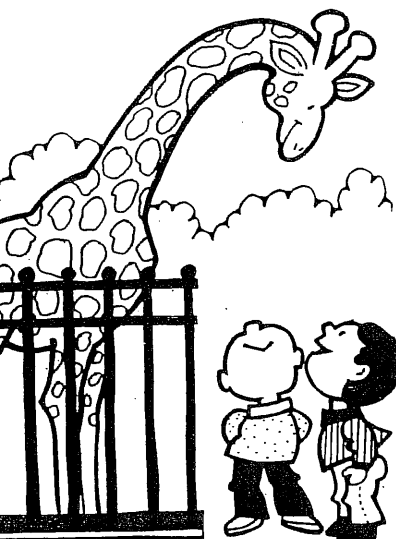


## East Bay

- **Ardenwood Historic Farm**, 34600 Ardenwood Blvd. just north of Hwy 84, Fremont (510-796-0663)  
Restored 200-acre farm demonstrating life from the Victorian era. Farm animals, a blacksmith shop, and a horse-drawn railway.
- **Fremont Central Park**, Paseo Padre at Stevenson, Fremont (510-791-4340)  
Lots of great play equipment and climbing structures, plus Lake Elizabeth offers canoe, pedal boat, and sailboat rentals. The lake is pleasant just to walk around.
- **Coyote Hills**, Patterson Ranch Rd., west of Paseo Padre, Fremont (510-795-9385)  
1000 acres of natural habitat. Hills and rocks to climb for fun and great scenic views. A boardwalk runs through marshland (cattails everywhere), inhabited by waterfowl and other native species.
- **Kennedy Park**, Hesperian Blvd. at Bartlett Ave., Hayward (510-881-6715)  
A large park with great climbing structures. It features a children's carousel, a narrow-gauge train ride, pony rides, and a petting zoo.
- **McConaghy House**, 18701 Hesperian Blvd. at Bockman Rd., Hayward (510-581-0223)  
A furnished, elegant, 12-room farmhouse from the Victorian era. Adjacent to Kennedy Park.
- **Oakland Museum of California**, 1000 Oak St., Oakland (510-283-3401)  
Displays of California habitat, plus historical artifacts, including home furnishings and transportation.



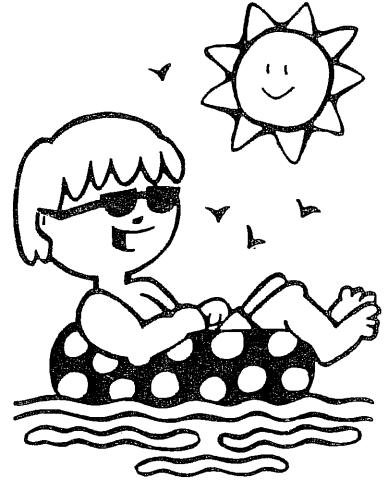
- **Oakland Zoo**, Golf Links Rd & 98th, Oakland, (510-632-9523)  
Smaller than the San Francisco Zoo, and well-suited to a toddler's attention span.
- **Children's Fairyland**, Lakeside Park, Grand and Bellevue Sts., Oakland (510-452-2259)  
Nursery rhymes and fairy tales come to life at this park for young children. Amusement rides, including a ferris wheel and merry-go-round, things to climb on, and a small petting zoo.
- **Sulphur Creek Nature Center**, 1801 D. St. near 7th St., Hayward (510-881-6747)  
A "mini-zoo" of native animals – coyotes, fox, opossums, hawks, owls, birds, and a variety of reptiles and amphibians.
- **Chabot Observatory and Planetarium**, 4917 Mountain Blvd., Oakland (510-530-5225)
- **Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center**, Western end of Breakwater Ave., Hayward (510-881-6751)  
Walkways through a salt-marsh environment, and a visitors' center with habitat displays.
- **Lawrence Hall of Science**, Centennial Dr. near Grizzly Peak Blvd., Berkeley (510-642-5133)  
Hands-on science exhibits. Call to find out the current special exhibit. Also, weekend planetarium shows.
- **New United Motors (NUMMI)**, 45500 Fremont Blvd., Fremont (510-498-5649)  
Tour a manufacturing plant and see cars and trucks being made. Interesting and unique. Children must be at least 10 years old. Tours are by reservation only and are booked months in advance, so plan ahead.

