

## Ideas for activities during the summer

### Local parks and nature based activities

| Name of venue             | Activities                                                                                             | Address                                                                    | Cost                                                                                                                   |
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| Barking Splash Park       | Splash Park<br><a href="http://www.splashparkbarking.co.uk">www.splashparkbarking.co.uk</a>            | Barking Park, Longbridge Road, Barking, IG11 8SS                           | Admission - 90 minute session - Child aged under 15 £6, Adult £3, Family £15 2 Adults 2 Children or 1 Adult 3 Children |
| Valentine's Park          | Valentines Mansion & gardens, rowing boats, tennis, play areas                                         | Cranbrook Rd, Ilford IG2 6EA                                               | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport<br>Cost for rowing activities                                             |
| Hainault Forest           | Thomas train, lake, adventure play, cafe                                                               | Chigwell IG7 4QN                                                           | FREE entry<br>Parking charges<br>Cost for train ride                                                                   |
| Fairlop waters            | Lake, boating                                                                                          | Forest Road Barkingside IG6 3HN                                            | FREE entry<br>Parking charges<br>Accessible by public transport                                                        |
| Belhus Woods Country Park | Adventure play, lake                                                                                   | Aveley, South Ockendon RM15 4XJ                                            | FREE entry<br>Parking charges                                                                                          |
| Weald Park                | Opportunities to see and feed deer and ducks, lake                                                     | Weald Country Park, <b>Weald Road, Brentwood, Essex, England, CM14 5QS</b> | FREE entry<br>Parking charges                                                                                          |
| Bedfords Park             | Red deer, adventure play                                                                               | Broxhill Road, Havering-atte-Bower, Romford, Essex, RM4 1QH                | FREE entry<br>Parking charges                                                                                          |
| Gruffalo Country Paek     | Trail through the woods to discover characters from the Gruffalo                                       | Thorndon Country Park (North), The Avenue Brentwood, Essex, CM13 3RZ       | FREE entry<br>Parking charges                                                                                          |
| Stick Man country Park    | Trail through the woods to discover characters from the Stick Man<br>Lake, ducks, deer, adventure play | Weald Rd, Brentwood CM14 5QS                                               | FREE entry<br>Parking charges                                                                                          |
| Queen Elizabeth Park      | Adventure play, Olympic park, splash fountains                                                         | Stratford E20                                                              | FREE entry<br>Parking charges<br>Accessible by public transport                                                        |

### City Farms

| Name of venue      | Address                                                                   | Cost                                         |
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| Wellgate Farm      | <i>Wellgate Community Farm, Collier Row Road, Romford, <b>RM5 2BH</b></i> | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Newham City Farm   | Stansfeld Rd, London E6 5LT                                               | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Leyton City Farm   | Jack Cornwell Park, Skeltons Lane, Leyton, London E10 5BS                 | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Mudchute City Farm | Pier Street, E14 3HP                                                      | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport |

### Museums

| Name of venue           | Address                                          | Cost                                                             |
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| V&A museum of childhood | Cambridge Heath Rd, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PA | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport                     |
| Museum of London        | No 1, West India Quay, Hertsmere Rd              | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport                     |
| Science museum          | Exhibition Rd, South Kensington, London SW7 2DD  | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport                     |
| Natural History Museum  | Cromwell Rd, South Kensington, London SW7 5BD    | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport                     |
| Maritime Museum         | Greenwich, London SE10 9NF                       | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport                     |
| Transport Museum        | Covent Garden Piazza, London, WC2E 7BB           | Adult £27.00, children FREE<br>Universal credit recipients £5.00 |
| Postal museum           | 15-20 Phoenix Place, London, WC1X 0DA            | Adult £17.60 (annual pass)<br>Child £12                          |
| Horniman museum         | 100 London Road, Forest Hill, London, SE23 3PQ   | FREE entry<br>Accessible by public transport                     |

