

Free Things to Do Outdoors

1. Visit a park. Get some fresh air and take a walk through a nearby park. Bring your four-legged friend along too.

2. Go to a farmers market. Farmers markets can be a great place to buy affordable produce, but you don't have to spend a dime to enjoy your trip. Browse local artisans' goods, taste samples and listen to live music.

3. Take a hike. Enjoy the health benefits of hiking while immersed in nature.

4. Go biking. Grab your set of wheels and take off on a trail. If you prefer a more urban setting, bike around the city to check out public murals or notable landmarks.

5. Go camping. Swapping a hotel room for a campground is one way to slash vacation costs. If you can't find a free campsite in your area, turn your backyard into one. Borrow a tent from a friend if you don't already have one.

6. Spend time around the fire pit. Enjoy this traditional camping activity, even if you don't plan to sleep outdoors. Roast marshmallows for s'mores or crack open a beer as you sit around the flames.

7. Plan a picnic. Pack a lunch and some snacks and head to a park for a "dining out" experience you won't have to pay for at the end.

8. Fly a kite. You can make your own kite with simple materials like paper, plastic straws and string. Find a tutorial online to walk you through the steps. Once the weather is breezy, take your DIY kite outside and let it soar.

9. Get a workout with outdoor fitness equipment. Invite your favorite workout buddy along for camaraderie.

10. Play pickleball. Join the latest trend sweeping the sports world and play a match with equipment borrowed from a friend or invest in equipment of your own and enjoy years of free play.

11. Visit a national park. For a day of fun and a great way to combine many of the outdoor activities listed above, getting out into nature is good for all ages. With free days available, you can plan ahead and schedule your visit absolutely free.