## East Bay (continued)

- **Crown Memorial State Beach**, Westline Dr. off Central Ave., Alameda (510-521-6887)  
A 2½ mile, sandy beach on the San Francisco Bay with gentle waves. More interesting at low tide. At the north end is the Crab Cove Visitor's Center, which has interactive exhibits on marine life.
- **Central Park**, Bollinger Canyon Rd. at Alcosta, San Ramon  
Great play equipment, sand, and a fountain the kids can climb into for water play, so bring swimsuits and towels for the kids on warm days.
- **Tilden Regional Park**, Canon or South Park Dr. off Grizzly Peak Blvd., Berkeley (510-635-0135)  
A 2,000-acre community playground, featuring hiking, picnicking, a botanical garden, swimming in Lake Anza, a miniature steam train, a carousel, pony rides, and a golf course.
- **Lake Don Castro**, Woodroe Ave. off Kelly St., Hayward (510-538-1148)  
A sandy beach, clean water, and a roped-off kiddie area with lifeguards.
- **Cull Canyon Lake**, Cull Canyon Rd. off Crow Canyon Rd., Castro Valley (510-537-2240)  
A swim lagoon with a sandy beach, a reservoir for fishing, and a 360-acre park.
- **Shadow Cliffs Recreation Area**, Stanley Blvd., 1 mile east of downtown Pleasanton (510-846-4900)  
Water slides, plus swimming, cycling, and picnicking. Rowboats and paddle boats are available to rent.
- **The Recyclery**, 1601 Dixon Landing Rd., west of I-880, Milpitas (408-432-1234 ext. 411)  
See what happens to the stuff you send off for recycling.
- **UC Berkeley Museum**, 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. off Camino Tassajara, Danville (510-736-2277)  
Artifacts and fossils from the UC Berkeley Museums of Paleontology and Anthropology.
- **Waterworld U.S.A.**, 1950 Waterworld Pkwy. off Willow Pass Rd., Concord (510-609-9283)  
Large water theme park, with waterslides, a wave pool, and the "Lazy River."
- **Behring Auto Museum**, 3750 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. off Camino Tassajara, Danville (510-736-2277)  
Over 100 rare, classic, and custom-built automobiles.
- **Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream**, 1250 Whipple Rd., Union City (510-471-6622)  
Call for tour information. Tours are booked by mail on a first-come, first served basis, 2 months in advance.
- **Western Aerospace Museum**, Oakland Int'l Airport, 8260 Boeing St. off Earhart Rd. (510-638-7100)  
Over 20 vintage aircraft on exhibit, including a World War II torpedo plane, Navy attack fighters, and a flying boat.
- **Dunsmuir House**, 2960 Peralta Oaks Dr. at 106th St., Oakland (510-615-5555)  
A stately 37-room Victorian mansion on 40 landscaped acres with fountains, redwood groves, and a rose garden.
- **Model Railroad Museum** 900 Dornan Dr. near Forman Ave., Richmond (510-234-4884)  
A model railroad covering nearly 10,000 square feet, with detailed town and city scenes.

