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## OUTDOOR FUN

**CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, 1978 Island Ford Parkway.** Take a nature walk, go river-rafting with friends, fish with the kids, or enjoy a romantic picnic along this 48-mile stretch that runs from Buford Dam to downtown Atlanta. Upcoming events include National Trails Day (June 4), featuring hands-on programs at the trails of Sope Creek. [nps.gov/chat](http://nps.gov/chat)



**STARLIGHT SIX DRIVE-IN THEATRE, 2000 Moreland Avenue Southeast.** See the summer's hottest new releases while enjoying this "late-night classic" theatre, open since 1949. Lawn chairs, coolers, picnic blankets, and even grills (before the movie only) are welcome. Just remember to bring cash—just like in yesteryear, plastic is not accepted here. [starlightdrivein.com](http://starlightdrivein.com)



**AJC Peachtree Road Race** | Peachtree Road, July 4, [peachtreerodrace.org](http://peachtreerodrace.org)

## FESTIVALS & CONCERTS

**CHASTAIN CONCERT SERIES, Chastain Park Amphitheatre.** Settle under the stars for amazing performances from this year's expansive lineup, which includes veterans like James Taylor (May 27-28) and B.B. King (June 5), wisecracker Chelsea Handler (June 10), and teen favorite Selena Gomez (Aug 2). Get the complete schedule at [chastainseries.com](http://chastainseries.com). May-August.

**DECATUR BOOK FESTIVAL, Decatur, GA.** Bookworms of all ages wiggle their way to this book market/street festival, which attracts world-class authors (including Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winners) and avid readers with a schedule of live music, readings, panel discussions, signings, and a Rare

and Collectible Book Fair, among other family-friendly activities. September 2-4, [decaturbookfestival.com](http://decaturbookfestival.com)

**JAZZ JOURNEYS AT THE GEORGIA AQUARIUM, 25 Baker Street Northwest.** Friday evenings are the perfect time to explore the largest aquarium in the world, thanks to this popular summer music series featuring the upbeat, cool tempos and smooth sounds of the area's best jazz. The experience is free with regular admission, but there's also a cash bar and a "Jazz Bites" dining package. [georgiaaquarium.org](http://georgiaaquarium.org)



**Virginia Highland Summerfest** | Virginia Avenue, June 4-5, [vahi.org/summerfest.html](http://vahi.org/summerfest.html)

**Asian Cultural Experience** | Gwinnett Center, July 23-24, [asianculturalexperiencega.com](http://asianculturalexperiencega.com)

**Festival Peachtree Latino** | Peachtree Street, August 29, [festivalpeachtreelatino.com](http://festivalpeachtreelatino.com)

## FOOD & DRINK

**KING OF POPS, Various Locations.** These highly addictive fresh fruit and chocolate concoctions (think Blackberry Mojito, Salted Chocolate, and Pineapple Cilantro)—part of a rapidly expanding cart operation run by two brothers—are a summer staple at a reasonable price (around \$2.50 a "pop"). Find locations at [kingofpops.net](http://kingofpops.net).

**ATLANTA SUMMER BEER FEST, Masquerade Music Park.** Enjoy tastings from local breweries like Sweet Water and Terrapin, as well as national favorites like Sam Adams, play your favorite drinking games, and cast your vote for the day's best beer. Organizers claim that over 100 people were turned away from the sold-out winter event, so get your tickets early at [atlantabeerfests.com](http://atlantabeerfests.com). Saturday, June 25

**CORKS & FORKS, Grant Park.** This popular food and wine event returns with tastings from some of Atlanta's most celebrated chefs. Tickets will be available starting in July, and if this summer's lineup of talent is half as good as last year's (chefs from Market, Rosebud and Canoe were among the many who participated) you won't want to wait to snag a spot. Saturday, August 27 & Sunday, August 28, 1-5pm, [gpconservancy.org](http://gpconservancy.org)



**Downtown Atlanta Restaurant Week,** May 28-June 5 | [atlantadowntown.com](http://atlantadowntown.com)

## ARTS & CULTURE

**NATIONAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL, Centennial Olympic Park.** Groove to blues, jazz, and world music playing on the MainStage, engage your kids in hands-on learning at the Children's Educational Village, and browse the works of over 100 International Marketplace artists at this annual event celebrating the cultures of the Caribbean, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. July 7-17, [nbafof.org](http://nbafof.org)

**MODERN BY DESIGN, High Museum.** This summer, Atlanta's premier art museum hosts Modern by Design, an exhibition chronicling the development of 20th-century modernism, featuring furniture, glass, ceramics, lighting, product, and industrial design from the collections of both the Museum of Modern Art, NY and the High itself. June 4-August 14, [high.org](http://high.org)

**QUICK PICKS** **Georgia Shakespeare Festival** | Oglethorpe University, June 8-July 23, [gashakespeare.org](http://gashakespeare.org)  
**Martinis @ IMAX®** | Fernbank Museum, Fridays, 6:30-11pm, [fernbankmuseum.org](http://fernbankmuseum.org)

## FASHION & SHOPPING

**SCOTT ANTIQUE MARKETS, Atlanta Expo Center.** Boasting over 2,400 display booths, the world's largest indoor antique show is popular with dealers, collectors, and celebrities from around the world. Upcoming shows for summer are June 10-12, July 8-10, and August 12-14. [scottantiquemarket.com](http://scottantiquemarket.com)

**ATLANTA BEACH, 3145 Peachtree Road NE.** Rumored to be one of the best places in the city to buy a swimsuit (and other summer fashion staples), with great brands, a wide selection, and super-attentive employees. [atlantabeach.com](http://atlantabeach.com)



**DEKALB FARMERS MARKET, 3000 East Ponce De Leon Avenue.** Whether you're planning a BBQ or just want to enjoy the freshest food the season has to offer, explore an airplane hangar-sized selection of produce, meats, cheese, beer & wine, flowers, specialty products, and more. [dekalbfarmersmarket.com](http://dekalbfarmersmarket.com)

**QUICK PICKS** **Atlanta International Fashion Week** | The Biltmore, July 19-24, [atlantaintlfashionweek.com](http://atlantaintlfashionweek.com)  
**Heritage Arts Festival** | Underground Atlanta, July 1-4, [underground-atlanta.com](http://underground-atlanta.com)

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY

**THE FOUNTAIN OF RINGS, Centennial Olympic Park.** The world's largest interactive fountain is the perfect place for everyone to cool off, smile for the camera, and watch the water come alive to tunes from Tchaikovsky, The Beatles, or Sinatra. Check out the Park's Wednesday WindDown free concert series and Fourth Saturday Family Fun Days throughout the summer. [centennialpark.com](http://centennialpark.com)

**PIEDMONT PARK, 1071 Piedmont Avenue NE.** Spend an afternoon or two at this family-, dog-, and sports-friendly favorite with acres of skating, biking and running paths, ball fields and courts, picnic pavilions, and lakeside fishing, as well as a newly-renovated public pool. Look out for the "Screen on the Green" free classic Hollywood film series on Thursdays during June. [piedmontpark.org](http://piedmontpark.org)



**SUMMER AT THE ROCK, Stone Mountain Park.** Listed as one of the "500 Places to Visit with Your Kids Before They Grow Up", this outdoor oasis offers a variety of recreation options, including the "Sky Hike" (a quarter-mile of suspended bridges, ropes, and climbing nets), a "Ride the Ducks" land and water tour, and the "Summit Skyride" to the mountain top. The "Lasershow Spectacular" runs nightly from May 28 to August 7. [stonemountainpark.com](http://stonemountainpark.com)

**Zoo Atlanta** | 800 Cherokee Ave. SE, [zooatlanta.org](http://zooatlanta.org)  
**The World of Coca-Cola** | 121 Baker Street NW, [worldofcoca-cola.com](http://worldofcoca-cola.com)  
**Atlanta Botanical Garden** | 1345 Piedmont Ave. NE, [atlantabotanicalgarden.org](http://atlantabotanicalgarden.org)

## OUTDOOR FUN



**RECREATION SUNDAYS ON MEMORIAL DRIVE, Cambridge.** Grab your bikes, skates, strollers, or sneakers for traffic-free fun on this normally busy street along the picturesque Charles River. Sundays, 11am-7pm

**MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT SERIES, The Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf.** This upscale outdoor screening series is hosted by the Boston Harbor Hotel on the terrace of the Rowes Wharf Sea Grille. Tables and seating are available, as is table service. Fridays, June-August, [bhh.com](http://bhh.com)

**MINUTEMAN BIKEWAY, Alewife Station to Bedford.** Bike, walk, jog, or skate through public parks, wetlands, and conservation areas on this historic and scenic “rails-to-trails” greenway, which connects to Revolutionary War landmarks like the Buckman Tavern as well as old colonial homes, quaint shops, and dining favorites. [minutemanbikeway.org](http://minutemanbikeway.org)

**PADDLING SEASON ON THE CHARLES RIVER, Various Departing Locations.**

Rent a kayak, canoe, rowboat, or paddleboat and enjoy a scenic afternoon (not to mention a workout) through the heart of Boston and Cambridge. Rentals are fairly inexpensive, and kids are welcome. Check out the variety of tours, like the Barbecue Tour that ends with a picnic, or the Evening Sunset Tour, or improve your skills with classes at the Paddling School. [paddleboston.com](http://paddleboston.com)



## FESTIVALS & CONCERTS

**CONCERT SERIES AT THE ESPLANADE, Hatch Shell.** Bring your whole family to the open-air stadium for free, fun performances from some of the greatest bands of all time (past performers include Three Dog Night, Kool & the Gang, The Beach Boys, and The Rascals), sponsored by Oldies 103.3. Get the complete schedule at [wods.radio.com](http://wods.radio.com).

