

# KIDS

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"Turn of the Century" ride at Lagoon amusement park

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**Utah is the perfect place for the family! Come play in Utah's natural playground of state and national parks, mountain resorts, whitewater rivers, fishing lakes and streams, and the coolest rock formations on the planet. Or if your youthful interests lie beyond Utah's earthen adventures, explore dinosaur museums, amusement and water parks, zoos, and resorts. Utah is all about kids - and the adults with them.**

## Planetariums, Aquariums and Zoos

**Clark Planetarium:** See what's out there at Clark Planetarium. IMAX® Theatre, a Digital Dome Theatre, free interactive space-themed exhibits and one of Utah's largest science stores make it a destination for the whole family. 110 S 400 W, Salt Lake City (at The Gateway Shopping Center), (801) 456-STAR, open daily year-round, [www.clarkplanetarium.org](http://www.clarkplanetarium.org)

**Living Planet Aquarium:** Come see a blacktip reef shark, a giant octopus, a 100-year-old lobster and other creatures from the deep blue sea. "Life on the Reef" features marine life found in Indo-Pacific tropical waters. "Journey to South America," and walk through an aquatic-themed rainforest exhibit. And new in 2010, be sure to catch the antics at the Penguin encounter. 725 E 10600 S, Sandy, (801) 355-3474, open daily year-round, [www.thelivingplanet.com](http://www.thelivingplanet.com)

**Tracy Aviary** maintains a collection of over 400 birds representing about 135 species. Come see the new \$1.1 million Destination Argentina exhibit and flamingos, guira kookoos, red crested cardinals, elegant crested tinamou and the always playful monk parakeets. 589 E 1300 S, Salt Lake City (Southwest corner of Liberty Park), (801) 322-BIRD, open daily year-round, [www.tracyaviary.org](http://www.tracyaviary.org)

**Utah's Hogle Zoo:** Located at the mouth of Emigration Canyon since 1931, the zoo is SLC's top paid attraction. Spread out over 42 acres of hillside, meandering tree-covered pathways guide the visitor on a discovery of nature. Housing hundreds of animals from hundreds of species, it is recognized as one of the top zoos in the world. Be sure to visit Asian Highlands, a re-creation of a Himalayan village featuring five endangered Asian cat species, and Elephant Encounter — where the Serengeti meets Salt Lake City — and spotlights African elephants and white rhinoceros. 2600 E Sunnyside Avenue, Salt Lake City, (801) 582-1631, open daily year-round, [www.hoglezoo.org](http://www.hoglezoo.org)

## Museums and Educational Opportunities

**American West Heritage Center:** Experience Utah's past while having fun participating in hands-on activities in this 160-acre living museum of American history. 4025 S Hwy. 89-91, Wellsville, open Mon-Sat, Memorial to Labor Day, (800) 225-FEST, [www.awhc.org](http://www.awhc.org)

**Discovery Gateway:** Utah's premier children's museum provides engaging interactive activities that inspire learning in children and fun for the whole family. A hands-on discovery program includes a kid-sized grocery store, Nine Mile Canyon and Color Factory. 444 W 100 S., Salt Lake City, open year-round Mon-Sat, (801) 328-3383, [www.childmuseum.org](http://www.childmuseum.org)

**Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum:** This new, state of the art museum hosts giant dinosaur skeletons; a rock wall and small ravine where visitors may try to distinguish fossils from among the debris; a dig site simulation; fossil lab and new outdoor dinosaur garden. 496 E Main Street, Vernal, open daily year-round, (435) 789-3799, [www.stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov)

**Hill Aerospace Museum** houses one of the largest collections of vintage aircraft in the country. Guided tours engage visitors with factual stories of the planes and the pilots who flew them. 7961 Wardleigh Way, Hill AFB, open daily year-round, (801) 777-6868, Google Search: HAFB museum

**Tree House Museum:** Step into a story and become a lifelong reader in this interactive and educational children's museum. 347 22nd Street, Ogden, open year-round Mon-Sat, (801) 394-9663, [www.treehousemuseum.org](http://www.treehousemuseum.org)

**Museum of Ancient Life at Thanksgiving Point:** Explore the world's largest collection of mounted dinosaur skeletons, or check out dino-themed 3D movies on the giant six story Xango Screen. Fifty kid-friendly, hands-on displays allow guests to touch actual fossils and feel real dinosaur eggs. 3003 N Thanksgiving Way, Lehi, open year-round Mon-Sat, (888) 672-6040, [www.thanksgivingpoint.com/museum](http://www.thanksgivingpoint.com/museum)

**Ogden's George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park:** This eight-acre outdoor museum is unique in its exhibition of full-bodied creatures of the dinosaur age. See and hear over 125 prehistoric crawlers, predators, marine creatures and flying reptiles dating from the Permian through Cretaceous periods. 1544 Park Boulevard, Ogden, open daily throughout most of year, (801) 393-DINO, [www.dinosaurpark.org](http://www.dinosaurpark.org)

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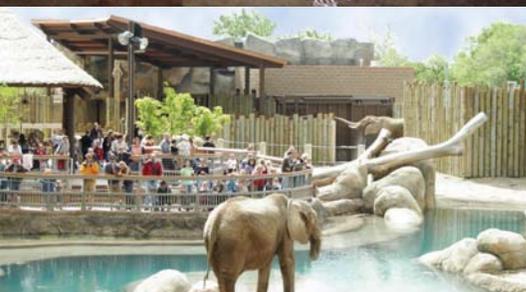
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Summertime "skiing" on the alpine slide, Park City Mountain Resort



