Recreational Activities/Ideas to do With Your Little

**Oskaloosa**

* Oskaloosa Skate Park
  + Skate Park/Basketball Hoops
  + Free
  + 259-299 High Ave W, Oskaloosa, IA 52577 (outside Penn Central Mall)
  + Year-Round Open
* Environmental Learning Center
  + Learn about different environmental things
  + Open year round
  + Summer time holds a bunch of kids activities
  + Closes around 4:30pm on weekdays
* Edmundson Park
  + Playground, shelters, open space, biking trails, pond, dog park, softball field
  + Free
  + 1420 11th Ave W, Oskaloosa, IA 52577
  + Open year round
  + Golf Course, Pool,
    - Pool
      * $4.50/person (half-price after 5pm), open daily in summer 1pm-7pm, May-September
    - Golf Course:
      * See rates at <https://edmundsonhpgolf.com/rates/>
      * Starting price: $15/9 Hole
* Lake Keomah State Park
  + Walking trails, beach, fishing, campground, shelters
  + Lake Keomah State Park, 2720 Keomah Ln, Oskaloosa, IA 52577
  + Free
  + Year Round
  + 4am-10:30pm
* Oskaloosa Arts Center/Fine Arts and Cultural Events (FACE) of Mahaska County
  + Arts Center
  + 115 1st Ave W, Oskaloosa, IA 52577
  + Free Exhibit on the last Thursday of every month from 6pm-9pm
  + Varying arts events that have varying costs from $5-$20 depending on what they’re doing. Check out events or groups here:
    - <https://www.facebook.com/FACEofMahaska/>
    - <https://www.faceofmahaska.com/>
* George Daily Auditorium
  + Varying Events at Varying Prices
  + Free-$22 for an adult, check website for prices
  + Bands, Motivational Speakers, High School Plays, etc.
  + <http://www.georgedaily.org/schedule-of-events/>
* Smokey Row
  + Coffee Shop in Oskaloosa (attached to the Book Vault), also sells ice cream and other food
  + Varying Prices depending on order, has a loft, and meeting room
  + Has various community events: Live music from different bands, open mic night, hosts several community forums
* Spinning Wheels Skate
  + Roller Rink
  + 1717 3rd Avenue East, Oskaloosa IA
  + Open year round
  + 7pm-10pm
  + $6/person
* Mahaska Bowl
  + Bowling Alley, and has a kitchen inside
  + 1700 A Ave E, Oskaloosa, IA 52577
  + Year-round
  + $2.75/game, $2.75/shoe rental
  + Friday: 5pm-9pm
  + Saturday: 1pm-9pm
  + Sunday: 1-5pm
* Penn Centre Theatre
  + Movie Theatre
  + 216 2nd Ave W, Oskaloosa, IA 52577
  + Open Year Round
  + Prices
    - Child 2-12
      * 2D: $5
      * 3D: $7
    - Adult: 12-60
      * 2D Evening: $7
      * 2D Matinee: $5
      * 3D Evening: $9
      * 3D Matinee: $7
    - Military and Student Discount with ID: $1 off
    - Bargain Tuesday: 2D: $4, 3D: $6, and free popcorn with purchase of drink
* Oskaloosa Old School Pinball and Arcade
  + Arcade & Food
  + Penn Central Mall
  + 200 High Avenue West, Oskaloosa, IA
  + Prices
    - Thursday, Friday, & Sunday: $10 for everyone
    - Saturday: $10/kid, $12/adult
  + Thursdays and Fridays 5pm-9pm
  + Saturday and Sundays: noon-9pm
* Oskaloosa Mini-Putt
  + Mini-putt course
  + Located in University Park
  + 2300 8th Avenue East University Park, Iowa
  + Open May-September
    - Tuesday-Friday 4pm-10pm
    - Saturday-Sunday: 1pm-10pm
* STAM’s Nursery and Garden Center/Autumn Acres
  + Corn Cannon, Corn Maze, Pumpkins, Corn Hole, Giant Jumping Pillow, Super Slide, Train, Hayride,and animals
  + 2421 IA-92, Oskaloosa, IA 52577
  + $8/person
  + September 21-October 26
  + Friday’s 4pm-Dark
  + Saturday’s 10am-6pm
* Nelson Pioneer Farm and Museum
  + History Museum in Mahska County, has special activities during the summer
  + 2211 Nelson Lane, Oskaloosa, IA 52577
  + $7 adult, $2 student
  + May-September Open
  + 10am-5pm Tuesday-Saturday
  + 12pm-5pm Sunday
* Free Movie Series
  + Sponsored by Businesses in Oskaloosa
  + Always free and family friendly
  + In the summer, various locations
    - On the square, YMCA gym, Wood Iron Grille, Fairgrounds, etc.
  + Series starts in June
  + Start time is typically between 7:30pm and 8:15pm
  + Oskaloosa Area Chamber and Development Group Organizes It
  + Refer to website for more events
  + <https://www.facebook.com/pg/oacdg/events/?ref=page_internal>
* Trick or Treat Parade
  + October 31, downtown Oskaloosa starting on the square 4pm-6pm
  + Free parade, kids can dress up and gather candy
* Christmas Parade
  + Lighted, huge event downtown, starts near square
  + December 7
  + Free parade starts at 7pm until 8/9pm
* Oskaloosa Public Library
  + Varying Events at Groups Meet at the Library
  + Always free
  + 301 S Market St, Oskaloosa, IA 52577
  + \*\*\*\*\*The Library has free passes you can “check out” to:
    - Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines
    - Science Center of Iowa in Des Moines
    - National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Davenport
  + Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 10am-8pm
  + Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday: 10am-5pm
  + More information about their events can be found at:
    - <http://www.oskaloosalibrary.org/p/calendar.html>