**BOSTON HARBORFEST, Various Locations.** Celebrate the spirit of independence and the joy of summer at this six-day gala event featuring 200+ daily events throughout the city, including Children’s Day (June 30), historical re-enactments, outdoor concerts, behind-the-scenes tours, waterfront fireworks, and much more. June 29-July 4, [bostonharborfest.com](http://bostonharborfest.com)

**SAINT ANTHONY’S “FEAST OF ALL FEASTS”** The largest Italian religious festival in New England draws huge crowds to the streets of the North End with its Italian food vendors, music, and dancing, all culminating in a dramatic 10-hour procession as the statue of St. Anthony himself is carried through the streets. August 26-29, [stanthonysfeast.com](http://stanthonysfeast.com)



**Beantown Jazz Festival** | Columbus Avenue between Burke Street and Massachusetts Avenue, September 24, [beantownjazz.org](http://beantownjazz.org)

## FOOD & DRINK

**THE LANDING AT LONG WHARF, One Long Wharf.** Watch the sun set on the harbor while sipping a signature Fish Bowl cocktail at this popular patio bar—the only one of its kind—located on Long Wharf. [bostonharborcruises.com](http://bostonharborcruises.com)

**BOSTON CHOWDERFEST, City Hall Plaza.** Part of the city’s week-long HarborFest celebration of Boston’s maritime and colonial history, the annual “Chowdah-fest” competition features over a thousand gallons of New England’s signature dish from the city’s top chefs. July 3, [bostonharborfest.com](http://bostonharborfest.com)

**BBQ BEACH PARTY, City Hall Plaza.** Grillmasters come from near and far for this annual three-day event, held

in City Hall Plaza. BBQ not your thing? Not to worry. There's plenty of music, games, and other entertainment to be found here—not to mention a beach, courtesy of 100 tons of trucked-in sand. June 24-26, [bbq.phantomgourmet.com](http://bbq.phantomgourmet.com)

QUICK PICKS

**Restaurant Week Boston** | August 14-19 and 21-26, [restaurantweekboston.com](http://restaurantweekboston.com)

## ARTS & CULTURE

**SHAKESPEARE ON THE COMMON, Boston Common.** Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner to enjoy this year's Commonwealth Shakespeare Company production of "All's Well that Ends Well", or hit one of the nearby Theater District restaurants beforehand. July 27-August 14



**SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL, Revere Beach.** Join more than 300,000 fellow spectators to watch renowned master sculptors from the U.S. and Canada transform individual 10-ton allotments of sand into breathtakingly detailed works of art. July 14-17, [reverebeach.com](http://reverebeach.com)

**SOMERVILLE ART BEAT, Davis Square.** Artists and festivalgoers descend upon Davis Square for this annual art event, featuring music, performance art, craft vendors, dance, theater, and food, all shaped around a central theme. With "Red" serving as this year's theme, a fiery festival is all but guaranteed. July 15, [somervilleartscouncil.org](http://somervilleartscouncil.org)

**FIGMENT BOSTON, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway.** At this free public art event in the heart of downtown Boston, hundreds of artists fill the space with interactive pieces featuring music, dance, sculpture, and much, much more. June 4-5, [boston.figmentproject.org](http://boston.figmentproject.org)

## FASHION & SHOPPING

**SOWA OPEN MARKET, 460 Harrison Avenue.** "Boston's Original Art and Indie Design Market" offers a shopping experience like no other thanks

to an ever-changing group of artisans and farmers, a hip location, food trucks from the likes of C-Cup Cupcakes and M&M Ribs, plus an edgy assortment of hand-crafted accessories, original art, indie clothing, produce, flowers, and much more. Sundays, May 1-October 30, [sowopenmarket.com](http://sowopenmarket.com)

QUICK PICKS

**Newbury Street** | [newbury-st.com](http://newbury-st.com)  
**Fashion Week** | September 23-30  
[bostonfashionweek.com](http://bostonfashionweek.com)

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY

**FROG POND AT BOSTON COMMON, near Beacon Street.** Work up a sweat with the kiddos at the nearby Tadpole Playground, then make a run for this free giant wading pool, which features a fun, 70-foot spray plume. Grab burgers and shakes at the Lily Pad Snack Bar, ride the carousel, and make a splash all over again. June 30-Labor Day, [bostonfrogpond.org](http://bostonfrogpond.org)

**VERRILL FARM, Concord.** Celebrate the summer's agricultural bounty at this family-owned Concord farm. In addition to a farm stand selling fresh, seasonal produce, the farm offers special events all summer long, including the Strawberry Festival in June and a Blueberry Pancake Breakfast in July. Find out more at [verrillfarm.com](http://verrillfarm.com).

**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Children's Wharf at 308 Congress Street.** Beat the heat and bring the kids to this expansive hands-on museum and entertainment zone, where they can craft in the Construction Zone, create in the Art Studio, climb in the New Balance Climb sculpture, and spend countless happy hours out of the scorching summer sun. [bostonchildrensmuseum.org](http://bostonchildrensmuseum.org)

QUICK PICKS

**Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular** | The Esplanade, July 3-4, [july4th.org](http://july4th.org)  
**Red Sox Nation** | Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way, [boston.redsox.mlb.com](http://boston.redsox.mlb.com)





## OUTDOOR FUN

### LOYOLA LEONE BEACH, 7032 North Sheridan Road.

Whether you're a foodie, an athlete, an artist, or a family, the city's largest beach (8 blocks long), is shore to please, with picnic and play grounds, sports fields, a café-on-the-lake, and lots of room to spread out. [chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://chicagoparkdistrict.com)



**MOVIES IN THE PARKS, Various Locations.** Film buffs and open-air enthusiasts rejoice: this summer the annual Movies in the Parks series returns, offering a whopping 174 screenings of contemporary and classic movies in over 120 parks citywide. June 14-Sept. 16, [chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://chicagoparkdistrict.com)

**AIR & WATER SHOW, Lake Michigan.** Watch performers like the U.S. Army Parachute Team and some of the world's finest wave riders at the oldest and largest show of its kind in the United States—and one of Chicago's most anticipated (free!) events. Insider tip: skip the crowds but not the action by heading to the lakefront the Friday prior to watch practice. August 20-21, 11am-4pm, [explorechicago.org](http://explorechicago.org)

**Bastille Day 5K Run, Walk, and Block Party** | Cannon Drive and Fullerton Parkway, July 14, 7:30-10pm, [chicagoevents.com](http://chicagoevents.com)

**Old St. Pat's World's Largest Block Party** | Madison Street and Des Plaines Avenue, July 15-16, [worldslargestblockparty.com](http://worldslargestblockparty.com)

**Northalsted Market Days** | 3500 North Halsted Street, August 13-14, [chicagoevents.com](http://chicagoevents.com)

## FESTIVALS & CONCERTS

**DOWNTOWN SOUND: NEW MUSIC MONDAYS, Millennium Park.** Get your modern rock fix at this beloved free concert series in the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, which includes ten weekly double-bill concerts. This

year's highlights include soft melody-maker Iron and Wine, indie rockers Low, and punk rock favorite Ted Leo. May 23-July 25, [explorechicago.org](http://explorechicago.org)

**RAVINIA FESTIVAL, 200 Ravinia Park Road, Highland Park.** This outdoor entertainment venue hosts acts in a variety of genres, including classical, pop, contemporary, blues and jazz. While seats are available inside the Pavilion, the real action happens on the lawn outside, where revelers enjoy lavish picnics while taking in the tunes. June 9-September 11, [ravinia.org](http://ravinia.org)

**CHICAGO SUMMERDANCE, Various Parks and Attractions.** The largest annual outdoor dance series in the U.S. celebrates its 15th anniversary with regular dance lessons and concert performances in locations including Grant Park, the Humboldt Park Boathouse, Jackson Park 63rd Street Beach, and Navy Pier. [chicagosummerdance.org](http://chicagosummerdance.org)

**Green Music Fest** | Damen and North Avenues, June 25-26, [greenmusicfestchicago.com](http://greenmusicfestchicago.com)

**Pitchfork Music Festival** | 1501 West Randolph Street, July 15-17, [pitchforkmusicfestival.com](http://pitchforkmusicfestival.com)

**Lollapalooza 20th Anniversary Concerts** | Grant Park, August 5-7, [lollapalooza.com](http://lollapalooza.com)

**The 28th Annual Chicago Blues Festival** | Grant Park, June 10-12, [explorechicago.org](http://explorechicago.org)

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## FOOD & DRINK

**ROSCOE VILLAGE BURGER FEST, Roscoe Village.** From veggie to steak, traditional to gourmet, a little piece of heaven on a bun—plus every topping imaginable—awaits. Performances by classic rock band Foghat and '80s rockers The Smithereens promise a treat for the ears as well as the taste buds. July 9-10, [chicagoevents.com](http://chicagoevents.com)

QUICK PICKS





**STREETFOOD ARTISTRY,** Galleria Marchetti, 825 West Erie Street. This year's inaugural event aims to unite foodies of all ages through a "culinary and artistic explosion" of pop-up restaurants, street-inspired dishes, old-school food carts,

and cutting-edge exhibitions of Chicago street art and photography. Sunday, August 14 from 1-7pm, [streetfoodartistrychicago.com](http://streetfoodartistrychicago.com)

QUICK PICKS

**Ribfest Chicago** | Lincoln Avenue and Irving Park Road, June 10-12, [ribfest-chicago.com](http://ribfest-chicago.com)  
**Taste of Chicago** | Grant Park, June 24-July 3, [explorechicago.org](http://explorechicago.org)

## ARTS & CULTURE

**FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOME AND STUDIO, 951 Chicago Avenue, Oak Park.** Tour the grounds and visit the home and studio of the legendary American architect, who developed his iconic Prairie style of architecture while living and working in this very space, now painstakingly restored to its 1909 appearance. [gowright.org](http://gowright.org)

