

## Family Fun in the Summer Sun

**Fort Vancouver Regional Library programs:** storytimes, knit-in, stitch-wits, writer's workshops, Sew Crafty, movies, book discussions, computer classes, chess, job hunting, kid science & games, art; French, Spanish, and English conversation groups . . .  
<http://fvrl.ent.sirsi.net/client/default?rm=EVENTS20%7C%7C%7C1%7C%7C%7C1%7C%7C%7Ctrue>

**Vancouver Parks and Recreation:** various events, classes, maps showing parks, trails . . .

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrec>

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrec/page/2013-summer-catalog>

### **Vancouver Community Events:**

[www.visitvancouverusa.com/things-to-do/events/](http://www.visitvancouverusa.com/things-to-do/events/)

Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens Lila Days (Woodland, only \$2!) until May 12 this year; 10am-4pm

Chelatchie Prairie RR Steam Mother's Day Special May 11-12; \$10-18, kids under 2 free

Vancouver Farmers Market every Sat-Sun Mar 16-Oct 27 this year; free 9am-3pm

(Camas Mother's Day Plant and Garden Fair—9am—4pm, free)

"Captain Midnight Flies Again" May 11, Pearson Air Museum, free, live radio theatre

Annual Herb, Vegetable, and Sustainable Living Fair, Pomeroy Living History Farm, May 18 10am-5pm; free, donations accepted

Family Friendly Improv; Magenta Theatre, \$10 adults, \$5 for 13 and under

Artists' show and judging, May 17-20, 2013; free—Society of Washington Artists Spring Show; artists age 18+

"Reasons To Be Pretty" May 3-May 18, Clark College

"Dozer Day" May 18-19, \$5-10

Sailing Ship tours and Excursions (Lady Washington & Hawaiian Chieftain) in Vancouver May 23-27; \$3 donation for tour

50+ Connections Expo, May 19, Hilton Hotel, \$5 suggested donation; retirement resources, etc.

"Annie Get Your Gun" Journey Theater Arts Group at Washougal HS, tickets \$9-\$14

Open Cock Pit Day and Young Eagles Program, May 25, Pearson Ed. and Restoration Hangar, 9am-5pm

Chelatchie Prairie RR Memorial Day Special, noon and 2:30pm, \$10-18, kids under 2 free

Children's Cultural Parade, Fort Vancouver, May 31

Columbia Springs (trout hatchery) Family Field Trip, Sat June 1—10am to 2pm, crafts, hikes, etc;

\$5/child, free for accompanying adult; register

etc.!!

### **Recurring Free or discounted Activities**

1st Fridays Art Walk (consider as a date night!), Vancouver, art, music, restaurants (walk is free, food not free)

1st Fridays free at Portland Children's Museum, 4-8pm

2nd Saturday at the Water Resource Center, 1-3pm, free; children's activities

2nd Tues Portland Zoo \$4 (under 2 free), parking \$4 (\$1.50 off admission with proof of transit ride)

3rd Fridays (except June), Artsy Fartsy children's activities, Cascade Park Library

3rd Fridays Westfield (Vancouver Mall) Family fun Days—stories, snacks, crafts; free, 5pm Cinetopia Court

4th Fridays Portland Art Museum, free, 5-8pm

Tuesdays 10:30am at Kazoodles—toys, stories, & songs for preschoolers—free

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, free

Wednesdays at Esther Short Park

July 10-Aug 14 Science in the Park, 11am-1pm; free

July 10-Aug 14 Noon concerts; free

Thursdays Riverview 6 to Sunset Concerts, July 11-Aug 29; Esther Short Park, free

Friday Night Movies in the Park, July 12—Aug 16, various parks, dusk, free

Vancouver Saturday Market, 9am-3pm (looking is free); food, produce, local artists, etc.