## South Bay

- **Children's Discovery Museum**, 180 Woz Way at San Carlos St., San Jose (408-298-5437)  
A hands-on science and technology museum. Plan on spending an entire day (or more!) A "must see."
- **Tech Museum of Innovation**, San Jose (408-279-7150)  
Another hands-on technology museum. Not as large as the Children's Discovery Museum, but definitely worth a visit. Probably not very interesting for toddlers. It also features a large computer center with plenty of "fun" educational software.
- **Happy Hollow Park and Zoo**, Kelley Park, Senter Rd. at Keyes, San Jose (408-292-8188)  
The park features kiddie rides, a tree house, and great climbing structures. The zoo has a small collection of animals and a petting zoo.
- **Raging Waters**, 2333 S. White Rd. at Tully Rd., San Jose (408-270-8000)  
Water slides, a wave pool, an "Endless River" to float in, and other water attractions for kids of all ages.
- **Great America**, Great America Pkwy. and Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara (408-988-1800)  
The Bay Area's theme park. Roller coasters and thrill rides, plus plenty of not-so-scary rides for toddlers.
- **Lick Observatory**, Highway 130 at the top of Mt. Hamilton (408-274-5061)  
View one of the world's largest telescopes, located on the top of Mt. Hamilton. Exhibits and photographs.
- **San Jose Historical Museum**, Kelley Park, Senter Rd. at Phelan Ave., San Jose, (408-287-2290)  
Historic structures recreating turn-of-the-century San Jose.
- **Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum**, Naglee & Park Ave. San Jose (408-947-3636)  
Ancient Egyptian artifacts including mummies, and a planetarium.
- **Winchester Mystery House**, 525 S. Winchester Blvd., San Jose (408-247-2101)
- **Roaring Camp Narrow Gauge Railroad**, Graham Hill & Mt. Herman Rd. Felton (408-335-4484)
- **Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad**, Blossom Hill Rd. and University Ave., Los Gatos (408-395-7433)



## Peninsula

- **Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo**, 1451 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto (415-329-2111)  
Particularly well-suited for toddlers and preschoolers.
- **Ames Research Center**, Moffett Field, Hwy. 101 and 237, Mt. View (415-604-6497)  
Major aeronautical research facilities. View the world's largest wind tunnel, research aircraft, flight simulators, and more. Children must be at least 9 years old.



- **Coyote Point Museum**, Coyote Point Dr., San Mateo, (415-342-9969)  
Environmental museum and a mini zoo of native California animals
- **Tidepools**, Fitzgerald Marine Preserve, Moss Beach, (415-728-3584)  
Check the tide tables in the "weather" section of the newspaper for low tides.
- **San Mateo County Historical Museum**, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd.,  
(on the campus of the College of San Mateo), (415-574-6441)
- **Filoli House & Garden Tours**, Woodside (415-364-2880)
- **Barbie Doll Hall of Fame**, 460 Waverly St. north of University Ave., Palo Alto (415-326-5841)  
Over 14,000 Barbie dolls in the world's largest collection, in outfits reflecting fashion American trends.
- **Baylands Nature Interpretive Center**, 2775 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto (415-329-2506)
- **Acres of Orchids**, Rod McLellan Co., 1450 El Camino Real, South San Francisco (415-871-5655)

## San Francisco

- **Exploratorium**, Palace of Fine Arts, 3601 Lyon St. (approach from Lombard St.), (415-563-7337)  
A “hands-on” science museum, with exhibits ranging from biology to electricity to optical illusions. A “must see.”
- **Walk through Chinatown**, area bounded by Broadway, Bush, Kearny, and Stockton Streets.



- **Pier 39**, Embarcadero between Powell and Kearny (415-981-7437)  
A carousel, Underwater World, and plenty of interesting shopping.
- **Cable Car Museum**, Washington/Mason St. (415-474-1887)
- **San Francisco Zoo**, Sloat Blvd. and 45th Ave. (415-753-7080)
- **Alcatraz Island Tour**, Pier 41, Embarcadero at Powell (415-546-2805)
- **Fort Point**, Foot of Marina Drive, (415-556-1693)  
Historic Civil-War era army fort.
- **National Maritime Museum**, foot of Polk St. at Beach, across from Girardelli Square (415-556-3002)
- **San Francisco Historic Ships**, Hyde Street Pier, across from the Cannery (415-556-3002)  
The 100-year-old square-rigged *Balclutha*, the Liberty Ship *Jeremiah O'Brien*, and the submarine *Pampanito* are all open for touring. Also, photos, films, charts, and models.
- **Basic Brown Bear Factory and Store**, 444 DeHaro St. at Mariposa St., (415-626-0781)  
Children can tour the sewing and cutting rooms, and even stuff their own bears.
- **Ripley's Believe-it-or-Not Museum**, 175 Jefferson St., (415-771-6188)
- **Wax Museum**, 145 Jefferson St., (415-885-4975)
- **Golden Gate Fortune Cookie Company**, 23 Ross Alley, (415-781-3956)
- **San Francisco Fire Dept. Museum**, 655 Presidio Ave. at Bush St., (415-861-8000 ext. 365)  
Displays of horse-drawn fire wagons and early motorized fire engines, including a 1952 turbojet engine fire truck.
- **Randall Museum**, 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way, (415-554-9600)  
A small, natural-science museum geared for kids, with live animal exhibits, a mineral display, and dinosaur bones.
- **Mechanical Museum**, Point Lobos Ave. at Great Highway (behind the Cliff House) (415-386-1170)  
Collection of antique mechanical games.
- **Haas Lilienthal Historic House Museum**, 2007 Franklin St. (415-441-3004)  
Tours of an 1886 Queen Anne Victorian house.
- **Watch the hang gliders soaring**, Fort Funston off Skyline Blvd.

