

Surviving on a Tight Budget's **Summer Fun Bingo 2026** – St. Louis version

Animals	Parks	Events	Museums	Art/Creative
Visit a nature reserve. ☐ Audubon Center at Riverlands ☐ Columbia Bottoms ☐ Lone Elk Park ☐ Powder Valley ☐ River Hills Visitor Center ☐ Shaw Nature Reserve	Go to a park with a splashground. ❤️	* Attend a summer library event. ❤️	Visit a children's museum. ☐ City Museum ☐ Magic House ☐ Magic House @ MADE ☐ Edwardsville Children's Museum	Visit a local art museum. ☐ Contemporary Art Museum ☐ Pulitzer Arts Foundation ☐ The Sheldon Art Galleries ☐ St. Louis Art Museum ☐ SLU Museum of Art
Visit an aquatic center. ☐ St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station	Play (or fly a kite) at one of your favorite parks. ❤️	* See a free or cheap summer movie. ❤️	Visit a history museum. ☐ Nat'l Great Rivers ☐ Lewis & Clark ☐ Missouri History ☐ Soldiers Memorial ☐ Gateway Arch ☐ Museum of Transportation	Visit a local sculpture park. ☐ Citygarden ☐ Laumeier Sculpture Park ☐ Turtle Park
Go fishing, feeding the ducks, or to the beach.	Visit a park you've never been before. ❤️	* Go to a parade, fair, festival, or art show/fair.	Visit a science museum. ☐ St. Louis Science Center	* Attend a kids' building workshop at Home Depot or Lowe's.
Visit a zoo, animal farm, or attraction. ❤️ ☐ St. Louis Zoo ☐ Suson Park Animal Farm ☐ World Bird Sanctuary ☐ Willoughby Farm ☐ Grant's Farm ☐ Butterfly House ☐ Endangered Wolf Center	Visit a historic site or nat'l/state park. ❤️ ✓ ☐ Confluence Point ☐ Faust Park Historic Village ☐ Jefferson Barracks Museums ☐ Weldon Spring Interpretive Center ☐ Old Courthouse ☐ Ulysses S. Grant Home	* See a local sports team play. ☐ St. Louis Cardinals ☐ Gateway Grizzlies ☐ St. Louis Battlehawks ☐ St. Louis City SC	Visit a specialty museum. ☐ Inside the Economy Museum ☐ World Chess Hall of Fame ☐ Cardinals Museum ☐ Field House Museum ☐ Laclede's Landing Wax Museum ☐ Miniature Museum ☐ Mirror Maze at Union Stat. ☐ Museum of Illusions St. Louis	* Participate in a craft workshop at a local craft store or studio. ☐ St. Louis Art Museum Family Sundays ☐ AR Workshop ☐ Laumeier Sculpture Park Family Workshops ☐ Pottery Hollow ☐ That Painting Spot ☐ The Candle Fusion Studio ☐ The Painted Pot ☐ Yucandu
Go horseback riding.	Ride on a carousel. ☐ Faust Park ☐ Union Station	* Go to a family show (play, musical, movie).	Visit an aircraft museum. ☐ James S. McDonnell Prologue Room ☐ Historic Aircraft Restoration	
Nature/Exercise	Other Amusements	Service	Food/Products	Evening
Go swimming at a local or community pool. ❤️	Ride on a train. ☐ Wabash Frisco & Pacific ☐ Metrolink	Bake a treat for someone sick, in need, or for your local fire/police.	Go out to eat for lunch.	* Go to a free summer concert or musical. ☐ free outdoor concerts ☐ Shakespeare in the Park ☐ The Muny ❤️
Set up the sprinkler or kiddie pool. ❤️	Go bowling or roller skating (or ice skating in winter). ❤️	Visit an elderly relative/community member. ❤️	Go to a cat café. ☐ Mauhaus ☐ Cheshire Grin ☐ Whisker Station	* Go see fireworks or a light show. ☐ Union Station Grand Hall Light Show
Go hiking. ❤️ While there, you might consider geocaching!	Go to a "behind-the-scenes" tour of a local amusement.	Walk around the neighborhood and pick up trash.	* Go to a farmer's market. ❤️	Have a family movie night at home. ❤️
Plant something in your yard or garden.	Play golf or pool. ☐ Top Golf ☐ Cue & Cushion	* Participate in a community service project.	Get ice cream. ❤️	Go backyard camping or on a camping trip.
Go riding in a boat. ☐ Creve Coeur Lake ☐ Riverboats at the Gateway Arch	Go on a ropes course or ziplining. ✓ ☐ Ryze Adventure Park ☐ Union Station ☐ Urban Air Adventure Park	Go to a water or amusement park. ☐ Six Flags ☐ The St. Louis Wheel ☐ Aerie's Alpine Coaster	Go on a factory tour. ☐ Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate ☐ Herbaria ☐ Sammy Soap ☐ Vat 19	Play flashlight or glow light tag OR use a telescope to see the stars and planets.
Ride bikes, rollerblades, scooters or skateboards. ❤️ ☐ Kinetic Park in St. Charles	Play mini golf, ride go-karts, or go indoor rock climbing. ✓ ☐ Swing-Around-Fun Town ☐ Upper Limits ☐ Puttshack	Go to an indoor play center. ✓ ☐ Amp Up ☐ Activate Games ☐ Bounce U ☐ Go Play! ☐ Kids Empire ☐ Kokomo Joe's ☐ Sky Zone ☐ Slick City ☐ Lava Island	Have a picnic for lunch or dinner. ❤️	Have a BBQ with friends. ❤️
Visit a local garden. ☐ Missouri Botanical Garden			Go to a "pick-your-own" farm.	Have a family game night. ❤️

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Key:

Blue = Free or \$5 or less/person

Green = Higher cost (pick as your budget allows)

Black = Price depends on your local excursion

♥ = Good to do more than one time!

✓ = Just a few are listed from this category

* = Have specific dates or need reservations.

For details/ideas on activities that do not include specific locations, see my page: <https://survivingonatightbudget.com/family-fun-outside-the-home/>

☐ **Purina Farms** – temporarily closed due to storm damage

☐ **Go Ape!** – closed for the 2026 season