

Back to Basics

OHIO

Glazed and Sprinkled

Dunk into Ohio's first and only Donut Trail, which samples a dozen family-owned bakeries in Butler County. Doughy fried treats come in flavors ranging from raspberry cheesecake to Fruity Pebbles. Get a stamp at each stop along the trail, and earn a free T-shirt at the end. gettothebc.com/donut-trail

SOUTH CAROLINA

Slow Down on Daufuskie

With more than 5,000 tranquil acres accessible only by boat, Daufuskie Island feels like a throwback to prehistoric—OK, maybe pre-Xbox—days. Here on South Carolina's southernmost inhabited sea island, you can stroll white-sand beaches, learn about the island's Gullah heritage, ride horses along the trails, or explore on bicycles—but don't come inside till the streetlights are on. tourdaufuskie.com

VERMONT

Classic Camp

You're never too old for summer camp. At the all-inclusive Tyler Place Family Resort, near Vermont's border with Quebec, adults enjoy yoga classes and pottery workshops while counselors lead kids on fishing trips and rounds of capture the flag. tylerplace.com

Animal Lovers

ALASKA

Northern Encounters

Spotting grizzly bears, wolves, caribou, and humpback whales is great; having a naturalist on hand to answer any questions is even better. Meet these experts on Nat Geo's family expedition in Alaska, which explores Denali National Park, drives the Seward Highway, and cruises the Kenai Fjords. natgeoexpeditions.com/explore

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Whale Tales

Wildcoast Adventures' Orca Camp is a four- or five-day adventure that gets you out kayaking among pods of orcas in British Columbia's Johnstone Strait. At

night, glamp in safari-style tents on northeastern Vancouver Island. kayakbritishcolumbia.com

ILLINOIS

Dinos Rule

Sue, the 40.5-foot-long *T. rex* that has presided over Chicago's Field Museum since 2000, is heading for some needed updates. And in the meantime a 122-foot-long titanosaur, the biggest dinosaur ever discovered, will take the throne in time to awe summer visitors and celebrate the museum's 125th anniversary. fieldmuseum.org

MEXICO

Under the Sea

Playful sea lions whiz around you as you swim and snorkel with them (but don't touch!) in the Sea of Cortez, on a Cabo Adventures day trip. With 891 fish species, these clear waters have been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. cabo-adventures.com/en/tour/sea-of-cortez-adventure

Wave Action

CALIFORNIA

Surf With Mavericks

You won't be riding the waves at Mavericks, the famed surf break in Half Moon Bay where waves can top 60 feet. But you can learn to surf on smaller swells with those who do. And boat tours get you close enough to the break to watch the pros show how it's done. mavericksexperience.com

VIRGINIA

Sail On

In the historic seaport of Norfolk, home to the world's largest naval base, sailing is second nature. Sign the family up for lessons at Sail Nauticus, a nonprofit community sailing center, and you will all head out with qualified instructors on the Elizabeth River. Afterward go belowdecks at the dockside battleship *Wisconsin*. sailnauticus.org

WEST VIRGINIA

Paddle With Patriots

Harpers Ferry brims with history: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Brown, Stonewall Jackson, and W.E.B. DuBois top the list of celebrated names

with links to this town at the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers. Pair yesteryear with some right-now rafting on rapids that range from Class I to Class III. riverriders.com

Nurturing Roots

HAWAII

Aloha Actually

Want to hula like Moana or undertake the ukulele? Located on a popular stretch of western Maui coast, both Ka'anapali Beach Hotel and Westin Nanea Ocean Villas have cultural centers that offer classes on Hawaiian language, lauhala weaving, lei making, and other experiences geared to the 'ohana (family). kbhmaui.com/hawaii-culture, westinnanea.com/culturalcenter

MISSISSIPPI

Civil Rights Lessons

Exploring the eight interactive galleries at the new Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, in downtown Jackson, will likely get your family talking about modern-day events. It's no accident. As Katie Blount, director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, notes, "Understanding where we are today is shaped in every way by where we have come from in our past." mcrm.mdah.ms.gov

Playground Upgrades

NEW MEXICO

Solve a Whodunit

Opened in 2016, art collective Meow Wolf's 20,000-square-foot House of Eternal Return has recently been refreshed, adding more rooms and a new secret portal to what is already a hyper-imaginative, choose-your-own-adventure art space in Santa Fe. Venture into this home of the fictional Selig family and test hidden passages in an attempt to figure out what became of them. meowwolf.com/santa-fe

NEW YORK

City Zippers

What's 115 feet aboveground and moving at 40 mph? Your family! The Buffalo RiverWorks Zip Line Course, one of the entertainment

complex's newest attractions, sends kids as young as seven whizzing through the air between former Buffalo grain silos, which are some of the largest in the world. buffaloriverworks.com

TEXAS

Big Inclusive Fun

Morgan's Wonderland, in San Antonio, is the only fully accessible amusement park in North America. Now a new sister park gives kids with mobility challenges a water park to call their own. The year-old Morgan's Inspiration Island debuts with a River Boat Adventure ride, splash pads, and waterproof wheelchairs. morganswonderland.com/inspirationisland

Star Treatment

CALIFORNIA

To Infinity and Beyond

If your family's superhero preferences lean toward Elastigirl and Buzz Lightyear, you're in luck. The new Pixar Pier at Disney California Adventure Park, in Anaheim, will feature an Incredicoaster inspired by the new *Incredibles 2* movie and a *Toy Story*-themed neighborhood. disneyland.com

FLORIDA

Talent Search

In Future Rock Star suites at the Universal Orlando Hard Rock Hotel, kids get an in-room stage complete with "liquid flooring" and stage lights. "We designed these suites for any kid who ever dreamed of performing on stage for thousands of adoring fans," says managing director Carlton Hudson. More Hendrix than Rihanna? Fender guitars can be delivered to your room as part of the hotel's free program. universalorlando.com/hardrock

ONTARIO

Hollywood North

Yup, that likely is the real Will Smith you saw at a Toronto Starbucks. He and other Hollywood A-listers love the Canadian city, where movies like *X-Men* and *The Shape of Water* were filmed. Spot celebs year-round but especially during the Toronto International Film Festival each September. tiff.net