## Golden Gate Park

- **Morrison Planetarium** (415-750-7141)
- **DeYoung Museum** (415-863-3330)
- **Steinhart Aquarium** (415-750-7145)
- **Asian Art Museum** (415-379-8801)
- **California Academy of Science** (415-750-7145)
- **Japanese Tea Garden**

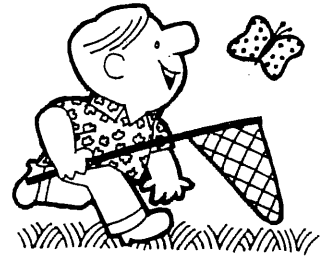
## Marin County

- **Bay Area Discovery Museum**, 557 E. Fort Baker Rd. at Murray Cir., Sausalito (415-332-7674)  
Interactive exhibits, including a full-size fishing boat and a "construction site." Another "must see."
- **Marin Headlands**, Northbound across the Golden Gate Bridge, take the Sausalito exit. Turn left at the stop sign, go under the highway, and follow the road up the hill.  
Scenic overlook featuring incredible views of the Golden Gate, San Francisco, and Alcatraz. Bring jackets or sweaters, even on the warmest of days.
- **Angel Island State Park**, take the ferry from San Francisco, Tiburon, or Vallejo (415-435-1915)  
Hiking, bicycling, picnicking, boating, fishing, and camping.
- **Wild Care**, 76 Albert Pkwy. at B St., San Rafael (415-453-1000)  
Injured wild animals, which cannot be returned to the wild, provide a chance to get really close to some native California species.
- **Mt. Tamalpais State Park**, Hwy 1 to Panoramic Hwy. (415-388-2070)  
Hike to the top of one of the Bay Area's tallest peaks for a panoramic view.
- **Walk across the Golden Gate Bridge**
- **Muir Woods National Monument**, Hwy. 1, Mill Valley (415-388-2595)  
Walk through a centuries-old redwood grove. A peaceful and idyllic experience.
- **Marine Mammal Center**, West end of Bunker Rd., Golden Gate National Recreation Area (415-289-7325)  
A closer look at native seals and sea lions that are recovering from injuries.
- **Bay Model**, 2100 Bridgeway at Spring St., Sausalito (415-332-3870)  
A working (with water) scale model of the San Francisco bay, plus exhibits on the bay's natural history, geology, wetlands, wildlife, fishing, and shipping industries.
- **Point Reyes National Seashore**, (415-663-1092)  
Explore nature trails, tidepools, a replica of a Miwok Indian village, and the Point Reyes lighthouse along some of California's most spectacular coastline.
- **Audubon Canyon Ranch**, 3½ miles north of Stinson Beach on State Hwy. 1, (415-868-9244)  
View nesting herons and egrets, or get up close to smaller birds in a special viewing "bird blind". Other exhibits.



