



Family Vacation Tips

Ten Great Places For Chillin' With Children

(NAPSA)—When school's out and families are out for some fun, Valley Forge and Montgomery County, Pa. offer a variety of exciting spots to explore:

Ten Hot Spots for Family Fun

• Within the historic treasures of Valley Forge National Historical Park (www.nps.gov/vafo/index.htm) are paved trails for biking, hiking and horseback riding. Also, youngsters can join the Crayfish Corps and work with National Park Service staff to remove a species of harmful crayfish from the Valley Creek ecosystem.

• At Arnold's Family Fun Center (<http://arnoldsfamilyfuncenter.com>), there's laser tag, go-karts, bowling, minigolf, air hockey, and video and pinball games.

• Elmwood Park Zoo (www.elmwoodparkzoo.org) has 300 animals set in grasslands, wetlands, woodlands and bayou.

• Spring Mountain Adventures (<http://spring.springmountainadventures.com>) offers mountain biking, geocaching and zip-line canopy tours.

• Explore art at Abington Art Center (<http://abingtonartcenter.org>). Activities include puppetry, music, science, self-exploration and international crafts.

• Camp out in Green Lane Park (www.montcopa.org/index.aspx?NID=871). There's boating, fishing and hiking, and the amphitheater has concerts and educational programs.

• Amble over to Ambler for the Stoozeum (www.stoozeum.com). This mecca of madcap houses thousands of items of Three Stooges memorabilia.



Kids feed one of Elmwood Park Zoo's two new giraffes.

• At the John James Audubon Center (<http://pa.audubon.org/john-james-audubon-center-millgrove>), conservation and birding are brought to kids in hands-on, interactive ways. The center also offers canoeing down the Perkiomen Creek, with instructions for landlubbers and naturalist guides.

• Merrymead Farm (www.merrymead.com) hosts Holsteins, and the entire milking process is explained in a "Moo to You" tour.

• Tee's Golf Center (www.teesgolfcenter.com) has two 18-hole minigolf setups, a driving range, golf lessons and batting cages.

There are numerous family-friendly eateries and more than 8,100 hotel rooms. Find them at <http://valleyforge.org/directory/accommodations>.

Learn More

You can find further facts and ideas from the nonprofit Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ltd. at www.valleyforge.org and on the new blog, The Pursuit, at ThePursuit.valleyforge.org.