isle County places of interest |  |

## Activities Regional and Statewide

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| Camp Daggett  Summer camp, winter ski camp  For children aged 4-18 with cancer or in remission | Camp Quality  PO Box 345  Boyne City, MI  49712  231 582-2471 |
| CMU Summer Remedial Speech & Language Clinic  Camp for children 3-17 with speech/ language, deaf or hard of hearing concerns. | Director/ Summer Specialty Clinics  Health Professions Building 1165  Central Michigan University  Mt. Pleasant MI  48859      989 774-3471 |