Saturdays free family swim at Marshall Center Pool, 4:45-6:30pm

Mon, Wed, Fri at Oakbrook Park—Summer Playground Program, drop-in ages 5-11, games, crafts, free lunch first 15 minutes

Tues, Thurs at Hearthwood Park—Summer Playground Program, drop-in ages 5-11, games, crafts, free lunch first 15 minutes

(offered also at John Ball Park, Jaggy Road Park, Evergreen Park, and Orchards Park)

Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR

"Free Fishing Weekend" in Washington is always the first weekend after the first Monday in June (June 8-9, 2013)

### **Vancouver Places to Go and Things to Do**

Vancouver Farmers' Market, Saturdays 9am-3pm, Esther Short Park  
Fort Vancouver, Officer's Row—various events offered, such as Vintage Baseball, Christmas events . . .  
4th of July fireworks (no longer free, but if you have a friend in a fortunate situation to see . . . or, just watch the neighbors!)  
Pearson Air Field—various events  
Clark County Historical Museum  
hike or bike along the Columbia River—see Parks and Rec for trails and parks and maps, etc.  
U-pick farms <http://www.pickyourown.org/WAsouthwest.htm>  
Vancouver Lake  
Clark County Fair—August  
Sturgeon Festival, 3rd Sat of Sept, Water Resource Center, free  
Old Apple Tree Festival, 1st Sat of Oct, 11am-3pm, free

### **SW Washington Places to Go and Things to Do**

State Park Free Days: <http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/faq/#freedays>  
Centennial Events, Washington State Parks <http://www.parks.wa.gov/events/>  
Mt. St. Helen's  
Woodland Tulip Festival—April, free  
Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge—only \$3/car!  
Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens—May, \$2  
Pomeroy Living History Farm (Lucia Falls Rd, Yacolt) , free, donations accepted—various events  
Battle Ground Village Outdoor Market, Saturdays Apr 27-Sept 28; 10am-4pm  
Lewisville Park, Battle Ground, WA  
Battle Ground Lake State Park  
Chelatchie Prairie RR  
Camas and Washougal Farmers' Markets and events  
Lacamas Lake  
Two Rivers Heritage Museum <http://www.2rhm.com/>  
Beacon Rock State Park—hike, camp  
Bonneville Dam  
Mt. Adams (hiking)  
Maryhill Museum

### **Oregon Places to Go and Things to Do**

OMSI  
Children's Museum  
Portland Zoo  
Rose Festival  
Portland Nursery Apple Festival—annual apple tasting event 2nd & 3rd weekends October  
Leach Botanical Garden  
End of the Oregon Trail (Oregon City, OR), and Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (Bake City, OR)  
Christmas Ships  
Canby Ferry  
Swan Island Dahlias  
Portland Tours (one fun but spendy, is jet boat tour of Willamette River)  
Vista House (Crown Point State Park), OR  
Mount Hood Railroad  
Mt. Hood Lodge  
Sternwheeler tour up the Columbia River Gorge  
Multnomah and other waterfalls in the Gorge (Oregon side)—drive, hike  
Cascade Locks, OR  
Hood River, OR fruit loop, events and produce  
Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Ashland , OR <http://www.ashlandchamber.com/Splash.asp>  
Tillamook, OR <http://gotillamook.com/>

## At the Library

<http://mylibrary2.fvrl.org/events/docs/Events2013May.pdf>

<http://fvrl.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/?rm=EVENTS20%7C%7C1%7C%7C%7C%7C%7C%7Ctrue#/?i=3>

## Vancouver, community events and calendars

[http://www.cityofvancouver.us/calendar/month?field\\_event\\_type\\_tid=71&field\\_synonym\\_value=All&term\\_node\\_tid\\_depth=All](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/calendar/month?field_event_type_tid=71&field_synonym_value=All&term_node_tid_depth=All)

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/calendar/month/2013-06?>

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/calendar/month/2013-07?>

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/calendar/month/2013-08?>

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/calendar/month/2013-09?>

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## Festivals

<http://www.lilacgardens.com/index.html>

<http://www.recycledartsfestival.com/>

<http://hawaiianfestivalpnw.com/>

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrec/page/old-apple-tree-park>

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/publicworks/page/sturgeon-festival>