**OLD TOWN ART FAIR, Lincoln Park West and New Orleans Street.** The charming, tree-lined streets of the Old Town Triangle District are the perfect backdrop for a day browsing works of every medium, including painting and ceramics. June 11-12, [oldtowntriangle.com](http://oldtowntriangle.com)

**PANDORA'S BOX: JOSEPH CORNELL UNLOCKS THE MCA COLLECTION, Museum of Contemporary Art.** In an innovative exhibition inspired by Joseph Cornell's relationship with the city of Chicago, the beloved local artist's work is juxtaposed with pieces from the MCA collection, serving to illuminate the American master's continued relevance. June 18-October 16, [mcachicago.org](http://mcachicago.org)

QUICK PICKS

**Chicago Tribune Printers Row Lit Fest** | 700 South Dearborn Street, June 4-5, [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com)  
**Gold Coast Art Fair** | Grant Park, July 9-10, [amdurproductions.com](http://amdurproductions.com)

## FASHION & SHOPPING

**THE VINTAGE BAZAAR, Various Locations.** The city's trendiest roving market, this modern pop-up flea of-fers vintage collectibles. With an eclectic mix of goods at reasonable prices, there's something for every hip, antique-loving shopper. [thevintagebazaar.com](http://thevintagebazaar.com)

**THE MAGNIFICENT MILE SHOPPING FESTIVAL,** North Michigan Avenue. Toast the city's famed retail destination and save big at this ultimate celebration of shopping—the first of its kind in the U.S. This retail extravaganza promises celebrity appearances, designer events, street performances, trunk shows, exciting giveaways, and most importantly, irresistible deals. August 26-September 8, [themagnificentmile.com](http://themagnificentmile.com)

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY

**YOU! THE EXPERIENCE, The Museum of Science and Industry.** This new 15,000-square-foot permanent exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry is all about you. Yes, that's right, you. Explore the mind-body-spirit connection with interactive features like the 13-foot, 3-D Giant Heart, or try taking a spin on the human-sized Hamster Wheel. Find out more at [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org).

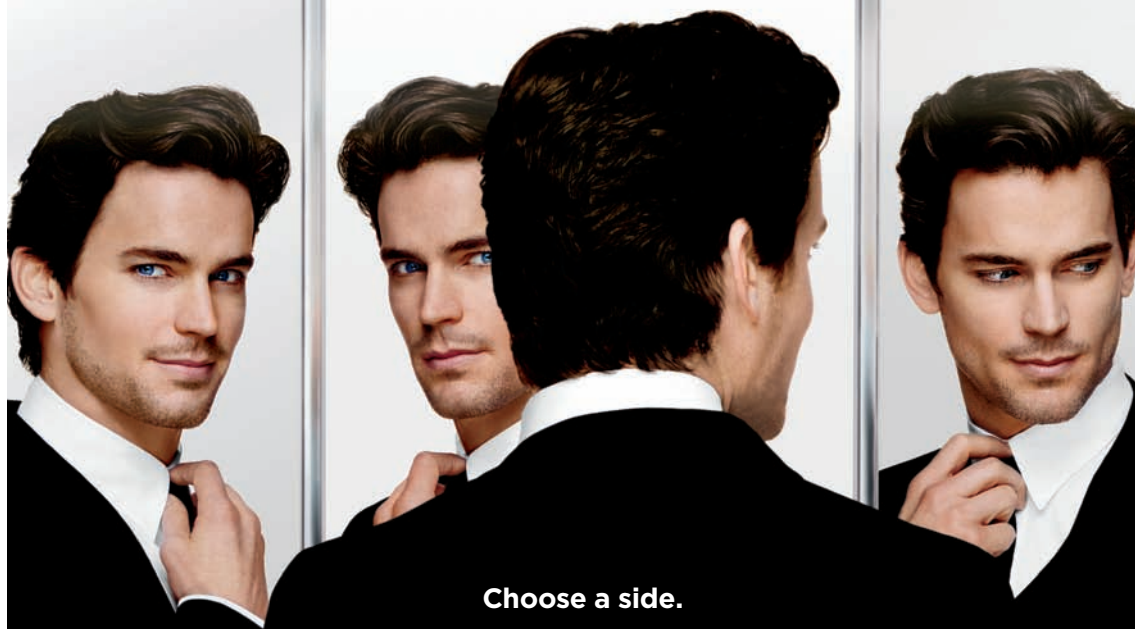
**LINCOLN PARK ZOO, 2001 North Clark Street.** When you've had your fill of world-class wildlife exhibits, historical architecture, and one of the most beautiful gardens in the city, try making the ultimate mind-body-nature connection with an Adult or Parent & Toddler Yoga Class during the warm-weather months. [lpzoo.org](http://lpzoo.org)

**MILLENNIUM PARK, 201 East Randolph Street.** Visit "a new kind of town square" in the heart of the city for summer-long music concert series and festivals, outdoor art installations like Cloud Gate and Crown Fountain, the five-acre Lurie Garden, or a simple picnic, bike ride, or stroll. Get a complete schedule of events at [explorechicago.org](http://explorechicago.org).



QUICK PICKS

**Chicago Summerfest** | Lincoln Park, June 25-26, [starevents.com](http://starevents.com)  
**Taylor Street Festa Italiana** | Taylor St. at Ashland Ave, August 11-14, [oshows.com](http://oshows.com)



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## OUTDOOR FUN

**THE STANDARD DOWNTOWN POOL PARTY, 550 S Flower Street.** Among the many chic, celeb-studded pool parties that spring up on hotel rooftops across the city in the warmer months, the Standard's scorching scene stands out. [standardhotels.com](http://standardhotels.com)



**THE INTERNATIONAL SURF FESTIVAL, Redondo, Manhattan, and Hermosa Beaches.** Watch (or join) competitions in surfing, soccer, volleyball, swimming, running, and other outdoor beach favorites. Get the schedule and learn more at [surffestival.org](http://surffestival.org). July 29-31

**CINESPIA HOLLYWOOD FOREVER CEMETERY MOVIE SERIES, 6000 Santa Monica Blvd. at Gower.** Watch classic films in the company of Hollywood stars both celestial and sub-terrestrial at this outdoor cemetery screening series, where the vibe is more upbeat than eerie. Saturdays starting May 14, gates open at 7pm, films begin at 8:30pm, [cinespia.org](http://cinespia.org)

**QUICK PICKS** **Runyon Canyon Park** | 2000 N Fuller Ave, dawn to dusk, [laparks.org](http://laparks.org)  
**Evening Rides from Sunset Ranch Stables** | 3400 N Beachwood Drive, [sunsetranchhollywood.com](http://sunsetranchhollywood.com)

## FESTIVALS & CONCERTS

**THE GREEK THEATRE, 2700 N Vermont Ave.** This summer, the historic Griffith Park amphitheater and outdoor music venue will play host to the likes of Florence + The Machine and Death Cab for Cutie, among others. And if enjoying great music under the stars isn't enough to entice you, maybe the on-site outpost of the legendary Pink's Hot Dogs will inspire you to go Greek. May 26-October 26, [greektheatrela.com](http://greektheatrela.com)

**SUNSET STRIP MUSIC FESTIVAL, Sunset between Doheny & San Vicente.** Rock stars and music lovers converge on the Sunset Strip for a three-day musical extravaganza, with live music in multiple venues (including House of Blues and Whisky A Go-Go) and a street festival featuring outdoor stages, a VIP rooftop lounge, a beer garden and all-day interactive experiences. August 18-20, [sunsetstripmusicfestival.com](http://sunsetstripmusicfestival.com)

**QUICK PICKS** **Sunset Junction Street Fair** | 3700-4300 Sunset Boulevard & 4000-4200 Santa Monica Boulevard, August 27-28, [sunsetjunction.org](http://sunsetjunction.org)

## FOOD & DRINK

**THE MALIBU INN, 22969 Pacific Coast Hwy.** Newly-revamped and reopened in the storied space once occupied by Neil Young's Crazy Horse Saloon, the Malibu Inn is already making waves with its spacious patio, billiards room, live music and menu from *Top Chef* alum Angelo Sosa. [facebook.com/TheMalibuInn](http://facebook.com/TheMalibuInn)

**ABBOT KINNEY FIRST FRIDAYS, Venice.** Get a taste of all that Abbot Kinney has to offer—and there's a lot, from shopping to dining to drinking to gallery-hopping—at this monthly event, where local business open their doors until 10pm, food trucks arrive en masse, and the festive mix of locals makes for excellent people-watching. 6-10pm, first Friday of every month. [abbotkinneynow.com](http://abbotkinneynow.com)

**MOSAIC BAR & GRILLE, MONTAGE HOTEL, 30801 South Coast Highway, Laguna Beach.** Soak up the sun as you sip a cocktail and dine on California-inspired beach fare at this poolside bar and restaurant, located within the luxurious Montage resort. Though the hotel is just a quick drive down the coast, balmy breezes and ocean views will transport you to realms far, far away. [montagelagunabeach.com](http://montagelagunabeach.com)

**QUICK PICKS** **L.A. Street Food Fest** | Santa Monica, July 9-10, [lastreetfoodfest.wordpress.com](http://lastreetfoodfest.wordpress.com)  
**Paradise Cove Beach Café** | 28128 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, [paradisecoveomalibu.com](http://paradisecoveomalibu.com)

## ARTS & CULTURE

**ART IN THE STREETS, The Geffen Contemporary at MOCA, 125 N Central Ave.** The first major U.S. museum survey of graffiti, "Art in the Streets" traces the evolution of street art over the last four decades, and

is generating major buzz in the art world. You'll never look at a can of spray paint the same way again. April 17-August 8, [moca.org](#)

**PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS, 650 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach.** At this world-famous annual event—this year's theme is "Only Make Believe"—real people recreate works of art in incredibly faithful tableaux vivants ("living pictures"). Art has never seemed so alive. July 7-August 31, every night at 8:30pm, [foapom.com](#)

**BERGAMOT STATION, 2525 Michigan Ave, Santa Monica.** A facility that was once a trolley station now serves as a depot of another kind: Southern California's largest art complex, home to dozens of art galleries, a café, and the Santa Monica Museum of Art. [bergamotstation.com](#)

**QUICK PICKS** **The Downtown Art Walk** | Downtown L.A., Second Thursday of every month, [downtownartwalk.com](#)

## FASHION & SHOPPING

**LARCHMONT VILLAGE, N Larchmont Blvd. between Beverly and W 1st St.** Nestled in the heart of L.A. is a shopping corridor with rural Main Street charm and big-city style. Browse the racks at Pickett Fences and Petticoats, shop for eco-friendly kids gear at The Little Seed, and just try to leave the incredibly well-stocked Larchmont Beauty Center without buying so much as a lip gloss. [larchmont.com](#)



**SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET, Arizona Ave. and 2nd St., Santa Monica.** In a city teeming with farmers markets, the Wednesday market in Santa Monica ranks as #1, and has earned a reputation as a favorite of top local chefs—so you'll be in good company as you sort through those heads of organic kale. Wednesdays, 8:30am-1:30pm. [smgov.net/farmers\\_market](#)

**BRENTWOOD COUNTRY MART, 225 26th Street, Santa Monica.** Much like its well-heeled patrons, the Country Mart seems to have it all: good looks, great

style, and charm galore. Stock up on summer essentials at Selima Optique (vintage and current eyewear), Roberta Roller Rabbit (block-printed beach tunics), and Malia Mills (chic swimwear to suit every shape and size). [brentwoodcountrymart.com](#)

**QUICK PICKS** **The Rose Bowl Flea Market** | 1001 Rose Bowl Drive, 2nd Sunday of every month, [rgcshows.com](#)

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY

**ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE, Santa Monica State Beach.** Originally developed by William Randolph Hearst, this Old Hollywood hotspot is also the only public beach house in the country. Take a yoga class, check out an art exhibit, visit the historic Guest House, make a splash at the pool, or enjoy sports on the beach—no membership required. [beachhouse.smgov.net](#)



**THE GETTY CENTER, 1200 Getty Center Drive.** Stunning art collections, architecture, gardens, and views make this one of the most impressive art centers in the world, plus there's enough interactive fun for kids to keep them happy for days. [getty.edu/museum](#)

**PAGE MUSEUM, La Brea Tar Pits, 5801 Wilshire Blvd.** As the weather heats up, revisit the last Ice Age at this national natural landmark and museum, where little ones can examine the skeletons of long-extinct mammals, watch real fossils being cleaned and repaired, and romp among life-size replicas of saber-toothed cats and mammoths. [tarpits.org](#)

**QUICK PICKS** **LA Live** | 800 W Olympic Blvd, [lalive.com](#)

## OUTDOOR FUN

**CALHOUN BEACH, 3200 East Calhoun Parkway.** Part of the Chain of Lakes, the most visited natural resource in the state, this bustling hotspot is ideal for water activities and sports. Rent a bike or a kayak and explore all three connected lakes. Once you've worked up a hunger hit the Tin Fish seafood restaurant. [minneapolisparks.org](http://minneapolisparks.org)

**MUSIC AND MOVIES IN LORING PARK, 1382 Willow Street.** Back this year after a disappointing 2010 hiatus, this free program promises a local band followed by a classic film screening during the first four Mondays in August. The final night of the series will include a silent film viewing set to live music in the Walker Art Center's green space. August, [minneapolisparks.org](http://minneapolisparks.org)

**LAWN BOWLING AT BRIT'S PUB, 1110 Nicollet Mall.** Come to "Minneapolis's own little corner of the UK" to tip a pint and play on the 10,000 square-foot green, open from mid-May to early October. Though the waiting list for the Lawn Bowling League is roughly 10 years long, you can show up for first-come, first-served Open Bowling on Saturdays and Sundays, and make reservations for groups on week-day afternoons and some evenings. [britspub.com](http://britspub.com)

QUICK PICKS

**Cottage View Drive-In Movie Theater | 9338 East Point Douglas Road, Cottage Grove, [manntheatresmn.com](http://manntheatresmn.com)**



## FESTIVALS & CONCERTS

**BASILICA BLOCK PARTY, 88 North 17th Street.** Find "your ticket to musical redemption" at this rockin' annual fundraiser for the historic Basilica of Saint Mary. Celebrate good food, summer fun, and the spirit of community while grooving to a lineup that includes Amos Lee, G. Love & Special Sauce, and Lissie. July 8-9, [basilicablockparty.org](http://basilicablockparty.org)



**AQUATENNIAL FESTIVAL, Various Locations.** Celebrate the best days of summer at this annual week long extravaganza featuring non-stop block parties, live bands, parades, and signature water-based events like the Milk Carton Boat Race, plus one of the largest fireworks displays in the country. July 15-23, [aquatennial.com](http://aquatennial.com)

**ROCK THE GARDEN, Walker Art Center/Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.** Join the ultimate backyard party, featuring performances by Booker T. Jones, Neko Case, and My Morning Jacket. Between sets, DJs will spin as you explore the renowned sculpture gardens and sample the many drinking and dining options. June 18, 3-10:30pm, [facebook.com/rockthegarden](http://facebook.com/rockthegarden)

QUICK PICKS

**Lake Harriet Summer Concert Series | Lake Harriet Band Shell, Seven days a week, [minneapolisparks.org](http://minneapolisparks.org)**

## FOOD & DRINK

**TUGG'S TAVERN, 219 SE Main Street.** With a prime location on the idyllic Saint Anthony Main and a fabulous patio scene, Tugg's offers perfect views of summer riverfront events like the Stone Arch Festival and the 4th of July celebration. Instead of a pitcher, ask for a portable beer dispensing "rocket" tower to be served with your burger. [tuggstavern.com](http://tuggstavern.com)

**SPOONRIVER, 750 South 2nd Street.** Work up an appetite at the nearby Mill City Farmers Market then

sit back, relax, and savor patio views of the Stone Arch Bridge and Minneapolis skyline—not to mention the “freshest, most delicious food possible.” [spoonriver.com](http://spoonriver.com)

**JOE'S GARAGE, 1610 Harmon Place.** Check out the beautiful views of Downtown, Loring Park, and the Basilica of St. Mary while enjoying a lively rooftop atmosphere and award-winning (Best Martini, Best Mashed Potatoes, Best Burgers) menu selections. [joes-garage.com](http://joes-garage.com)

**PSYCHO SUZI'S MOTOR LOUNGE, 1900 Marshall Ave NE.** Popular tiki-motor lounge Psycho Suzi's is now slinging tropical cocktails in a new, much larger space, featuring an expansive riverfront patio and three theme bars. As ever, the scene is tiki, tacky, and totally fun. [psychosuzis.com](http://psychosuzis.com)

## ARTS & CULTURE

**MINNEAPOLIS ARTS WEEKEND, Various Locations.** Browse (and buy) artwork and crafts, and enjoy food, wine, acoustic music, and kids' activities at this annual event featuring three simultaneous art fairs: Metris Uptown, Loring Park, and Powderhorn—connected by free bus service. August 6-7

**MINNESOTA FRINGE FESTIVAL,** See all the theater, music, and dance your heart desires at this annual performing arts celebration that strives to connect adventurous artists with adventurous audiences. Shows are 60 minutes or less, with 30-minute breaks in between. The full schedule is available on July 1 at [fringefestival.org](http://fringefestival.org). August 4-14

**QUICK PICKS** **Stone Arch Festival of the Arts** | The Riverfront District, June 18-19, [stonearchfestival.com](http://stonearchfestival.com)

## FASHION & SHOPPING

**MALL OF AMERICA, 8100 24th Avenue South.** Minneapolis is home to the first and oldest enclosed shopping mall (Southdale Center), but the real standout is the world-famous, city-within-a-city Mall of America, featuring 4.2 million square feet of restaurants, family amusements like a mirror maze and aquarium, and most importantly, a whopping 520 retail stores. [mallofamerica.com](http://mallofamerica.com)

**50TH AND FRANCE, Edina.** Step up your summer style at this expansive (and yes, sometimes expensive) shopping district, where standout shops include brother-and-sister contemporary style emporiums Bluepeg and Bluebird, swimwear specialist Nani Nalu, and beauty mecca Cos Bar. [50thandfrance.com](http://50thandfrance.com)

**MINNEAPOLIS FARMERS MARKET, E Lyndale Ave.** Do your grocery shopping or just stop by for a snack; either way, you're sure to find something to tempt you at the Lyndale Market, brought to you by the Central Minnesota Vegetable Growers Association and open seven days a week. (The Nicollet Mall location is only open on Thursdays). [mplsfarmersmarket.com](http://mplsfarmersmarket.com)

**QUICK PICKS** **Target Flagship** | 900 Nicollet Avenue, [target.com](http://target.com)

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY



**WALKER ART CENTER / MINNEAPOLIS SCULPTURE GARDEN, 1750 Hennepin Avenue.** With free anytime admission for children and teens, Free Thursday Nights and Free First Saturdays for everyone, plus no-cost, hands-on programs like Tuesday's Arty Pants, and the always-free outdoor Sculpture Garden, this contemporary gem is a family-

and budget-friendly way to enjoy the cutting-edge cultural scene. [walkerart.org](http://walkerart.org)

