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*Where Should We Go Next?*

*Dozens of ideas for short and long outings.*

*Please research ahead for hours, fees, and age requirements.*

***Parks and Open Space:***

Cuesta Park, Mountain View, (nearest park to MVHS and AVHS) at 615 Cuesta Drive. BBQ pits, walking, tennis & lots of shade <https://www.yelp.com/biz/cuesta-park-mountain-view>

Shoup Park, Los Altos (400 University Avenue) near all MVLA schools. Trail to Redwood Grove, picnic tables, BBQ pits, & shade. <https://www.yelp.com/biz/shoup-park-los-altos>

Shoreline Park, Mountain View, large park with boating, trails, golf driving range and historic house.

<https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/shoreline/default.asp>

Rancho San Antonio, Cupertino, large Open Space Preserve with 4,000 acres of hiking and biking trails. <https://www.openspace.org/preserves/rancho-san-antonio>

Sanborn-Skyline State Park Nature Trail, Saratoga.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/Pages/Sanborn.aspx>

Vasona Lake Park, Los Gatos, walking, ducks, miniature train rides & paddle boats.

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/parkfinder/pages/vasona.aspx>

Kelly Park and Zoo. Small zoo, Japanese garden, disc golf course & historic buildings.

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/kelley-park-san-jose>

Hidden Villa, Los Altos Hills. Farm animals, teaching garden, trails, picnic area, & group classes.

<https://www.hiddenvilla.org/>

Crystal Springs Reservoir and Trails, Hillsborough

<https://parks.smcgov.org/crystal-springs-regional-trail>

More San Mateo Parks

<https://parks.smcgov.org/county-parks>

More Santa Clara County Parks

<https://parks.sccgov.org/plan-your-visit/activities/nature-trails>

***Volunteering opportunities:***

Check out the calendar for a wide range of Bay Area volunteer opportunities from serving food to restoring habitat. [https://www.handsonbayarea.org](https://www.handsonbayarea.org/)

Care for and socialize animals, maintain garden, & assist (special needs) children interacting with animals. <https://www.animalassistedhappiness.org>

Walk horses, horse care, and assist special needs children during riding lessons at this beautiful nearby location at Westwind Barn in Los Altos Hills. <https://www.westwind4h.org>

Help tree owners share their fruit by picking it, so it is ready to be delivered to the food pantry

<https://www.villageharvest.org/volunteer>

Volunteer opportunities listed in the City of Los Altos website

<https://www.losaltosca.gov/volunteer/page/volunteer-opportunities>

Second Harvest Food Bank volunteer opportunities

<https://www.shfb.org/give-help/volunteer/>

Hope’s Corner volunteer opportunities – in downtown Mountain View. Serve meals to families, help sort donated food items, organize the kitchen. <https://www.hopes-corner.org/>

***Museums, Movies, Art, Gardens and Tours:***

Century 16 on Shoreline in Mountain View

 <https://www.fandango.com/century-cinemas-16-aacfx/theater-page>

Icon Theatre in San Antonio Center Mountain View

 <https://www.atomtickets.com/theaters/showplace-icon-mountain-view/48047>

San Jose Museum of Art, Modern and contemporary art.

 <https://sjmusart.org/>

Los Altos History Museum, Los Altos

 <https://www.losaltoshistory.org>

Computer History Museum, Mountain View

 <http://www.computerhistory.org>

Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, small, interesting exhibits, nice gardens and sculptures, offers classes. Next to Palo Alto Library.

 <https://cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/exhibitions/default.asp>

Winchester Mystery House, San Jose -- extra fun to visit around Halloween!

 <https://winchestermysteryhouse.com>

Hakone Japanese Gardens, Saratoga – Spring is perfect opportunity to see cherry trees blooming.

 <http://www.hakone.com/main.html>

MACLA Latin America Art Museum, downtown San Jose

 <https://maclaarte.org>.

The Tech Museum, San Jose

 <https://www.thetech.org>

Foothill College Observatory, Los Altos Hills

 <https://foothill.edu/astronomy/>

Japan Town, San Jose

 <https://jtown.org/>

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, San Jose

 <https://egyptianmuseum.org/>

De Anza College Planetarium, Cupertino.

 <https://www.deanza.edu/planetarium/>

Stanford University Museums, Palo Alto — The Cantor Arts Center, The Anderson Collection

 <https://museum.stanford.edu>; <https://anderson.stanford.edu>

Allied Arts Guild, Menlo Park, beautiful gardens, paths, galleries, buildings, shops & restaurant.

 <http://alliedartsguild.org>

Filoli House and Gardens, Redwood City. Gorgeous gardens, reflecting pools, estate mansion, restaurant. Gardens change throughout the year.