<http://www.bgwa.com/local.htm>

<http://www.downtowncamas.com/events-and-festivals/>

<http://www.washougalfilmfest.org/>

<http://www.oregonfestivals.org/list/events>

<http://www.travelportland.com/things-to-see-and-do/attractions/annual-events/#summer>

## Vancouver places to go, parks and rec (parks, trails, Firstenburg & Marshall Centers, YMCA, museums . . .)

<http://gocitykids.parentsconnect.com/category/vancouver-wa-usa/places-to-go/tourist-stops>

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrec/page/summer-playground-program-affordable-summer-fun>

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrec/page/parks-trails>

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrec/page/recreation-activities-events>

<http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrec/page/community-recreation-schedules>

<http://www.columbiasprings.org/events/calendar/>

<http://ymcacw.org/locations/clark-county-family-ymca>

<http://www.cchmuseum.org/>

[http://www.visitvancouverusa.com/things-to-do/events/?e\\_ViewBy=week&e\\_sDate=05-12-2013&e\\_sortBy=eventName](http://www.visitvancouverusa.com/things-to-do/events/?e_ViewBy=week&e_sDate=05-12-2013&e_sortBy=eventName)

<http://www.cedarcreekgristmill.com/calendar.htm>

<http://www.bycx.com/schedule>

<http://www.amboywa.com/museum.htm>

## National Parks, kid site, free days (Fort Vancouver, Pearson Air Museum, etc.)

<http://www.nps.gov/fova/planyourvisit/pearsonairmuseum.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/state/wa/list.htm?program=parks>

<http://www.nps.gov/webrangers/>

<http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparksbystate.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/fova/planyourvisit/goday2012.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/fova/forkids/index.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/fova/planyourvisit/events.htm>

<http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org/locations/>

<http://www.fws.gov/ridgefieldrefuges/ridgefield/recreation/entance%20fees.html> (lists various Fed passes available)

## Around Portland

<http://redtri.com/portland/free-summer-fun-around-portland/>

<http://www.kidzlist.com/?gclid=CLTJtpjugrcCFWXZQgodcncAPQ>

<http://www.kidzlist.com/EventsListView.aspx?>

[Zip-](#)

<Code=97205&Distance=100&EventSearchQuery=&CostRange=&Age=&Categories=&Year=2013&Month=5&Day=6&StartDate=05/13/2013>

<http://oregonmentors.org/files/library/52%20Free%20Activities%20-%20Portland%20Metro.pdf>

<http://www.travelportland.com/things-to-see-and-do/attractions/good-for-kids>

<http://www.portlandartmuseum.org/page.aspx?pid=377>

<http://www.portlandcm.org/visit/special-offers-discounts/>

<http://www.oregonzoo.org/events/second-tuesday-15>

<https://www.omsi.edu/visit>

<http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/finder/index.cfm?action=ViewFile&PoIPdfsID=1769&/Crystal%20Springs%20Rhododendron%20Garden%20Brochure.pdf>

<http://pitttockmansion.org/>

<http://www.leachgarden.org/plan-your-visit/>

<http://www.portlandtours.net/?event=offer.type&productType=BOAT&mpt=5740&name=Jet%20Boat%20Rides%20in%20Portland>

## In General

[http://pinterest.com/melissa\\_taylor2/summer-activities-with-kids/](http://pinterest.com/melissa_taylor2/summer-activities-with-kids/)

<http://www.marthastewart.com/274922/60-summer-activities-for-kids/@center/276964/60-days-summer>

<http://www.momswhothink.com/kids-crafts/kids-crafts-and-activities.html>

<http://lilluna.com/30-summer-activities-for-kids/>

<http://workathomemoms.about.com/od/Summer-Activities-For-Kids/Summer-Activities-For-Kids.htm>

<http://www.parenting.com/article/fun-things-to-do-summer>

<http://spoonful.com/summer>

<http://www.thecentsiblelife.com/2012/05/40-free-or-nearly-free-summer-activities-for-kids/>

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/summer/>

<http://www.funjunx.com/>

<https://www.omsi.edu/for-kids>