**MINNEAPOLIS QUEEN CRUISES, Boom Island Park.** Hop aboard this authentic paddlewheel boat for a sightseeing cruise and experience the beauty and history of the Mighty Mississippi River, including the Upper Mississippi Lock System, Upper St. Anthony Falls, and the historic Riverfront. Spend some time before or after docking at Boom Island Park, which features biking trails, a picnic area, and a playground. [twincitiescruises.com](http://twincitiescruises.com)

**THE MINNESOTA ZOO, Apple Valley, MN.** The second largest zoo in the U.S. offers 500 different species of animals, a working Family Farm, an interactive summer Splash Pad water fountain, and a nature-based Woodland Adventure play area. Stop by before July 4 to see the “Dr. Seuss on the Loose” exhibit—a bronze sculpture display of the beloved author's most famous characters and lots of related activities. [mnzoo.com](http://mnzoo.com)

**QUICK PICKS** **St. Paul Saints Games** | Midway Stadium, May-August, [saintsbaseball.com](http://saintsbaseball.com)





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## OUTDOOR FUN

### THE HIGH LINE, Gansevoort Street to 30th Street.

The highly anticipated second section of this elevated garden/walkway opens in mid-May and word above the street is that it's even more incredible than the first, with features like the Central Park Ramble-esque Chelsea Thicket and a "flyover" rising walkway. [thehighline.org](http://thehighline.org)



**ROOFTOP FILMS, Various Locations.** The city's most avant-garde summer film series, this (mostly) outdoor festival focuses on independent releases, which can be viewed at unique venues both rooftop (such as the Old American Can Factory at the Gowanus Canal) and underground (like the Ace Hotel's Liberty Hall). [rooftopfilms.com](http://rooftopfilms.com)

**STONE BARN CENTER FOR FOOD & AGRICULTURE, 630 Bedford Road, Pocantico Hills.** At this working farm and educational center just 30 miles north of Manhattan, visitors of all ages can tour the facilities, take classes, and even pitch in with farm activities from planting to harvesting to collecting eggs. [stonebarnscenter.org](http://stonebarnscenter.org)



**Summer Streets** | Park Avenue from Brooklyn Bridge to Central Park, [nyc.gov/summerstreets](http://nyc.gov/summerstreets)

## FESTIVALS & CONCERTS

**CELEBRATE BROOKLYN, Prospect Park Bandshell and Brooklyn Bridge Park.** New York City's longest-running, free outdoor performing arts festival

is renowned for its diverse lineup of artists. This year opens with a concert by folk rocker Andrew Bird (June 10) and features benefit shows (tickets \$35) from the likes of The Decemberists (June 14) and Sufjan Stevens (August 2). Get the full summer lineup at [bricartsmedia.org](http://bricartsmedia.org).

### 4 KNOTS MUSIC FESTIVAL, South Street Seaport.

Produced by the *Village Voice*, which for the past ten years has been the force behind the wildly popular Siren Festival, this new one-day music event at South Street Seaport is sure to attract indie rock's hottest acts—and a hip crowd to match. July 16, 2pm-1am



**Summer Concerts at Nikon at Jones Beach Theater** | Long Island, [jonesbeach.com](http://jonesbeach.com)

## FOOD & DRINK

### SMORGASBURG AT THE BROOKLYN FLEA, Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

An "all-food bonanza" featuring 100+ food vendors (packaged, cooked, raw, and more), as well as a GrowNYC Greenmarket, a kids' play area with weekly activities, and a beautiful skyline view—all within one of NYC's best markets (a summer must in itself!). Saturdays, 9am-5pm, [brooklynflea.com](http://brooklynflea.com)

**HUDSON CLEARWATER, 447 Hudson Street.** You'll feel like you stumbled into a secret garden at this quaint West Village restaurant, where, tucked behind an unassuming green door, you will find one of the city's most charming garden dining spaces. Did we mention that the market-driven food's not bad either? [hudsonclearwater.com](http://hudsonclearwater.com)

**LA BIRRERIA, 200 Fifth Avenue.** If you love Mario Batali's Eataly Italian megamart, get ready to swoon over La Birreria, his 8,000-square-foot, 300-seat new rooftop beer garden that promises food, drink (including original ales), and breathtaking views. Fun fact: its elevation makes it the highest brewery in America. [eatalyny.com](http://eatalyny.com)



**Big Apple BBQ Festival** | Madison Square Park, June 11-12, [bigapplebbq.org](http://bigapplebbq.org)

**Giglio Italian Street Feast Williamsburg** | Brooklyn, July 6-17, [giglio-usa.org](http://giglio-usa.org)

**The Frying Pan** | Pier 66 at 26th Street and the West Side Highway, [fryingpan.com](http://fryingpan.com)

## ARTS & CULTURE

**STORM KING ART CENTER**, Old Pleasant Hill Road, Mountainville. Take a day trip to this expansive outdoor sculpture garden in the Hudson Valley, where you can explore (on foot or bike) large-scale works from the likes of David Smith, Alexander Calder, and Henry Moore, all perched amidst five hundred acres of scenic fields and woodlands. [stormking.org](http://stormking.org)

**PS 1 WARM UP**, Queens. Get your groove on at the summer concert series/dance party at MoMA's Long Island City outpost. The \$15 admission price also provides access to all exhibitions and public programs at the space. Saturdays, 2-9pm, [ps1.org/warmup](http://ps1.org/warmup)

**MUSEUM MILE FESTIVAL**, Fifth Avenue from 82nd to 105th Streets. Enjoy free access to nine of the world's greatest museums, including The Met and El Museo del Barrio, plus a mile-long block party featuring art-in-the-street activities, music, and more. June 14, 6-9pm, [museummilefestival.org](http://museummilefestival.org)

**SING FOR HOPE'S POP-UP PIANOS**, Various Parks and Public Places. Enjoy a formal concert or give an impromptu performance at one of 88 pianos temporarily installed throughout the five boroughs in a two-week initiative making the arts available to everyone. June 18-July 2, [singforhope.org](http://singforhope.org)

QUICK PICKS

**Midsummer Night Swing** | Lincoln Center, June 27-July 16, [midsummernightswing.org](http://midsummernightswing.org)  
**NYC Fringe Festival of Multi-arts**, August 12-28, [fringenyc.org](http://fringenyc.org)

## FASHION & SHOPPING

**NOLITA**, Elizabeth, Mott, and Mulberry Streets. "Curb-to-curb boutiques" filled with cutting-edge-everything make this one of the hottest shopping destinations in the city. Don't-miss stops include the ultra-feminine GirlCat, the vintage chic-y In God We Trust, and the worldly bonanza Babel Fair.

**HESTER STREET FAIR**, Hester and Essex Streets. The Lower East Side indie paradise is back for a second fab season of vintage fashion and goods, skin care, and accessories vendors, plus foodie favorites like Luke's Lobster. Saturdays, beginning May 7, [hesterstreetfair.com](http://hesterstreetfair.com)

QUICK PICKS

**Artists & Fleas** | 70 N. 7th St. Williamsburg, Saturdays & Sundays 10am-7pm, [artistsandfleas.com](http://artistsandfleas.com)  
**Super Saturday** | Nova's Ark Project, Water Mill, NY, July 30, 1-6pm, [ocrf.org](http://ocrf.org)

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY



**BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK**, If you can drag your kids away from Pier 6's playground-apalooza, which includes the likes of Swing Valley, The Water Lab, and Sandbox Village, take a spin on the newly restored Jane's Carousel, a historic merry-go-round making its debut in the Empire-Fulton Ferry Park section. [brooklynbridgeparknyc.org](http://brooklynbridgeparknyc.org)

**GOVERNORS ISLAND**, Take a relaxing free ferry ride to a land of car-free biking, open-air dining, organic farming, art installations, historic demonstrations, and more! Kiddie favorites last year included a free arts program, mini-golf, sand-digging on Water Taxi Beach, and a kite-flying giveaway. Get the 2011 schedule of events at [govisland.com](http://govisland.com).

**INTREPID SUMMER MOVIE SERIES**, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. Load up your lawn chairs, pack a picnic, and head over to the aircraft carrier-turned-landmark Intrepid for crowd-pleasing, family-friendly films (*The Goonies*, *Back to the Future*, *E.T.*) screened on the deck. [intrepidmuseum.org](http://intrepidmuseum.org)

QUICK PICKS

**Children's Day Festival** | South Street Seaport, June 18, [childrensdailynyc.com](http://childrensdailynyc.com)  
**Bastille Day** | 60th St, July 10, [bastilledailynyc.com](http://bastilledailynyc.com)



## OUTDOOR FUN

**TREE ADVENTURE AT THE MORRIS ARBORETUM, 100 East Northwestern Avenue.** Go “Out on a Limb” and get a unique, bird’s-eye view of the forest from a 450-foot-long walkway 50 feet above the ground. Sit on huge robin’s eggs inside a giant Bird’s Nest, scamper onto the Squirrel Scramble’s rope netting across two trees, and more. Don’t forget your binoculars! Open late Thursdays from June-August. Call 215-247-5777 for more info. [morrisarboetum.org](http://morrisarboetum.org)

**FOX CHASE FARM, 8500 Pine Road.** Nestled between Philadelphia and Montgomery counties, this working farm dates back to the days of William Penn. It’s only open to the public for scheduled events, but there are plenty to choose from, including a Farm Open House (June 4), and Wednesday Night Hayrides (July 20, August 3, August 17). [foxchasefarm.org](http://foxchasefarm.org)



**TD Bank Philadelphia International Cycling Championship** | 20th and Vine Streets, June 5, [procyclingtour.com](http://procyclingtour.com)

**Summer Ale Festival** | The Philadelphia Zoo, July 23, [philadelphiazoo.org](http://philadelphiazoo.org)

## FESTIVALS & CONCERTS

**MANN MUSIC CENTER, Fairmont Park.** The summer home of the Philadelphia Orchestra will also welcome electro-pop sensation Owl City (June 25), Furthur (July 23), and Selena Gomez (August 19) among others for its 2011 season of al fresco performances. Get the full schedule at [manncenter.org](http://manncenter.org).