## Farther Afield

- **Marine World / Africa USA**, Marine World Pkwy., Interstate 80 and Hwy 37, Vallejo (707-643-6722)  
Live animals on exhibit and performing in shows, including lions, elephants, birds, seals, dolphins, and killer whales. Live butterflies flutter around a butterfly house, and an aquarium building includes a tide pool display with starfish and anemones.
- **Monterey Bay Aquarium**, 886 Cannery Row, Monterey (408-648-4888)  
A world-class aquarium, with more than 500 species of sea life, plus a sea otter exhibit. Worth the trip to Monterey.
- **Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk**, off State Hwy 1, Santa Cruz (408-426-7433)  
Carnival rides, a famous wooden roller coaster, and the beach.
- **Jelly Belly Factory**, Herman Goelitz Co. (jelly beans), 2400 N. Watney Way, Fairfield (707-428-2838)
- **Hershey Chocolate Company**, Yosemite Ave. and G St., Oakdale (209-848-8126)
- **Pinnacles National Monument**, Hwy. 1 about 5 miles south of Pescadero (408-389-4485)  
Unusual rock formations. Hiking, rock climbing, and caves to walk through (bring flashlights!)
- **Pigeon Point Lighthouse**, Hwy. 1 about 5 miles south of Pescadero (408-879-0633)  
Climb to the top of a 115-foot brick lighthouse. Children under 40 inches not allowed.
- **John Muir National Historic Site**, 4202 Alhambra Ave., Martinez (510-228-8860)  
9 acre mini fruit ranch, with a 17-room Italianate Victorian mansion on a hill, plus hiking trails in the hills to wander.
- **The Wooz Labyrinths**, 500 Orange Drive (off Interstate 80), Vacaville (707-446-3939)  
Huge mazes to walk through, plus go-carts, bumper cars, water play, and miniature golf.
- **Canoe Trips on Russian River**, 20 Healdsburg Ave., Healdsburg (707-433-7247)
- **Marin French Cheese Co.**, 9½ miles south via D. St. extension at 7500 Red Hill Rd, (Petaluma-Point Reyes Rd.), Petaluma (707-762-6001)  
Besides the tour of the cheesemaking operation, there is a duck pond and a lawn for pleasant picnicking.
- **Discovery Museum**, 101 I St., Sacramento (916-264-7075)  
Hands-on science, technology, and history exhibits. Displays include a Mother-Lode gold collection.
- **California Railroad Museum**, 2nd & I Sts., Sacramento (916-445-4209)  
21 restored locomotives, (both steam and diesel engines) and train cars, plus interpretive exhibits and displays.
- **Western Railroad Museum**, Highway 12, Rio Vista Junction (707-374-2978)



## Here and There

- **Take me out to the Ballgame**

**SF Giants** ticket office: 415-467-8000

**Oakland A's** ticket office: 510-638-0500

**San Jose Giants** (minor league) Ballpark is at Senter and Alma Ave., ticket office: 408-297-1435



- **Ice Skating**

**Iceoplex**, 44388 Old Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont (510-490-6621)

**Dublin Iceland**, 7212 San Ramon Rd., Dublin (510-829-4444)

**Berkeley Iceland**, 2727 Milvia, Berkeley (510-843-8800)

**Eastridge Ice Arena**, Eastridge Shopping Center, San Jose (408-238-0440)

**Ice Oasis**, 3140 Bay Rd., Redwood City (415-364-8090)

**Belmont Iceland**, 815 Old County Rd., Belmont (415-592-0532)

- **Miniature Golf**

**Karts 'n' Golf**, 34805 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont (510-790-1616)

**Golden Tree Golfand**, 2533 Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley (510-537-4073)

**Montclair Golf**, 2477 Monterey Blvd., Oakland (510-482-0422)

**Master Links**, 4766 Clayton Rd., Concord (510-687-0536)

**Camelot Park**, 2400 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore (510-447-7275)

**Golfand**, 1199 Jacklin Rd., Milpitas (408-263-4330)

**Golfand U.S.A.**, 855 El Camino Real, Sunnyvale (408-245-1322)

**Golfand**, 976 Blossom Hill Rd., San Jose, (408-225-1533)

**Malibu Castle Golf & Games**, 320 Blomquist Rd., Redwood City (415-367-1905)

- **Pick your own Fruits and Berries**

**Phipps Ranch**, 79 North St., Pescadero (415-879-0787)

**Gizdich Ranch**, 55 Peckham Rd. off Carlton Rd., Watsonville (408-722-1056)

**Emile Agaccio Farms**, 4 Casserly Rd. at Hwy. 152, Watsonville (408-728-2009)

- **Public Libraries !**

Many have special summer programs.