

Kid Stuff



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When you think of Oakland and Berkeley, many things come to mind—the 60's and the gourmet food revolution among them—but you wouldn't suspect there are so many kid-friendly activities as well. Read on for some of our favorites.

ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM

A visit to Ardenwood is a journey back to the time of the Patterson Ranch - a prosperous, 19th-century country estate including a beautiful mansion and its elaborate Victorian Gardens. Today this working historic farm exhibits agricultural practices from the 1870s to the present including hands-on activities for kids. 34600 Ardenwood Blvd. Fremont, Ca. 510.796.0199 • ebparks.org/parks/ardenwood

CHILDREN'S FAIRYLAND

Young children will enjoy this enchanting, three-dimensional fantasy world where popular nursery rhymes come to life, set in a picturesque Lakeside Park. 699 Bellevue, Oakland, Ca. 510.452.2259 • fairyland.org

GOLDEN STATE RAILROAD MODEL MUSEUM

The East Bay Model Engineers Society operates three model train layouts that occupy more than 10,000 square feet. This museum is best for toddlers and older. 900A Dornan Dr., Pt. Richmond, Ca. 510.234.4884 • gsmrm.org

HABITOT

Habitot is the East Bay's Discovery Museum for young children. Experiential exhibits, drop-in art studio and events are perfectly tailored for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and families. 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley, Ca. 510.647.111 • habitot.org

LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE

The Hall of Science is perched high above the UC Berkeley and offers wonderful views of San Francisco and the bay. The interior of the brown geometric building is devoted mostly to hands-on exhibits for the kids. There are many permanent as well as traveling science displays. 1 Centennial Dr., Berkeley, Ca. 510.642.5132 • lawrencehallofscience.org

OAKLAND ZOO

Nestled in the rolling hills of 525-acre Knowland Park, the Zoo is located at the top of a hill with amazing views looking back over the bay, and is home to more than 440 native and exotic animals. The Children's Zoo was recently refurbished and expanded and is worth the visit. It also features an aerial tram and rides for small children just outside the gate so you don't have to pay zoo admission to enjoy the nostalgia of riding the mini cars. 9777 Golf Links Rd., Oakland, Ca. 510.632.9525 • oaklandzoo.org

SIX FLAGS MARINE WORLD AMUSEMENT PARK

This amusement park is located in Vallejo, a short 45-minute drive from Oakland. Thrill seekers flock to the park to scream on the colossal coasters. Animal shows, Thomasland and the Loony Tune characters are all on hand for the little ones. 2001 Marine World Pkwy, Vallejo, Ca. 707.643.6722 • sixflags.com/discoveryKingdom

TILDEN PARK

One of the District's three oldest parks, Tilden has been called the jewel of the system. From a carousel ride-to a ride on a steam train and a stroll through the Little Farm, Tilden has variety to delight everyone. Plan to kill an entire day here. Park Hills Road and Wildcat Canyon Road, Berkeley, Ca. 510.843.2137 • ebparks.org/parks/tilden