**PENN’S LANDING, Columbus Boulevard and Chestnut Street.** Head over to this waterfront hotspot all season long for multi-cultural festivals (like the Hispanic Fiesta on July 9-10), free concerts from the likes of Soundgarden (July 13), 311 (July 26), and Ke\$ha (August 17), movie Screenings Under the Stars, plus fire-

works on the Delaware River June 25 and July 2. Get the complete schedule at [delawareriverevents.com](http://delawareriverevents.com).

**PHILADELPHIA FOLK FESTIVAL, 1323 Salford Station Road.** This year marks the 50th anniversary of the folk music and dance bonanza, where the hills of Schwenksville come alive with singing, clapping, bonfires, and crafts. Keep your fingers crossed for legends like Bob Dylan, who have been known to show up unannounced. August 18-21, [pfs.org](http://pfs.org)

**QUICK PICKS** **Odunde African-American Street Festival** | South Street, June 12, [visitphilly.com](http://visitphilly.com)

## FOOD & DRINK

**PHILLY BEER WEEK, Various Locations.** From the ceremonial first tap with the legendary “Hammer of Glory” keg mallet to popular “Meet the Brewer” events, this 10-day celebration of the Best Beer-Drinking City in America is the largest of its kind, drawing fans from all over. If you can’t download the enhanced iPhone app for 2011, get the latest updates at [phillybeerweek.org](http://phillybeerweek.org). June 3-June 12

**MOSHULU, 401 South Columbus Boulevard.** Enjoy an elegant Sunday brunch, unforgettable dinner, or twilight cocktails aboard the world’s largest four-masted sailing ship, which offers breathtaking views of the city and waterfront. [moshulu.com](http://moshulu.com)



**TALULA’S GARDEN, 210 W. Washington Sq.** Since its debut in April, this joint venture from Philly uber-restaurateur Stephen Starr and Aimee Olexy, the celebrated chef behind Talula’s Table, has become one of the hottest tables in town. And thanks to its charming garden it will surely maintain that position well through the summer months. [talulagarden.com](http://talulagarden.com)

**MEMPHIS TAPROOM BEER GARDEN, 2231 E. Cumberland St.** This newly-opened beer garden in the lot adjacent the Memphis Taproom will be open April-October, and features outdoor seating, a spiffy food truck dispensing hot dogs and beer, and a screen for Phillies game viewing. (If you can't get enough of the beer garden experience, also check out the brand-new Frankford Hall in Fishtown.) [memphistaproom.com](http://memphistaproom.com)

## QUICK PICKS

**Taste of Philadelphia** | Penn's Landing, June 24-26, [welcomeamerica.com](http://welcomeamerica.com)

**Wawa Hoagie Day** | Independence National Historic Park, June 29, [welcomeamerica.com](http://welcomeamerica.com)

## ARTS &amp; CULTURE

**RITTENHOUSE SQUARE FINE ARTS SHOW, 135 South 18 Street.** Come "circle the square" and browse more than 140 booths and exhibits from professionals and students. Now in its 80th year, this diverse showcase is the nation's oldest outdoor original artwork show. June 3-5, [rittenhousesquarefineartshow.org](http://rittenhousesquarefineartshow.org)

**PHILADELPHIA'S MAGIC GARDENS, 1020 South Street.** Take a guided walking tour or a solo stroll through this "imaginative folk art environment" that includes a fully mosaiced indoor gallery and a massive outdoor mosaic labyrinth. The massive creative space—which covers half a city block with myriads of tile, texture, and color—is the work of one man, local artist Isaiah Zagar. [phillymagicgarden.org](http://phillymagicgarden.org)



**SHAKESPEARE IN CLARK PARK,** Pack a picnic and spend a balmy evening with the Bard at a free production of a Shakespeare classic. This summer's selection is the crowd-pleaser "A Midsummer Night's Dream," playing Wednesday, July 28 through Sunday, August 1 at 7pm. [shakespeareinclarkpark.org](http://shakespeareinclarkpark.org)

## QUICK PICKS

**West Oak Lane Jazz and Arts Festival** | Ogontz Avenue, June 17-19, [westoaklanefestival.com](http://westoaklanefestival.com)

**Manayunk Arts Festival** | Main Street and Levering Street, June 25-26, [manayunk.com](http://manayunk.com)

## FASHION &amp; SHOPPING

**RITTENHOUSE SQUARE, 1801 Walnut Street.** Historically Philadelphia's most fashionable place to live, this neighborhood is now one of the city's most fabulous places to shop, filled with unique boutiques and upscale outposts. Must-sees include area staples Knit Wit and Joan Shepp. [rittenhouserow.org](http://rittenhouserow.org)

**OLD CITY BOUTIQUE DISTRICT,** Hip boutiques and shops abound in the North 3rd Street area, with stand-outs including quirky-cool Art in the Age, sophisticated fashion mecca Sugarcube, and sleek home-furnishings emporium Minima. [oldcitydistrict.org/shop](http://oldcitydistrict.org/shop)

**ART STAR, 623 N. 2nd Street.** Part art gallery, part boutique, the city's "first cutting-edge craft shop" offers handmade clothes, jewelry and accessories (as well as dolls, ceramics, and prints) from rising local artists. [artstarphilly.com](http://artstarphilly.com)

## QUICK PICKS

**Antique Row** | Pine St. between 9th St. & 12th St., [antique-row.org](http://antique-row.org)

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY

**COLONIAL KIDS QUEST, 6th and Chestnut Streets.** Junior detectives (and their parents) are invited to find the missing Declaration of Independence in this historical "whodunit" adventure. You'll help Phineas Bell search for clues at historic sites, and meet helpful friends—including his runaway dog, Freedom—along the way. Saturdays, May 28-September 3 at 11am, [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

**SMITH MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND & PLAYHOUSE, 33rd and Oxford Streets.** Imagine a 24,000-square-foot mansion built at the turn of the 20th century just for kids, with features like an iconic 44-foot wooden slide, a tumbling room, book nook, indoor trike room, and spinning jungle gyms. Even more amazing—it's totally free. [smithkidsplayplace.org](http://smithkidsplayplace.org)

**FRANKLIN SQUARE, 6th and Race Streets.** Visit the Philadelphia-themed mini-golf course, take a carousel spin atop hometown racehorse heroes, grab a bite at SquareBurger, and then burn it off at the two playgrounds. [historicphiladelphia.org](http://historicphiladelphia.org)

## QUICK PICKS

**Flag Day Celebration** | The National Constitution Center, June 14, [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org)

**Pennsylvania Dutch Festival** | Reading Terminal Market, August 11-13, [readingterminalmarket.org](http://readingterminalmarket.org)

## OUTDOOR FUN



**CRISSY FIELD, 1199 EAST BEACH.** Walk the beach, fly a kite, windsurf, crab, fish, or rent a bike and cross the Golden Gate Bridge from this historic airfield/park. Remember to bring a sweatshirt for the mid-day winds—or just plan on ducking into the Warming Hut bookstore and café for an organic treat. [parksconservancy.org](http://parksconservancy.org)

**DOLORES PARK, 18th and Dolores Streets.** When the sun peaks out, run don't walk to this popular Mission gathering spot to soak up some rays and enjoy the unbeatable people-watching.

### HOG ISLAND OYSTER FARM, Marshall, CA.

Take a 46-mile drive north of the Golden Gate Bridge for a “farm-to-plate” adventure shucking and grilling on beautiful Tomales Bay. Picnic tables book up notoriously fast, but if you can't make a reservation, there's always The Boat Oyster Bar. Bring a cooler to tote fresh oysters and shellfish back home. [hogislandoysters.com](http://hogislandoysters.com)



### QUICK PICKS

**Film Night in the Park Outdoor Film Series** | Various Locations, June-September, [sfntf.org](http://sfntf.org)  
**Jetty Betty Surf School** | [jettybetty.com](http://jettybetty.com)

## FESTIVALS & CONCERTS

**HAIGHT ASHBURY STREET FAIR & BATTLE OF THE BANDS, Haight Street.** The historic epicenter of peace, love, and happiness welcomes the masses for food, arts & crafts, and of course, live music. Particular areas of interest include the Children's Alley family area and the Poster Contest for commemorative images of this year's event. Sunday, June 12, 11am-5:30pm, [haightashburystreetfair.org](http://haightashburystreetfair.org)

**OUTSIDE LANDS MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL, Golden Gate Park.** Tickets went on sale in April for this music and arts festival featuring an out-of-this-world concert lineup that includes The Shins, Big Audio Dynamite, Phish, The Decemberists, Erykah Badu, and The Roots. Procrastinators and last-minute travelers beware: tickets won't be cheap, but still totally worth it. August 12-14, [sfoutsidelands.com](http://sfoutsidelands.com)

**STERN GROVE FESTIVAL, Sigmund Stern Grove.** This summer-long festival “in concert with nature”, offers a series of 10 admission-free concerts and interactive, community outreach programs, including KidStage hands-on art workshops and Troc Talks conversations with featured performing artists. Get this year's lineup at [sterngrove.org](http://sterngrove.org).

