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## Cliff Dwellings And Ruins

Colorado is home to several sites which include cliff dwellings and ruins. Take a car trip this summer to view some of these historic places.

**Canyon Pintado National Historic District** resides in western Colorado. In this district, you'll find rock art and homestead ruins from as early as 1200 AD, much of which is viewable from your car, perfect for those who would rather forego a hike.

**Chimney Rock National Monument and Park** in Pagosa Springs is a great place to spot ancient Puebloan ruins that date back thousands of years, including kivas, a pit house, and multi-family dwellings.

**Hovenweep National Monument** is located near Cortez in the southwest corner of the state, and it extends into Utah, where you can find the visitor center. Hovenweep is an ideal spot for camping and ruins-viewing, as you can even see the ruins of Hovenweep Castle and towers built by the Ancestral Puebloan people.

**Mesa Verde National Park** is the perfect place to view ancient cliff dwellings, as there are over 600 well-preserved dwellings plus 4,000 ruins in this notable archaeological site. Be sure to stop by Canyons of the Ancients if you have the time since it's not far away.

**Ute Mountain Tribal Park** offers guided tours of cliff dwellings and villages from the Ancestral Pueblo people. You can choose between an easier hike or a more active one, but both are packed with information.

–<https://www.uncovercolorado.com/archaeological-sites/>

## Ways To Keep Your Kids Entertained This Summer

Summer's in full swing, the kids are on vacation and looking for things to do. Before you give in to the unrealistic notion that your children need to be entertained on a regular basis when they're not in school, remember that it's summer – a time for even the most active kids to take a break from organized activities and find ways to entertain themselves. This list of practical (and fun) ideas for things kids can do on their own, or with a parent or caregiver, should help you survive until the school bus rolls into the neighborhood again.

1. **Pick your own... whatever.** Find a farm with blueberries, strawberries, tomatoes, flowers, etc., and get picking.
2. **Camp out.** First-timers, try backyard camping.
3. **Camp in.** Put the sleeping bags on the floor and have a family slumber party.
4. **Rearrange the furniture.** Give the kids graph paper and have them draw out a plan first.
5. **Invite friends over for a game day.** Have a kids' games table and an adult one too. Candyland, chess, Monopoly, Clue – let the kids pick their favorites.
6. **Make your own pizza.**
7. **Talk to the animals.** Go to a zoo. If there isn't one nearby, take a virtual zoo tour online.
8. **Get wet.** Break out the kiddie pools, hoses, and sprinklers. Or if the budget permits, spend the day at a waterpark.
9. **Have a puzzle race.** Stock up on 100-piece puzzles and see who finishes first. For older kids, skip the race and challenge

them to complete a mega-piece puzzle. Set up a spot where everyone can join in working on the puzzle.

10. **Play (or learn) card games.** Amazing how much fun you can have with a single pack of playing cards. Little ones can learn crazy eights or Old Maid. Teach the older kids rummy or poker, or discover new games to master.
11. **Make good use of nearby parks.** Go to your local park's website, print the schedule of activities and tape it to the refrigerator.
12. **Pack a picnic.** And plop down to eat it just about anywhere, at a free concert, in a state park or in your own backyard. Rainy day? Have an Indoors Picnic! Spread a blanket on the living room floor where there are no bugs or rain to contend with and the children will love it!

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HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY

## This Summer, *continued from front page*

13. **Join (or create) a summer reading club.** Most local libraries have a summer reading program that awards prizes for the most books read. If your library doesn't, create your own. Pick a day of the week to be library day. You take back the read books and pick up new ones. Create categories and award prizes to whoever read the most books in those categories. If you have three children, have three categories. Make sure every child gets a prize.
14. **Experiment with new hairdos.** Let the kids try out not-permanent colors or braids. Or maybe a spiked look.
15. **Set a goal and complete a home project.** Spare room need cleaning out? Fences need painting? Kitchen cabinets in need of organizing? Find ways to let the kids help.
16. **Let the kids cook dinner.** In fact, make a tradition of it.
17. **Host a sleepover.** And the maybe your kids will be invited next – giving you a free evening.

–<https://www.seventhgeneration.com>

## Yoga On The Rocks

Yogis of all levels can begin their day by flowing in the serene and beautiful outdoor setting of the iconic Red Rock Amphitheatre. Every Saturday morning from June to August, excluding the weekend of the 4th of July, get a vital workout led by world-class instructors. It's a great way to bring peace and a sense of groundedness to your busy summer days.

Just pop out of bed, grab your mat, and join the many early risers for a workout with a view that starts at 7 am, but you can claim a spot as early as 6 am. Classes will be held on Saturdays from late May to early August. You can choose between purchasing just a session ticket or a season pass, but tickets must be purchased in advance online.

–<https://www.redrocksonline.com/yoga/>

## Go Fishing Day

National Go Fishing Day on June 18 encourages us to drop a line – in the nearest stream, pond, lake, or river. It's time to take a break from our daily routine, bait a hook and catch some fish while enjoying the outdoors on your relaxing endeavor.

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**National Children's Day**

June 14th rewinds time for a moment to celebrate National Children's Day. This day honors the children in our lives by slowing down our fast-paced lives, turning off the tech, and refocusing on the important things. Taking one day may not be enough, but using it as an opportunity to redirect our family life is an important way to stay connected with our children.

Children look up to adults in their life for guidance. While their personalities are unique, children develop their character as they spend time with people. In fact, early interaction is good for development and essential for their growth. Language skills, communication skills, and emotional skills are formed at an early age. National Children's Day is the perfect time to give the little humans in your life a bit extra time.

**Plant Jack-o'-Lanterns**

Do a little garden math with your pumpkins. Pumpkins take 85 to 125 days to mature. Check your seed packet, then count backward from Halloween to pick the best time to plant.

*Hello, June! Now the days are going to be hotter and the nights even longer.*

– Unknown

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## Make Your Own Sidewalk Chalk

Sidewalk chalk is pretty darn easy to make, and by doing it at home, you can save money, create your own designs and colors, and have fun with the whole family.

**Step 1: Materials.** You can get everything you need for this project from a craft or art supply store and around the house. You'll need:

- Plaster of Paris
- Water
- Powdered Tempera Paint
- Mixing Bowl
- Molds

You can use some fun molds that came with a plaster of Paris kit, and some of the neat ice tube trays from IKEA. They even make tube-shaped ones if you want traditional chalk shapes. To make your own stick molds, try using toilet paper rolls. To make them thinner, just cut a seam, overlap the edges, and tape together.



**Step 2: Mix It Up.** For every cup of plaster of Paris, use 3/4 cup of water. Add in as much powdered tempera as you like, and stir, stir, stir!

**Step 3: Molds.** Pour the mixture into your molds. For fun, mix up a few different colors, and swirl them together!

**Step 4: Clean-up!** Clean up is very important – and you don't want to rinse this stuff down your sink. See how it's setting up in those molds? It's going to do the same in your pipes! Take a container like a small waste bin, and line it with a plastic bag. Pour in some water, and use this to rinse everything – all materials, your hands, everything! Let the plaster set up in the bottom, and the water will rise to the top. Once it's settled, you can pour off the water from the top, leaving the plaster undisturbed. Dispose of the bag.

**Step 5: Check Out That Chalk!** Drying time will vary, depending on size of the molds you use. It's pretty easy to tell by look and feel when the chalk will be ready to de-mold. Even if you pop it out and it's not set yet, you can let it air dry a bit more without worrying about it losing its shape.

–<https://www.instructables.com/Make-Your-Own-Sidewalk-Chalk/>

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