**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 | Cheboygan231 627-2381  Story hour 10 a.m. Thursdays at the library. Children’s Librarian Sam King  |
| Gordon Turner Cooperative ParkPlayscape | Cheboygan |
| Indian River Cooperative ParkTots Playscape | Indian River Playscape at rear of park behind the soccer fields |
| Indian River Public BeachBeach, play area (no fee) | Indian River |
| Wilson State ParkBeach, play area (daily fee) | Indian River  |
| Indian River Area Public LibrarySummer programs  | 3546 S Straits Hwy Indian River 49749231 238-8581     |
| Indian River Summer Fest:  family day at the beach, child oriented, usually third weekend in July | Indian River Public BeachInformation Chamber of Commerce |
| Old Fashioned ChristmasFamily fun.  Friday night after Thanksgiving | Indian River DowntownInformation Chamber of Commerce |
| MOPS (Moms of Preschoolers)Parent-Child Playgroup | Cheboygan |
| Wolverine Riverside Park Playground and Playscape area | Wolverine |
| Wolverine Community LibraryBooks, public use computersprograms | Wolverine 5716 W. Main St.  231 525-8800 |
| Youth Soccer | CheboyganIndian River |

## Otsego County

| **Activity** | **Location** |
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| Otsego County Library Books, public use computersStory hoursSummer programs | Gaylord  700 S. Otsego Avenue 989 731-5841Children’s Librarian Cathy Campbell |
| Otsego County Library Books, public use computersprograms | Vanderbilt 8170 Mill St. Corwith Twp. Hall   989 983-3600 |
| Otsego County Library Books, public use computersprograms | Johannesburg  10900 E. M-32 Johannesburg   989 732-3928  |
| Wolverine Community LibraryBooks, public use computersprograms | 5716 W. Main St. Wolverine  231 525-8800 |
| Otsego County Historical Museum | Downtown Gaylord320 W Main St.    989 732-4568  |
| Otsego Area Family Fun FairParent-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 Sportsplex1250 Gornick Ave.   |
| Otsego SportsplexIce skating, walking track, indoor swimming and wading pools, swimming and skating lessons.  (fee for use) | Gaylord1250 Gornick Ave.989 731-3546  |
| Otsego County Community CenterGym, indoor games area, Classes, leagues, and activity programs.  Outdoor playground, tennis courts | Gaylord  315 South Center     |
| Otsego County ParkCamping, swimming beaches, playground, picnic area, boat launch.Occasional events include aircraft fly-in, etc. (entry fee)  | 1657 County Park Rd.  Gaylord731-6448Off West Otsego Lake Drive, South of Gaylord |
| Otsego Lake State ParkCamping, swimming beach, playground, picnic area, fishing, nature, children’s activities(entry fee) | 7136 Old 27 SouthGaylord732-5485 |
| 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, GaylordInformation Debbie O’Neill, 732-6867 or 731-0272 |
| Call of the WildTaxidermy museum with Michigan animals(entry fee) | 850 S. Wisconsin, Gaylord   732-4336 |
| Aspen ParkMountain bike trails, paved biking/ walking paths through woods. | Gaylord, behind K-Mart. |
| Elk Viewing areaFenced area to view live elk | Gaylord, by Elks Lodge, behind K-Mart, off S. Otsego Avenue  |
| Little LeagueFor children xxx and up. Enrollment feeCan watch games for free | GaylordFields at 288 Summitview Dr.   731-1787 |
| Youth SoccerFor children 5-6 and up.  Fall season for younger children.  Enrollment fee.  Can watch games for free | GaylordGames at soccer complex N. Ohio and Fairview  |
| Otsego County FairAnimals, exhibits, carnival, music and other eventsA week in August     (entry fee) | Otsego County Fairground, GaylordContact xxx |
| Home Depot Kids’ Clinics (scheduled occasionally)Make small projects | Home Depot W Main St. (M-32 W) Gaylord   989 705-8471 |
| Jimmy Juke BoxArcade games include some for young children(cost to play) | Gaylord, 610 S. Wisconsin Avenue 732-5099  |
| City ParksWalking, picnic, some with play equipment | Doumas Park, Fourth Street and S. Maple.Downtown "pocket' park, Main StreetPark behind old post office  |
| Pigeon River Country State ForestHiking, 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 ParkPlay structures | Vanderbilt |

## Presque Isle County

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| MOPS Moms of PreschoolersParent/ 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 ParkPlayscape | Onaway |
| Lakeside ParkPark, swimming, picnic, bandshell | Rogers City |
| Presque Isle District LibrarySites in Grand Lake, Onaway, Posen, Rogers CityChildren's story hour Onaway and Rogers City. Call for details. | Grand Lake  989-595-5051Onaway  989-733-6621Posen   989-766-2233Rogers City  989-734-2477 |
| T-Ball |   |
| Herman Vogler Conservation AreaHiking, wildlife | Rogers City |
| Presque Isle County places of interest  |  |

## Activities Regional and Statewide

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| Camp DaggettSummer camp, winter ski campFor children aged 4-18 with cancer or in remission | Camp QualityPO Box 345Boyne City, MI  49712231 582-2471 |
| CMU Summer Remedial Speech & Language ClinicCamp for children 3-17 with speech/ language, deaf or hard of hearing concerns.    | Director/ Summer Specialty ClinicsHealth Professions Building 1165Central Michigan UniversityMt. Pleasant MI  48859      989 774-3471 |