## Local libraries

| Name of venue          | Activities                                                                                                                                                                                        | Address                                                                                                                                 | Cost                                             |
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| FABULA festival events | Meet authors and illustrators across different libraries in Redbridge                                                                                                                             | <a href="https://visionrcl.org.uk/libraries/fabula-schools-programme/">https://visionrcl.org.uk/libraries/fabula-schools-programme/</a> |                                                  |
| Goodmayes library      | Poo Crew Adventures<br>Meet the illustrator Steve May for a fast-paced storytelling and drawing event 31 <sup>st</sup> July at 1pm                                                                | Goodmayes Lane                                                                                                                          | Free<br>Accessible by public transport           |
| Goodmayes library      | South Asian Heritage Month Crafts<br>Friday, 24 July 2026 at 14:00<br>A creative drop-in session exploring shapes, colours, and historical masterpieces where kids make art projects to take home | Goodmayes Lane                                                                                                                          | Free<br>Accessible by public transport           |
| Goodmayes library      | Chess club<br>Saturdays 10:30 to 11:30<br>Casual drop-in club designed for families and children aged 4+ to learn and play together                                                               | Goodmayes Lane                                                                                                                          | Free<br>Accessible by public transport           |
| Redbridge library      | Crazy comic club – charact workshop<br>Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 12-1pm                                                                                                                      | Clements Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1EA                                                                                                   | Free<br>Accessible by public transport           |
| Redbridge library      | Under the sea craft 6-12 year olds<br>Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 1-2pm                                                                                                                       | Clements Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1EA                                                                                                   | FREE – drop in<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Redbridge library      | Lego sessions 3-12 years<br>Sundays 11.30-12.30                                                                                                                                                   | Clements Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1EA                                                                                                   | FREE – drop in<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Hainault Library       | Summer Arts and Crafts<br>Tuesday 4. August 11am                                                                                                                                                  | 100 Manford Way, Chigwell (IG7 4DD                                                                                                      | Free<br>Accessible by public transport           |
| Hainault Library       | Hey Duggee Crafts<br>24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> July at 11am                                                                                                                             | 100 Manford Way, Chigwell (IG7 4DD                                                                                                      | Free<br>Accessible by public transport           |
| Fullwell Cross Library | Goldilocks and the three bears<br>Interactive storytelling<br>Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug                                                                                                         | 140 High Street, Barkingside, Ilford, IG6 2EA                                                                                           | Free<br>Accessible by public transport           |
| Fullwell Cross library | Board games 5-10 yrs<br>Saturdays 13:15 - 14:15                                                                                                                                                   | 140 High Street, Barkingside, Ilford, IG6 2EA                                                                                           | Free<br>Accessible by public transport           |
| Hainault library       | Board games 5-10yrs<br>Saturdays 3-4pm                                                                                                                                                            | 100 Manford Way, Chigwell (IG7 4DD                                                                                                      | FREE – drop in<br>Accessible by public transport |