**Union Street Eco-Urban Festival** | Union Street from Gough to Steiner, June 4-5, [unionstreetfestival.com](http://unionstreetfestival.com)

### QUICK PICKS

**41st Annual San Francisco Pride Parade** | June 25-26, [sfpride.org](http://sfpride.org)

## FOOD & DRINK

**SF CHEFS 2011, Union Square.** Mix, mingle, and taste among master chefs, winemakers, and culinary superstars like Tyler Florence and Citizen Cake's Elizabeth Falkner during this interactive food and wine weekend celebrating the unique local flavors. August 1-7, [sfchefs2011.com](http://sfchefs2011.com)

**FORAGESF, Various Locations.** Don't know much about “foraging?” Dig the “underground” scene? Then sign up for free membership and hush-hush details about the next Underground Market for foraged food (or grab a seat at one of the communal Underground Dinners). You can also sign up for a guided “Wild Food Walk,” where you can learn about the wild edibles abundant in the local area. [foragesf.com](http://foragesf.com)

**OFF THE GRID FOOD TRUCKS AND WEEKLY MARKETS, Various Locations.** Follow this “roaming mobile food extravaganza” to delicious gourmet street food with free sides of music, craft, and soul. Take advantage of the up-to-date Street Food Finder, get info on the vendors, and find out when and where the next market is happening at [offthegridsf.com](http://offthegridsf.com)

QUICK PICKS

**San Francisco Dine About Town Prix Fixe Week** | June 1-15, [onlyinsanfrancisco.com](http://onlyinsanfrancisco.com)

## ARTS & CULTURE

**BEACH BLANKET BABYLON, Club Fugazi, 678**

**Green Street.** The longest running musical revue in history is zanier than ever, with an ever-evolving collection of madcap characters that currently includes Prince William and Princess Catherine.

[beachblanketbabylon.com](http://beachblanketbabylon.com)

**ART MURMUR, Between 22nd and 26th Streets, along the Broadway/Telegraph corridors.**

At the monthly First Friday art walk in Oakland, member galleries are open late and craft, art, and food vendors fill the streets. [oaklandartmurmur.org](http://oaklandartmurmur.org)

**FILLMORE JAZZ FESTIVAL, Fillmore Street.**

Celebrate this “hoppin’ hotbed of jazz history” with the best talent the Bay has to offer, from up-and-coming jazz fusion and Latin-flavored acts to legendary standards. This highly anticipated event will also include eight blocks of fine art and crafts, as well as food, drink, and demonstrations from a diverse range of chefs. July 2-3, [fillmorejazzfestival.com](http://fillmorejazzfestival.com)



QUICK PICKS

**San Francisco Theater Festival** | Fort Mason Center, Sunday, August 7, [sftheatrefestival.org](http://sftheatrefestival.org)

## FASHION & SHOPPING

**ALAMEDA POINTE ANTIQUES FAIRE, 2900 Navy**

**Way, Alameda.** Treasures abound at the largest antiques fair in Northern California. With over 800 booths to sort through, this faire is not for the faint of heart. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and your bargaining hat. [alamedapointeantiquesfaire.org](http://alamedapointeantiquesfaire.org)

**FERRY BUILDING MARKETPLACE, One Ferry Market.**

Along the Embarcadero rises this gourmand's paradise, featuring a treasure trove of food stalls. Favorites include the Cowgirl Creamery cheese shop, Boccalone Salumeria, and an outpost of Sausalito-based Heath Ceramics. [ferrybuildingmarketplace.com](http://ferrybuildingmarketplace.com)

**HAYES VALLEY,** In-the-know San Francisco shoppers favor this quaint shopping strip, populated by scads of independent boutiques and cafés. Don't miss fashionista favorites Nida, M.A.C. and Azalea, and if you're in the market for a girlie gift, be sure to stop in to Lavish. [hayesvalley.com](http://hayesvalley.com)

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY

**ANGEL ISLAND, San Francisco Bay.** One scenic ferry

ride from the town of Tiburon—a quaint must-see in itself—lies this popular summer day-trip destination featuring beautiful beaches, hiking/biking trails, campgrounds that book up fast, and live music at the Cove Cantina deck. [angelisland.org](http://angelisland.org)

**KORET CHILDREN'S QUARTER, Golden Gate Park.**

On the site of one of the first public playgrounds in the U.S., timeless fun can still be had by all. Bring a cardboard box for the old-school cement slides, and watch as the kids look for fossils on an archeological dig and make a splash in the water play area.

[sfrecpark.org](http://sfrecpark.org)

**THE EXPLORATORIUM, Palace of Fine Arts.** This

groundbreaking interactive science museum is a must-visit any time of year, but summer highlights include the Science of Baseball, Colorfest, and several unique kids' summer camp programs. And don't forget to book your spot in the world-famous Tactile Dome! [exploratorium.edu](http://exploratorium.edu)

QUICK PICKS

**Jelly Belly Factory Tours** | 1 Jelly Belly Lane, Fairfield, [jellybelly.com](http://jellybelly.com)







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## OUTDOOR FUN



### DISCOVERY PARK, 3801 West Government Way.

Take “one of the best waterfront walks in the country” in this 500-acre green space, which offers hiking trails, open fields, forests, sand dunes, and the must-see West Point Light-house, as well as

a tennis facility, a Native American cultural center, and a playground. Try kite-flying on the beach or enjoy a glass of wine on the bluffs at sunset. [seattle.gov](http://seattle.gov)

**MOUNT SI, North Bend, WA.** Can't take the time to make it up Mt. Rainier? For a more abbreviated mountaintop visit, head to equally stunning Mount Si, where the view from the summit makes the 45-minute drive and 8-mile trek seem entirely worth the trouble. [mountsi.com](http://mountsi.com)

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FERRY, 801 Alaskan Way.** Experience Washington's ferry system (the biggest in the country) with a picturesque trip across Elliott Bay to Bainbridge Island. But don't hop back on the ferry just yet—the bike-friendly island itself has lots to offer, including Fay Bainbridge State Park, Pegasus Coffee House and Art Gallery, and even a winery. [wsdot.wa.gov](http://wsdot.wa.gov)

**QUICK PICKS** **The 10th Annual Buskers Festival** | Pike Place Market, Sunday, August 28, [pikeplacemarket.org](http://pikeplacemarket.org)



## FESTIVALS & CONCERTS

**SEAFAIR 2011, Various Locations.** Highlights of this month long celebration, which showcases the traditions and diversity of the Puget Sound, are the Milk Carton Derby, Torchlight Run & Parade, hydroplane races on Lake Washington, and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels air show. June 25-August 7, [seafair.com](http://seafair.com)

**BUMBERSHOOT FESTIVAL, Seattle Center.** There's no better way to say sayonara to summer than with this mind-blowing showcase of music (past acts have included Katy Perry, Sheryl Crow, and Death Cab for Cutie), arts and pop culture, the biggest of its kind in North America. September 3-5, [bumbershoot.org](http://bumbershoot.org)

**QUICK PICKS** **The Chinatown-International District Dragon Fest** | Hing Hay Park, July 9-10, [cidbia.org](http://cidbia.org)

## FOOD & DRINK

**SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL BEERFEST, Seattle Center.** Sample the world's most legendary brewing styles as well as “the greatest beers you've never heard of” with over 130 offerings from more than 15 countries. The 21 and over event also promises mouthwatering BBQ, a world-class cigar bar, and free games like darts and backgammon. July 1-3, [seattlebeerfest.com](http://seattlebeerfest.com)

**BITE OF SEATTLE, Seattle Center.** Take a bite out of the Northwest's premier food festival, an annual favorite among local foodies thanks to the vast range of local restaurants represented. Not hungry? With over 150 musical, comedy and other acts to enjoy, you'll hardly have time to eat anyway. July 15-17, [comcastbiteofseattle.com](http://comcastbiteofseattle.com)



**QUICK PICKS** **Starbucks Flagship** | Pike Place Market, [starbucks.com](http://starbucks.com)  
**Kirkland Uncorked: Art, Food, and Wine on the Waterfront** | Marina Park, July 15-17, [kirklanduncorked.com](http://kirklanduncorked.com)

## ARTS & CULTURE

**ARTSPARKS SEATTLE, Occidental Park.** A simple stroll in the park becomes a full-blown experience of the imagination through a temporary installation of artwork, street theater, dance, and more from the freshest local and visiting talents. Watch, enjoy—or join in. June–October, [artsparksseattle.org](http://artsparksseattle.org)



**OLYMPIC SCULPTURE PARK, 2901 Western Avenue.** Explore a brilliant display of sculpture (not to mention incredible views of the Puget Sound and Olympic Mountains) at this vibrant waterfront park—part of the Seattle Art Museum—which is open and free to the public 365 days of the year. [seattleartmuseum.org](http://seattleartmuseum.org)

QUICK PICKS

**Shakespeare in the Park, July 8–August 13,** [greenstage.org](http://greenstage.org)

## FASHION & SHOPPING

**FREMONT SHOPPING DISTRICT,** The city's most artistically eccentric community is, not surprisingly, home to a one-of-a-kind shopping experience featuring everything from retro and vintage home accessories to big-name clothing to local arts & crafts.

**CHINATOWN-INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT NIGHT MARKET, Hing Hay Park.** Stay tuned for the August date of this annual open-air street market where thousands are invited to shop tempting food, gifts, art, and accessories from local vendors while enjoying delicious food, demonstrations in martial arts and Chinese yo-yo, and games like musical chairs. Learn more at [www.cidbia.org](http://www.cidbia.org).

