

THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS IN NAPLES & FORT MYERS

1. Take the kids to the [Golisano Children's Museum of Naples](#) in the North Collier Regional Park on 15080 Livingston Road.
2. Go to the [Naples Zoo](#). We are very lucky to have such a wonderful zoo here with rare honey badgers and many special events.
3. Enjoy the waterpark, [Sun-n-Fun Lagoon](#), at the North Collier County Regional Park.
4. [Estero River Outfitters](#) rents kayaks, paddle boards and canoes to families ready to explore the Estero River. This is a great activity to do with kids if you want to get them out on the water to explore nature.
5. Take an excursion in the [Everglades](#). Go on an airboat ride.
6. [Manatee Park](#) in Fort Myers offers close-up viewing of these gentle sea elephants.
7. Rent bicycles or a four- to six-seater surrey at [Naples Cyclery](#).
8. Go to the [farmers market at Third Street South](#) on Saturday morning.
9. Watch the [Florida Everblades](#) play hockey at Germain Arena.
10. Be brave and take the children to the [Swamp Buggy Races](#). They have events in November, January and March.
11. Check out [Dog Beach](#) on a weekend day. Even if you don't have a dog yourself, this is great family entertainment (and it's free).
12. Collier County [Veteran's Community Park](#) has a lot of kids' activities and programs.
13. Enjoy a scenic cruise on the [Naples Princess](#).
14. [The Royal Scoop](#) on Vanderbilt Drive for the world's best ice cream (get on their mailing list - they have several special & free events for kids).
15. There are many playgrounds in County Parks. There's one at the intersection of Vanderbilt Drive and Wiggins Pass Road which is well equipped and never so busy that parking or too many kids is ever a problem.
16. [Headpinz](#) is an entertainment center with arcade games, laser tag and bowling. You can also grab a bite to eat with the kids during your time there.
17. Minor league baseball games in Fort Myers (great mascots & very family-oriented atmosphere).
18. Walk the [Naples Pier](#) - there is always interesting things going on with people fishing, kids skim boarding and lots of action.
19. Water activities are obvious for kids while in Naples. Depending on the ages, those activities range from just hanging out at the beach to renting jet skis, renting a stand-up paddle board, going fishing, renting kayaks, going on a guided excursion or participating in a nature walk at [Barefoot Beach](#) or Lovers Key.
20. Visit the [Naples Train Museum](#). One of the more popular activities at the museum is the outdoor train ride, which is suitable for all ages. The museum also has a "Thomas the Tank Engine" and can be operated from buttons located on the front.
21. Take the [tourist trolley around Naples](#) for some sightseeing. You can get on and off during the route as you like.
22. Rainy day? No problem, visit [Earth & Fire Ceramic Studio](#), a paint-your-own pottery studio providing hands-on tuition for beginners, as well as a variety of scheduled classes. A fun activity for all ages and abilities. Walk-ins welcome.
23. We love our fireworks in Naples and there are great fireworks displays from The Pier on both the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. Take a seat on the beach.
24. Go on a [Segway tour](#) of Naples.

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25. Take the kids to the [Collier County Fair](#) and special events.
26. Go on the [Pirate Cruise](#) out of the marina in Fort Myers Beach. It's an interactive excursion on a recreation of a pirate ship.
27. If the beach is part of the program, then follow the lead of local kids and [include Clam Pass Park](#). If you walk north up the beach and around the point, you'll find a tree that overhangs the water where the kids will climb out on a branch to jump off into the water.
28. Charter the "[Captain Marvel](#)" fishing boat for a half or full day. Catch your limit of grouper and then take it to a local restaurant for them to cook it or take it home to prepare it yourself. Contact the Captain Marvel at (239) 261-7159. This is a family business for Tom & Lisa Marvel.
29. Take the kids to play miniature golf at [Congo River](#) (239-948-9099) which is on the west side of Route 41 (Tamiami Trail) north of Bonita Beach Road. Check out their website for hours, special offers, coupons and information.
30. Visit the Smith Children's Garden where kids have the opportunity to climb to the top of a treehouse, create artwork with chalk and even experience what it's like to crawl through river grass through the perspective of a spider at [Naples Botanical Garden](#). Explore the butterfly house, take part in W.O.N.D.E.R. in the Garden children's activities (no registration necessary).
31. The [IMAG History & Science Center](#) in Fort Myers offers fun for all ages to discover the wonders of science and history, providing a large open environment to explore over 60 hands-on exhibits. Feed a stingray, touch animals in the LIVE! Animal Encounter shows, and visit the Living Lab to see turtles, snakes, frogs, a bearded dragon, and much more! Gaze at the Florida native, and exotic fish in the 3,200-gallon aquarium built by Animal Planet's Tanked and visit the original fort of Fort Myers in a one-of-a-kind 3D Virtual Reality experience. Younger visitors will enjoy the Mini Museum's early childhood area.