 <https://filoli.org>

Stanford Linear Accelerator, Menlo Park (tours are offered twice a month by reservation only)

 <https://www6.slac.stanford.edu/public-tours>

Moffet Field Historical Museum

 <https://www.moffettfieldmuseum.org/visit.html>

***Sporting Events:***

San Jose State University Sporting Events

 <https://sjsuspartans.com/sports/2018/8/3/facultystaff.aspx>

Santa Clara University Sporting Events

 <https://www.santaclarabroncos.com/buytickets/index>

Stanford University Sporting Events

 [https://gostanford.com](https://gostanford.com/)

Levi’s Stadium Tour

 <https://www.stadiumguide.com/levis-stadium/>

Local Rock Climbing Gym in Sunnyvale

 <https://movementgyms.com/sunnyvale/>

***Bowling:***

| Bowlmor, Cupertino – bowling, arcade, large menu of food options.  https://www.bowlmor.com | Homestead Bowl, Cupertino  <https://homesteadbowl.com> |
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***Ice Skating:***

| Winter Lodge, Palo Alto<https://winterlodge.com/> | Ice Center, Cupertino<https://www.icecenter.net/public-skating> |
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***Miniature Golf/Top Golf:***

Golfland in Sunnyvale: two mini-golf courses, arcade, and snack bar.

 <https://www.golfland.com/sunnyvale/>

Top Golf in San Jose – a high-tech golf experience and entertainment venue.

 <https://topgolf.com/us/san-jose/experience/>

***Outdoor Markets:***

Los Altos Farmers’ Market (downtown LA), Open May – October on Thursday night

 <https://www.pcfma.org/losaltos>

Mountain View Farmers Market, year-round at the Cal Train Station on Sunday morning.

 <http://www.cafarmersmkts.com/mountain-view-farmers-market>

Palo Alto Farmer’s Market - Sunday mornings on California Avenue

 <https://uvfm.org/palo-alto-sundays>

San Jose Flea Market- <https://sjfm.com/>

***Ideas for Getting Crafty:***

Color Me Mine, Pottery Painting, Sunnyvale and Menlo Park <https://www.colormemine.com>

Mountain View Candle Company. <https://www.mountainviewcandleco.com/>

Needles Studio, Los Altos. <https://www.needlesstudio.com/>

Wine and Design, Rancho Shopping Center in Los Altos, guided painting & craft classes!

 <https://www.wineanddesign.com/calendar/losaltos-ca>

Glow - create beautiful candles from scratch, Willow Glen, San Jose

 <https://www.glowlounge.biz>

Petroglyph - Pottery painting, Willow Glen, San Jose (2 doors from Glow) and Los Gatos

 <http://www.petroglyph.com>

***Window Shop/eat:***

Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto. Open 11-7 pm.

 <https://www.simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/stores>

Westfield Valley Fair Mall, San Jose. Indoor shopping mall with large food court.

 <https://www.westfield.com/valleyfair>

Santana Row, San Jose. High-end shopping, food, farmers’ market, and other free events.

 <http://www.santanarow.com/>

Union Square, San Francisco - fun to go ice-skating & view holiday decorations in Nov/Dec.

 <https://www.visitunionsquaresf.com/>

***At the Coast:***

Ano Nuevo State Reserve, Pescadero. Elephant seal birthing area, wild flowers, birds, marshes and sand dunes. Make reservations in advance. <https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=523>

Harley Farms, Pescadero, lovely place - goats, gardens, goat cheeses, etc., Check days/hours

 <http://www.harleyfarms.com/index.html>

Big Basin Redwoods State Park, 20 miles north of Santa Cruz. Hiking, swimming, picnic tables, waterfalls <https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=540>

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Roller coasters, arcade, games, and beach concerts. <https://beachboardwalk.com/>

The Mystery Spot, Santa Cruz Mountains. - experience a gravitational oddity! <https://www.mysteryspot.com>

Roaring Camp Train in Santa Cruz Mountains. Steam train and beach train rides available.

 [https://www.roaringcamp.com](https://www.roaringcamp.com/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIvaTEv9mu-wIVJhXUAR2uvwiXEAAYASAAEgIe0PD_BwE)

Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org>

***San Francisco Attractions, Tours and Ideas:***

Three top attractions within Golden Gate Park

 <https://goldengatepark.com/category/attractions>

San Francisco California Academy of Sciences - Aquarium, Planetarium and Natural History Museum <https://www.calacademy.org>

Japanese Tea Garden <https://www.japaneseteagardensf.com/>

DeYoung Fine Art Museum <https://deyoung.famsf.org>

Aquarium of the Bay at Pier 39 <https://www.aquariumofthebay.org>

Exploratorium (located at Pier15 since 2013) <https://www.exploratorium.edu/visit>

Alcatraz Island <https://www.nps.gov/alca/index.htm> (info.) <https://www.alcatrazcruises.com> (book tour)

San Francisco Zoo <http://www.sfzoo.org>

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art <https://www.sfmoma.org>

Cable Car Museum & tickets <http://www.cablecarmuseum.org/ride.html>

Legion of Honor Museum (gorgeous views of the bay and the bridge too) <https://legionofhonor.famsf.org>

Precita Eyes Mural Tour, San Francisco <https://www.precitaeyes.org/tours.html>

Murals of the Mission (stroll the murals and then get amazing tacos!) <https://www.timeout.com/san-francisco/things-to-do/mission-murals-tour>