

Things to do in London this Summer for free or nearly free!

Swimming

- Park Road outdoor pool
- Parliament Hill outdoor pool (Train from Ally Pally to Gospel oak)
- Go to the paddling pool in Priory park. Visit the play park there.
- Ruislip beach and Lido (get there early)

The parks

- Take a kite to Parliament Hill fields- climb the hills and fly your kite. Short train ride from Alexandra palace station to Gospel Oak. Also there's a good children's play park
- Picnic in Highgate Woods. Let your children try den building with the sticks and logs there.
- Go on a bug hunt in the woods- turn over logs
- Friary park
- Clissold Park
- Broomfield Park

Sport

- Try out the outdoor gym in the playground at Ducketts common
- Play tennis for free in Priory Park

Going into London

- Buy a travel card and travel on the driverless Docklands Light railway. Younger children can pretend to be the driver. Exciting to see the towering skyscrapers in Canary Wharf.
- Take the train to Greenwich. Have a picnic in the park and look at the Cutty Sark
- Visit Coram Fields (Russell Square tube)- Playground and small animal petting zoo.
- South Bank Centre- always lots going on Visit Harrods and look around the Food hall
- Watch the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace
- Play in the fountains at Somerset House (Charing Cross station then walk)
- At the weekend visit Camden Market
- Go to the Diana, Princes of Wales Memorial play park
- Visit Covent Garden and watch the street theatre

Local visits

- Visit Railway fields and take part in their nature activities (29 bus from Wood Green- Get off just before Sainsbury's on Green Lanes)
- Visit the playground in Finsbury Park
- Visit Wood Green library and choose a book
- Hot air balloon festival in Enfield on Sat 21st and Sunday 22nd July. Find out more at www.enfieldballoonfestival.co.uk
- Bruce Castle Museum and grounds
- Trent Park and petting zoo

Visit a range of City farms

- Kentish Town city farm at Gospel Oak,
- Freightliners in Lower Holloway, Islington or Hackney City farm at Bethnal Green.

Museums

- Natural History Museum- South Kensington
- V&A museum- South Kensington

- Museum of London at the Barbican
- British Museum (Russell Square tube)
- Science museum- South Kensington
- Horniman Museum - Forest Hill
- National Gallery and Portrait Gallery- Leicester Square

A drive away

- Try out Stanborough Park and Lakes at Welwyn Garden City
- Fairlands Valley Park near Stevenage
- 100 acre Wood at Aldenham Country Park