Stingray exploration pool at the Living Planet Aquarium, Sandy



The new Elephant Encounter at Utah's Hogle Zoo, Salt Lake City



The Solar System exhibit at Clark Planetarium, Salt Lake City



Tree House Museum, Ogden



"Spider" roller coaster, Lagoon amusement park, Farmington



Pteranodon loom over Ogden's Eccles Dinosaur Park



"Rattlesnake Rapids" at Lagoon



Heber Valley Historic Railroad steams down Provo Canyon



Racing down the 40-foot water slides at Raging Waters, Salt Lake City

**Amusement Parks and Adventure Activities**

**Alpine Slide and Gorgoza Tubing Park at Park City Mountain Resort:** Curl, swirl, dip and dive your way down 550 vertical feet on this 3,000 foot alpine slide track, one of the largest in the world! Or try mini golf, rock climbing or carousel rides. In the winter, Gorgoza Park off I-80 offers lighted, lift-served tubing and mini snowmobiles.  
1310 Lowell Avenue, Park City, open late May to mid-October, (800) 222-PARK, [www.parkcitymountain.com](http://www.parkcitymountain.com)

**Boondocks Fun Center:** Miniature golf, go karts, laser tag, bumper boats, coaster simulators, kiddie playground, batting cages and a rock climbing wall challenge all to just have fun!  
1-15 & Bangert Hwy, 14200 S 75 E, Draper, open daily year-round, (801) 838-9800, [www.boondocksfuncenter.com](http://www.boondocksfuncenter.com)

**Cherry Hill:** Spend the day entertaining yourself with miniature golf, batting cages and a water park, or camp overnight and spend a weekend!  
1325 S Main, Kaysville, open early May to mid-September, (801) 451-5379, [www.cherry-hill.com](http://www.cherry-hill.com)

**Heber Valley Railroad:** Catch a steam locomotive that runs from Heber Valley down Provo Canyon. Travel round-trip or park at the station, bike down the canyon and take the train back! And don't miss the Polar Express at Christmas time.  
450 S 600 W, Heber City, runs daily year-round, (435) 654-5601, [www.hebervalleyrr.org](http://www.hebervalleyrr.org)

**Lagoon Amusement Park:** Visit one of the largest amusement parks in the West. From roller coasters to rapids, get ready for the ride of your life! Lagoon boasts over 40 exhilarating rides, top musical entertainment, historic Pioneer Village and Lagoon A Beach waterpark along with shopping, food, and games. "Lagoon - It's what FUN is!"  
1-15 Lagoon Drive Exit, Farmington, open April to October, (800) 748-5246, [www.lagoonpark.com](http://www.lagoonpark.com)

**Laser Quest:** This multilevel laser tag maze comes complete with music and fog as you vie for top score by tagging your opponents.  
7202 S 900 E, Midvale, open year round Mon-Sat, (801) 567-1540, [www.laserquest.com](http://www.laserquest.com)

**Raging Waters:** Cool down this summer in a half-million gallon wave pool, water slides, kiddie pool and tube rides. Or laze around at the Balboa River Expedition, all just minutes from downtown Salt Lake.  
1200 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City, open daily late May to early Sept, (801) 972-3300, [www.ragingwatersutah.com](http://www.ragingwatersutah.com)

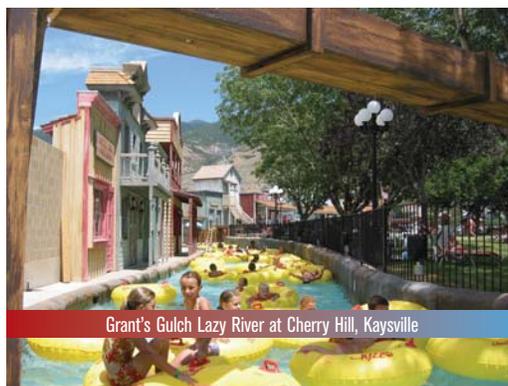
**Seven Peaks Water Park:** Take the fast road on a six-story slide tower with eight types of tube runs, speed slides and body slides. Chill out in the lazy river, surf the waves in the wave pool or let the kids play in the kiddie pool.  
1330 East 300 North, Provo, open Mon-Sat late May to early Sept, (801) 373-8777, [www.sevenpeaks.com](http://www.sevenpeaks.com)

**Tubing Hill at Soldier Hollow:** Snow tube at the cross-country venue where the athletes competed in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games! Two 1,200-foot lanes are serviced by a tow rope lift, nighttime lighting and jammin' tunes.  
2002 Olympic Drive, Midway, open daily mid-December to early April, (435) 654-2002, [www.soldierhollow.com](http://www.soldierhollow.com)

**Wheeler Historic Farm:** Throw on your overalls and straw hat for an interactive hands-on experience that will show your kids what it's like to live and work on a farm.  
6351 S 900 E, Salt Lake City, open dawn till dusk daily, (801) 264-2241, [www.wheelerfarm.com](http://www.wheelerfarm.com)

**Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort:** Snowbird is a whole lot more than just skiing and boarding. In the summertime, you can fly down the 1,000-foot zipline at 30 mph, suspended 50 feet above ground, or try Euro-bungy, a climbing wall, a 1,300 foot alpine slide, horseback tours, fly fishing, a fish pond, hiking and ATV tours, mountain bike or scooter rentals, ski school in winter or the aerial tram to the 11,000 foot summit.  
Highway 210, Little Cottonwood Canyon, open seasonally for winter and summer, (800) 232-9542, [www.snowbird.com](http://www.snowbird.com)

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Grant's Gulch Lazy River at Cherry Hill, Kaysville



Six stories of water slides at Seven Peaks Water Park, Provo