

Summer Holiday Activities 2018

Free or cheap activities that you and your family can take part in over the Summer holidays

All Sorts To Do— School holiday activities in Manchester

An extensive list of free and low cost holiday activities, sports, crafts, exhibitions and events in local libraries, parks, galleries, swimming pools etc. You can try **FREE** survival skills in making a fire and cooking; **FREE** rugby sessions; **FREE** football, swimming and gym; **FREE** Fairy Doors Craft Workshops; **FREE** cycling sessions; **FREE** Caribbean Carnival and many many more sessions and events. Booking sometimes necessary.

Various locations throughout Manchester. www.manchester.gov.uk/allsortstodo

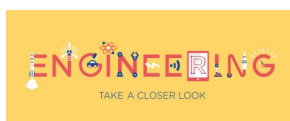
Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)

Liverpool Road, Manchester, M3 4FP

Entry is free. Families can invent, shape and create their way through the holidays with daily **FREE** activities and shows. Visit the website:

www.msimanchester.org.uk/whats-on/invent-shape-create to have a look at the daily events.

Free Special Engineering events on 3rd, 25th and 26th August 2018. Various age restrictions apply.



University of Manchester

Various Manchester, Greater Manchester and Northwest locations including **Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester Museum, John Rylands Library and Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre.**

Many **FREE** family events and activities. Some may require a refundable deposit or booking in advance. Visit the website for more information: <http://events.manchester.ac.uk/calendar/tag/families/>

National Football Museum

Cathedral Gardens, M4 3BG

FREE entry. Interactive objects, games and displays throughout the museum that will appeal to a wide range of ages. Events include dementia friendly football memories, Panini sticker swap sessions, autism early openings and creative workshops and

The museum is situated in Manchester city centre, close to The Printworks.

www.nationalfootballmuseum.com

Manchester Libraries

Find your local library at www.manchester.gov.uk/directory/14/libraries

Summer Reading Challenge 2018

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Sign up at your local library. Read 6 books— collect stickers and rewards along the way.



Police Museum

Discover the stories of cops and robbers while learning lots about local history in one of the city's earliest police stations.

Open every Tuesday

10.30 – 3.30

FREE admission

57a Newton Street,
Manchester, M1 1ET

www.gmpmuseum.co.uk/



Days out with the kids.

For more ideas of things to do during the holidays. Scroll to the bottom of the home page for tips on fun family activities to do at home. Ways to save on days out, offers on short breaks, ideas for **FREE** family days out, games and competitions.

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things>



Portland Basin Museum

Portland Basin is housed within the restored 19th century Ashton Canal Warehouse. It is an exciting family friendly museum, with something for all the family.

Open Tuesday – Sunday, 10 – 4.

Admission is **FREE**.

Portland Place, Ashton, OL7 0QA

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/museumsgalleries/portland>

The People's History Museum

The national museum of democracy, telling the story of its development in Britain. Events programme offers something to enjoy for visitors of all ages and abilities. See <https://phm.org.uk/whats-on/> for more information.

Open daily 10am – 5pm.

FREE admission.

Left Bank, Spinningfields,
Manchester, M3 3ER

Open Access Playschemes

Supervised play sessions of 2-3 hours for children aged 6-14 (usually **FREE**, or 50p a session). Open to all Manchester children on a first come first served basis.

Playschemes will be listed at www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200016/children_and_childcare/3686/play_services

0161 245 7171 or qaeducation@manchester.gov.uk

Salford Community Leisure

Many **FREE** or low cost sport, culture and lifestyle activities at many locations including museums, galleries and libraries across Salford. Check out their website for more details:

www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/

Or find activities at: www.salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/sport/things-to-do



Heaton Park

Middleton Road, Higher Blackley, M25 2SW

The biggest park in the North West. Many events and activities throughout the holidays; check www.manchester.gov.uk/heatonpark to see what's on.

Open 8am to dusk every day.

FREE to visit; some activities may cost.

Donkey Sanctuary Manchester

Visitors have the opportunity to watch the donkeys, talk to the staff and learn what is their normal daily routine and behaviours.

Open weekdays (except Weds) 3 – 5pm and weekends 10am – 3pm.

FREE admission (donations welcome)



Donkey Sanctuary, Green Fold, Abbey Hey, M18 8RJ

Free Swimming for children 16 and under (and over 60s) at nine swimming pools across the city. You must register online at this website beforehand.

www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200087/sport_activities_and_fitness/5256/swimming_in_manchester



Free Outdoor Swimming for 7-14 year olds every Mon, Wed and Fri during August at Salford Quays. Book online at swimsafe.org.uk

Stockport Museums

Entrance is **FREE** for all children at **Stockport Museum, Staircase House, Hat Works, Air Raid Shelters and Bramhall Hall** when accompanied by a paying adult (£5). To find out more about these locations, opening hours, how to get there and a whole host of free or low cost activities and summer events visit <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/museums>

Treasure Trails

These self-guided themed treasure trail maps can be downloaded to print at home, or sent through the post. They are packed with codes and clues to help you discover new things in familiar places. Trails available for various areas in and around Greater Manchester.

A trail map costs £6.99, and only one is needed per family.

<https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk/>

Great British Tennis Weekend

21st and 22nd July 2018

Try tennis for **FREE** this summer at a Great British Tennis Weekend event! Suitable for adults and children, beginners and regulars.

Use the website to find your nearest venue and book your spot.

lta.org.uk/gbtw



Manchester Community Games

A fantastic range of free sports and activities across Manchester this summer holidays for young people aged 5-19

Find a list of opportunities on their website

mcrgames.com/holiday

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Wythenshawe Park Farm

Working community farm and shop, which gives children the chance to learn where their food comes from, as well as seeing the animals on site. Located next to children's play area. As well as just visiting the farm, youngsters can also become a Junior Farmer for the day.

Wythenshawe Park, M23 0AB

Open daily 11.30am – 4pm

0161 946 0726

Z Arts

A wide programme of activities and events for children of all ages such as dance and art. Some are free and low cost with their Bright Sparks Family Membership £15 per family per year.

Go to <https://www.z-arts.org/families/> to see what's on over the holidays.

335 Stretford Road, Hulme, M15



This information has been produced by the Parental Engagement Network - a social enterprise committed to helping schools and settings to better engage and support parents and families. See www.penetnetwork.co.uk.