

Fun Things to Do This Summer

Plan a creative picnic.

You don't have to spend tons of dough buying food or special "picnic" things — just grab some snacks from the pantry and an old blanket and go sit and enjoy nature at a favorite park. You can even have a social distancing picnic with friends. Have everyone bring their own food and blankets and picnic from the backs of your cars or six feet apart in a park.

Bike around

Like a hike only on wheels, enjoy your city from a fresh perspective. Fast enough to cover more ground than walking but slower than driving to really take in the sights.

Photography challenges

Love to take shots for decorating your walls or your Instagram feed? Instead of just heading out for random shooting, give yourself a photo challenge for a day. You can make up your own or search online for popular ideas.

Volunteer for your community

While volunteer work looks a little different these days, it's free, makes you feel good, and still possible to take part in. There are a variety of organizations who are helping deliver meals to older folks, pairing up pen pals to bring comfort to people isolated at home, and organizing solo cleanups around local neighborhoods.

Collect natural objects for art.

Collect flowers to press to make art you can hang on the wall. Find interesting branches to incorporate into your decor. Stones, pinecones—you can look in your backyard for a lot of objects that can bring nature into your interiors.

Camp in your backyard

Have some camping supplies in a closet somewhere that barely get any use? You don't have to trek to a far-off wilderness location to have any fun in nature. Use your own backyard to pitch a tent, drag out a mattress and cook s'mores. Absolutely no judgment if you sneak back into the house to sleep the rest of the night.

Go on a scavenger hunt.

You can find tons of scavenger hunt ideas online (or you can craft your own). Grab your partner or roommates, set up some prizes, and spend an afternoon seeing whose hunting skills are the strongest.

Stargaze or meteor shower gaze.

Is there anything more humbling than gazing up at the heavens above? Pick a clear night, find a quiet spot away from city lights and bring a telescope or just even a blanket to gaze up. You can look online to find what stars (or planets) to pick out of your night sky. Or time your stargazing for a night when there's a meteor shower for a spectacular show.

Write letters or send postcards.

Grab your best stationary (or make your own) and send some dear friends some correspondence. I love slipping pressed flowers from my yard to friends to send a piece of my home to them.

Play board games that usually just collect dust.

Do you have some board games collecting dust somewhere in your home? Grab some snacks, your roommates, or your kids and plan to not get up until you play each and every one.

Drop off treats to an older relative and talk from a safe distance.

Do you have any older relatives that live near you? See if you can swing by with goodies and have a socially distant visit. Ask them for fun stories from when they were growing up; you might be surprised and delighted.

The Ultimate Summer Bucket List

99 Things to Do Before Summer Ends

1. Ride a roller coaster
2. Play kickball
3. Reread your favorite book
4. Fly a kite
5. Eat ice cream
6. Go paddle boarding
7. Make a bonfire
8. Go camping
9. Play board games
10. Go to an art museum
11. Build a sandcastle
12. [Stamp your passport](#)
13. Host a BBQ
14. Go to a drive-in movie
15. Call your favorite relative
16. [Volunteer](#)
17. Pack a picnic
18. Pick strawberries
19. Collect seashells
20. View the total solar eclipse
21. Go to a baseball game
22. Have a [craft night](#)
23. Get in touch with a [high school teacher](#)
24. Make s'mores
25. Go dancing
26. Hit the beach
27. Clean out your closet

28. Donate old clothes to charity
29. Bury a time capsule
30. Do a cannonball
31. Make a cairn
32. Watch the sunrise
33. Watch the sunset
34. Send postcards
35. Binge a new TV show
36. Go snorkeling
37. Host a scavenger hunt
38. Go on a road trip
39. [Make your BFF a mix](#)
40. Go whale watching
41. Do [yoga](#)
42. [Try a new recipe](#)
43. Go hiking
44. Make a lemonade stand
45. Do a [one-day tech detox](#)
46. Go to the waterpark
47. Get a massage
48. Have family movie night
49. Go sailing
50. Go yard sailing
51. Ride a Ferris wheel
52. Make blueberry pie
53. Go ziplining
54. Have a water balloon fight
55. Go to the zoo
56. [Learn a new skill](#)
57. Color
58. Hit the outlets
59. Go fishing
60. Play cards
61. Go white water rafting
62. Climb a tree
63. Swim in the ocean
64. Take a bike ride
65. Take a nap
66. Go thrifting
67. See your favorite band
68. Watch for shooting stars
69. Go horseback riding
70. Send a message in a bottle
71. Make popsicles
72. Treat yourself to a spa day
73. Explore a new city
74. [Get your textbooks](#)
75. [Sell your old books for cash](#)
76. Take a cooking class

- 77. Go birdwatching
- 78. Rent scooters
- 79. Host a brunch
- 80. Tent in the backyard
- 81. Find a new mantra
- 82. Go bowling
- 83. Do a cartwheel
- 84. Buy a new outfit
- 85. Sit around the firepit
- 86. Go golfing
- 87. Go mini golfing
- 88. Make ice cream floats
- 89. See an outdoor concert
- 90. Pick wildflowers
- 91. Paint!
- 92. Pay it forward
- 93. Run a 5K
- 94. Rent a cabin in the woods
- 95. Tourist in your own town
- 96. All day movie marathon
- 97. Play in the rain
- 98. Wait for the rainbow
- 99. Make a memory jar of all the awesome things you did this summer!

1. Have a Water Balloon Fight

2. Do a Random Act of Kindness

3. Go 24 Hours without Internet, Radio or Television

4. Learn to Fly Fish

5. Run Through Sprinklers

6. Make Tie-Dye T- Shirts

7. Go to the Beach

8. Grow an Herb Garden

9. Take a Road Trip

10. Play on a Slip-n-Slide

11. Play Disc Golf

12. Watch Fireflies

13. Host a Bonfire

14. Sleep Under the Stars

15. Fly a Kite

16. Go Backpacking with a Friend

17. Make Ice Cream

18. Skip Stones in a Lake

19. Volunteer

20. Kick off your day with donuts and smoothies at the park.

21. Roast marshmallows over a campfire and make s'mores.

22. Have a water gun or water balloon battle.

23. Blow bubbles.

24. Play water balloon baseball

25. Place the sprinkler under the trampoline or jump on it with water balloons.

26. Sit on the ground with your kids and identify the shapes of the clouds.

27. Play a round of mini golf.

28. Decorate the driveway with sidewalk chalk and have a photoshoot or draw a hopscotch board and play a few games.

29. Buy a popsicle mold and make homemade popsicles.

30. Make milkshakes.

31. Make root beer floats.

32. Make frozen banana pops.

33. Make banana splits or have a sundae bar.

34. Make slushies or snow cones.

35. Plant a fairy or a dinosaur garden.

36. Catch lightning bugs.

37. Have your kids create a Summer Scrapbook by keeping a journal about their favorite Summer activities and adding mementos and pictures.

38. Family game night

40. Family movie night

50. Family dance party

51. Face painting

52. Do a puzzle

53. Lego challenges

54. Family reading time

55. Pillow fight

56. Nighttime tag

57. Glow-in-the-dark treasure hunt