## Local events

| Name of venue                                | Activities                                                                                                                                                              | Address                                                                                                                                                                        | Cost                                   |
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| Redbridge Holiday MegaMix                    | Discounted swimming, theatre & cinema, tennis, dance, music, multi-sports                                                                                               | <a href="https://visionrcl.org.uk/leisure/redbridgeholidaymegamix/">https://visionrcl.org.uk/leisure/redbridgeholidaymegamix/</a>                                              | Discounted costs approx. £1.50         |
| Greenwich & Docklands international festival | Music, dance and creative arts performances at different venues<br>21 Aug—6 Sep                                                                                         | <a href="https://festival.org/gdif-2026/">https://festival.org/gdif-2026/</a>                                                                                                  | Free<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Montgomery Square                            | Mini golf<br>1 May - 27 September<br>Daily, 12 - 6pm                                                                                                                    | Canary Wharf Estate, London E14 5GX<br><a href="https://canarywharf.com/whats-on/minigolf-by-craig-and-karl/">https://canarywharf.com/whats-on/minigolf-by-craig-and-karl/</a> | Free<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Chadwell Heath Community Centre              | Pencil & Paper Play for 4-11 Years Old<br>Thursdays 3:30pm - 4:30pm                                                                                                     | High Rd, Romford RM6 6AS                                                                                                                                                       | Free<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Discover children's story centre             | Poems on the Pavement 7+ yrs<br>Blend rap, music and storytelling to shape your own unique poem<br>Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 11-12pm                                  | 383-387 High Street, Stratford, London, E15 4QZ                                                                                                                                | Free<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Christchurch Green Recreation ground         | Picnic and rhyme time<br>Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2.30-3pm                                                                                                      | High Street, Wanstead, London, E11 2RH                                                                                                                                         | Free<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Valentines Park                              | Balkan Village Band at the Walled Garden<br>Open air musical performance<br>Sunday, 26 July 2026 at 11:00                                                               | Cranbrook Road, Ilford, IG2 6EA                                                                                                                                                | Free<br>Accessible by public transport |
| Beam Country Park                            | Summer Nature Event with Tinder Sticks<br>A free outdoor survival and nature discovery day hosted alongside the LBBD Ranger Service<br>Wednesday, 22 July 2026 at 10:00 | Beam Parklands Country Park, Dagenham, RM10 7XY                                                                                                                                | Free                                   |
| Beam Country Park                            | Meet a reptile Day<br>A hands-on, educational outdoor event where children can get up close with various reptile specie<br>August 11, 2026 11:00 am                     | Beam Parklands Country Park, Dagenham, RM10 7XY                                                                                                                                |                                        |
| Eastbrookend Country Park                    | Arty's Sculpture Trail<br>A free, self-guided storytelling trail where kids follow the adventures of Turtle Arty through interactive public art installations           | Eastbrookend Country Park, Dagenham, RM7 0X                                                                                                                                    | Free                                   |
| Havering Museum                              | Children's Group Singing Workshop<br>Wednesday, 22 July<br>High-energy interactive singing workshop tailored specifically for school-aged kids                          | 19-21 High Street, Romford, RM1 1JU                                                                                                                                            | Free                                   |

## **Central London**

| Name of venue           | Activities                                                                                                                                                                              | Address                                                                                                                                                               | Cost                                                      |
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| Changing of the guards  | Military ceremony<br>Horses, brass bands                                                                                                                                                | <b>Friary Court, Marlborough Road London London SW1A 1BG</b>                                                                                                          | FREE<br>Accessible by public transport                    |
| Princess Diana Park     | Adventure playground                                                                                                                                                                    | Kensington Gardens, Broad Walk, London W2 4RU                                                                                                                         | FREE<br>Accessible by public transport                    |
| The Sky Garden          | View of London from up high                                                                                                                                                             | 1 Sky Garden Walk, London EC3M 8AF                                                                                                                                    | FREE<br>Accessible by public transport                    |
| Horizon 22              | View of London from up high                                                                                                                                                             | 22 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AJ                                                                                                                                       | FREE<br>Accessible by public transport                    |
| British Museum          | British Museum Storytelling & Crafts<br>Drop-in sessions like the Curious Coin Club and "Firedrakes, folktales and falling stars" storytelling across various dates                     | Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG<br><br><a href="https://www.britishmuseum.org/visit/family-visits">https://www.britishmuseum.org/visit/family-visits</a>       | FREE<br>Accessible by public transport                    |
| Greenwich Park          | Greenwich Park Nature Roadshow<br>4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> August<br>11:00 am to 3:00 pm daily                                                                                 | Greenwich Park Bandstand, London, SE10 8QY                                                                                                                            | FREE<br>Accessible by public transport                    |
| River Thames            | Summer by the River<br>Until Sep 27<br>Stroll along London Bridge and Tower Bridge for a festival featuring family-friendly outdoor film screenings (like <i>Cars</i> ) and sing-alongs | <a href="https://www.londonbridgecity.co.uk/events/2026/may/summer-by-the-river-2026">https://www.londonbridgecity.co.uk/events/2026/may/summer-by-the-river-2026</a> | FREE<br>Accessible by public transport                    |
| Fulham Palace           | Palace and grounds                                                                                                                                                                      | Bishop's Avenue Fulham London SW6 6EA                                                                                                                                 | Free – book a free slot<br>Accessible by public transport |
| London Museum Docklands | Family festival<br>Dance workshops, Storytelling, Arts and crafts, Music and performances<br>21-22 <sup>nd</sup> August                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                           |