**FILSON, 1555 4th Avenue South.** Stock up on gear for all your outdoor pursuits—camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, looking stylish—at this historic American outfitter's Seattle flagship, beloved by rugged outdoorsmen and hipsters alike. [filson.com](http://filson.com)

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY

**BALLARD AVENUE NORTHWEST,** Watch the water levels rise and fall at this passageway between the salt water of Puget Sound and the fresh water of the Ship Canal. And don't miss the fish ladder, where glass panels below the waterline make it possible to watch the salmon swim by. [inballard.com](http://inballard.com)

**INTERNATIONAL FOUNTAIN, Seattle Center.** Open all year but hot, hot, hot for summer, this World's Fair mainstay offers super-soaking water fun for kids and kids-at-heart, plus sprays synchronized to the music of Beethoven, Duke Ellington, and Jimi Hendrix. [seattlecenter.com](http://seattlecenter.com)



**ALKI BEACH PARK, 1702 Alki Avenue S.W.** Take the water taxi over, grab a fish-n-chips picnic lunch across the street at Spuds, then hit the sand for an afternoon of people-watching, sunbathing, and sandcastle-building, or exercise with breathtaking views of the downtown skyline and Olympic Mountains. [seattle.gov](http://seattle.gov)

QUICK PICKS

**Woodland Park Zoo | 601 North 59th Street,** [zoo.org](http://zoo.org)

## OUTDOOR FUN

**PADDLE BOATS AT THE TIDAL BASIN, 1501 Maine Ave, SW.** Rent a paddle boat and take in views of the Jefferson Memorial. 2-passenger boats are \$12 per hour; 4-passenger paddlers are \$19 per hour. [tidalbasinpaddleboats.com](http://tidalbasinpaddleboats.com)

**FRONT FLICKS OUTDOOR MOVIES, Capitol Riverfront.** Enjoy movies like *Casablanca*, *Dirty Dancing*, and *The Social Network* under the stars on Thursday nights throughout the summer. Show up early to get the best seating and play pre-show games like trivia and Wii on the big screen. May-July, [capitolriverfront.org](http://capitolriverfront.org)

**GUIDED BIKE TOUR,** The flat terrain makes D.C. a relatively easy city to explore by bike. To dodge the crowds (and avoid the heat), try an illuminated evening tour of the most popular memorials and monuments. [bikeandroll.com/washingtondc](http://bikeandroll.com/washingtondc)

**United States Golf Association U.S. Open** | Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, MD, June 13-19, [usopen.com](http://usopen.com)  
**National Independence Day Fireworks** | National Mall, July 4, 9:15pm

QUICK PICKS



## FESTIVALS & CONCERTS

**FORT RENO CONCERT SERIES, Chesapeake St. and Nebraska Ave. NW.** This free, twice-weekly showcase of the best of the D.C. underground rock scene is a Washington institution that's especially popular with under 21 music fans who can't normally gain entrance to the bands' nightclub appearances. Get this year's lineup at [fortreno.com](http://fortreno.com). June-August

**WOLF TRAP, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, VA.** Many locals say it just isn't summer without a trip to this beloved entertainment complex, situated within a national park just outside the city. The amphitheatre, barns, and theatre-in-the-woods play host to a range of entertainment options, from concerts to plays to opera performances, ensuring that there's something for just about everyone at Wolf Trap. [wolftrap.org](http://wolftrap.org)

**SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL, National Mall.** Vive la difference at this free, two-week long outdoor cultural exchange, a celebration of diversity across the country and around the world. Highlights of this year's event include programs on the unique traditions of Colombia, the services and accomplishments of The Peace Corps, and the rich heritage of Rhythm & Blues music. June 30-July 4 and July 7-11, [festival.si.edu](http://festival.si.edu)

**Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center** | Free Performances Nightly at 6pm, [kennedy-center.org](http://kennedy-center.org)

QUICK PICKS

**D.C. Blues Festival** | Carter Barron Amphitheatre, September 3, [dcb blues.org](http://dcb blues.org)  
**The National Symphony Orchestra Labor Day Concert** | the U.S. Capitol, September 4, 8pm, [kennedy-center.org](http://kennedy-center.org)

## FOOD & DRINK

**P.O.V. ROOF TERRACE AND LOUNGE, The W Hotel DC, 515 15th Street NW.** Come summertime, there's no better place in the city to enjoy killer cocktails, breathtaking views, and the company of the Beltway's most beautiful than this sizzling rooftop lounge. [starwoodhotels.com](http://starwoodhotels.com)

**NATIONAL HARBOR, 163 Waterfront Street, Fort Washington, MD.** The best of the best have opened up shop at the waterfront National Harbor complex, now home to some of D.C.'s most exciting dining, drinking, shopping and entertainment. [nationalharbor.com](http://nationalharbor.com)

**DAS BULLPEN BIERGARTEN, 25 M St, SE.** Located just steps away from the Washington Nationals Stadium, this low-key outdoor beer garden serves as a prime pre-game location. But even non-ticket holders might want to grab a seat at one of the picnic tables and sample the amazing selection of sausages and brews. [thebullpendc.com/www/dasbullpen](http://thebullpendc.com/www/dasbullpen)

**VINTAGE VIRGINIA WINE FESTIVAL,**

**Bull Run Regional Park, VA.** Take a 20-minute drive from the city to experience the “cornerstone of the East Coast wine festival season,” featuring 300 selections from more than 50 wineries, seminars on winemaking history and food pairing, live entertainment, and fine art exhibits. It’s also a great place to sample regional food favorites like Maryland crab cakes, so don’t forget your appetite. June 4-5, [vintagevirginia.com](http://vintagevirginia.com)

**QUICK PICKS**

**Restaurants at Georgetown Waterfront |** Washington Harbor  
**Safeway National Capital Barbecue Battle |** Pennsylvania Avenue, June 25-26, [bbqdc.com](http://bbqdc.com)

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**JAZZ IN THE GARDEN, Sculpture Garden at the National Gallery of Art.** Experience two art forms for the price of none with this free summer concert series featuring an array of jazz styles—from swing to progressive to Latin—in the National Gallery’s Sculpture Garden. Fridays through September 9, 5-8:30pm, [nga.gov](http://nga.gov).

**DUPONT-KALORAMA MUSEUM WALK WEEKEND, Dupont Circle area.** “Live green and love local” at this year’s event, featuring free admission and activities at the city’s off-the-mall museums. Picnic to period music in the gardens at Dumbarton House, try a hands-on craft at The Textile Museum, or check out the art at The Phillips Collection. June 4-5, [dkmuseums.com](http://dkmuseums.com)

**NEWSEUM, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.** Read all about it! The capital’s buzziest new museum is the Newseum, where interactive features (including an interactive newsroom that puts you in the hot seat) and rotating exhibits make for a fascinating visit. [newseum.org](http://newseum.org)

**QUICK PICKS**

**Washington Folk Festival |** Glen Echo Park, June 4-5, [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org)  
**Annapolis Arts and Crafts Festival |** Navy Marine Corps Stadium, June 11-12, [annapolisartsandcraftsfestival.com](http://annapolisartsandcraftsfestival.com)

**FASHION & SHOPPING**

**EASTERN MARKET, 7th and C St. SE.** With nearly 100 vendors offering a wide selection of crafts, clothes, art, antiques and collectibles, this Capitol Hill market is a summer shopping staple [easternmarket.net](http://easternmarket.net)

**U STREET CORRIDOR, U Street from 9th to 16th.** Everything old is cool again, as this revamped neighborhood (a onetime jazz hotspot and birthplace of Duke Ellington) has proven. Today, chic boutiques like Caramel sit alongside neighborhood stalwarts such as Ben’s Chili Bowl.

**QUICK PICKS**

**Fashion’s Night Out |** Georgetown, September 8, 6-11pm, [fashionsnightoutgeorgetowndc.com](http://fashionsnightoutgeorgetowndc.com)

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY**

**EAST POTOMAC PARK/HAINS POINT, Ohio Drive SW.** Whether you’re looking for an afternoon time-out from museum-, monument-, and memorial-hopping, or a full day of outdoor activity, this space between the Washington Channel and the Potomac River offers it all.

**THE NATIONAL MALL, 900 Ohio Drive SW.** Home to the Smithsonian, the Capitol Building, the U.S. Botanic Garden and scores of recreational activities and special events (don’t miss the late-August National Frisbee Festival), this tree-lined open space is considered the sightseeing hub of the city. [nationalmall.org](http://nationalmall.org)



**NATIONAL ZOO, 3001 Connecticut Ave. NW.** From giant pandas to the Small Mammal House, high-flying birds to slow-strolling elephants, this free zoological park promises wildly fun days and equally memorable evenings with a “Sunset Serenades” concert series featuring music from a variety of artists. [nationalzoo.si.edu](http://nationalzoo.si.edu)

**QUICK PICKS**

**Washington Soap Box Derby |** Capitol Hill, June 18, 8:30am-5:30pm, [dcsoapboxderby.org](http://dcsoapboxderby.org)  
**National Capital Children’s Museum |** 112 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD., [ncm.museum](http://ncm.museum)

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Animal Collective

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Bruno Mars

**UNDER THE BOARDWALK**

The Drifters

**VACATION**

The Go-Gos

**FILMS****X-MEN: FIRST CLASS**, June 3**SUPER 8**, June 10**GREEN LANTERN**, June 17**MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS**, June 17**BAD TEACHER**, June 24**CARS 2**, June 24**TRANSFORMERS: DARK OF THE MOON**, July 1**LARRY CROWNE**, July 1**HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS—PART 2**, July 15**CAPTAIN AMERICA: THE FIRST AVENGER**, July 22**CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE**, July 29**COWBOYS & ALIENS**, July 29**THE SMURFS**, July 29**RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES**, August 5**THE HELP**, August 12**BOOKS****BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP**, S.J. Watson**BEL-AIR DEAD**, Stuart Woods**BOSSYPANTS**, Tina Fey**IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS**, Erik Larson**ROBOPOCALYPSE**, Daniel H. Wilson**SPOILED**, Heather Cocks and Jessica Morgan**STATE OF WONDER**, Ann Patchett**THE SIXTH MAN**, David Baldacci

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