**Ottumwa**

* Wapello County Historical Museum
  + History Museum in Ottumwa
  + 210 West Main Street, Ottumwa Iowa
  + Wednesdays-Saturdays 12pm-4pm
  + Prices
    - $5/adults
    - $3/children under 12
* Ottumwa Old School Pinball and Arcade
  + Arcade and Food
  + 1100 North Quincy Avenue, Ottumwa
  + In the Mall
  + Prices
    - Thursday: $5/Everyone
      * Special Offer on Thursday Only
        + 2 for $22
        + 2 admissions, 2 Sodas, and a Large 2 Topping Pizza
    - Friday, & Sunday: $10 for everyone
    - Saturday: $10/kid, $12/adult
  + Thursdays and Fridays 5pm-9pm
  + Saturday and Sundays: noon-9pm
* The Beach Ottumwa
  + 101 Church Street Ottumwa, Iowa 52501
  + Indoor pool and slide, and outdoor water park
    - Indoor pool is open year round
      * Open swim is 1pm-4pm Saturday and Sunday
      * Price: $4/person
    - Outdoor Water Park
      * Open in summer
  + <https://www.beachottumwa.com/#features>
* Bridgeview Center
  + Performing Arts Center
  + 102 Church Street, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501
  + Events are free-$25
  + <https://www.bridgeviewcenter.com/events/>
* Video Game Capital of the World Museum
  + Video Game Museum
  + Interactive Museum about the history of video games
  + Open Year Round
  + Inside the Ottumwa Old School Pinball and Arcade
  + Thursdays and Fridays 5pm-9pm
  + Saturday and Sundays: noon-9pm
* Anomaly Gallery
  + Art Gallery and Bookstore
  + 405 North Court Street
  + Free to look, can purchase items
  + Open Thursday-Saturday 12pm-5pm
* Ottumwa Public Library
  + Varying events for all ages
  + Always free
  + Monday-Thursday: 9am-6pm
  + Friday-Saturday: 9am-5pm
  + <https://blog.ottumwapubliclibrary.org/>
* Greater Ottumwa Park
  + Park, trails, duck pond, campsites,
  + Always open
  + Free
  + Teal Dr, Ottumwa, IA 52501
* Wildwood Park
  + Playground/park in Ottumwa
  + 1821 W Finley Ave, Ottumwa, IA 52501
  + Always open
  + Free
* Garrison Rock Resource Management Unit
  + Walking trails, nature preserve, learning center, hiking, horseback riding, hunting in some areas, education, wildlife photography
  + <https://conservation.wapellocounty.org/conservation-areas/>
  + 6951 Cliffland Rd, Ottumwa, IA 52501
* Airpower Museum
  + Airplane Museum
  + Free
  + Airfield in Ottumwa
  + 22001 Bluegrass Rd, Ottumwa, IA 52501
  + Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
  + Saturday 10am-5pm
  + Sunday 1pm-5pm
* Ottumwa 8 Movie Theatre
  + Movie Theatre
  + 1215 Theatre Drive, Ottumwa IA 52501
  + Open Year Round
  + Pricing
    - Adult:
      * 2D Matinee $7.50
      * 2D Evening: $9.00
      * 3D: add additional $2.25
    - Child: 12 and under
      * 2D: $700
      * 3D: add additional $2.25
    - Bargain Tuesday:
      * $5 movies all day,
      * Free popcorn with purchase of beverage
* GamerTAG
  + Lasertag
  + 1110 N Quincy Ave, Ottumwa, IA 52501
  + Located in mall
  + Hours
    - Monday: 5-8pm
    - Thursday and Friday: 5-9pm
    - Saturday: 1-9pm
    - Sunday: 1-5pm
  + Pricing
    - $5 for 7 minutes of game play
* The Puzzle Rooms
  + Escape Room
  + Please note you are not actually locked in at this time
  + 107 E. Second Ottumwa, IA 52501
  + Located on the second floor of hotel ottumwa
  + $20/person, generally lasts 45 minutes
  + Please Reserve Your Appointment before attending at:
    - thepuzzlerooms.com/book-online
* Champion Bowling
  + Bowling Alley
  + 2601 Roe
  + Hours
    - Monday-Friday 10am-10pm
    - Friday-Saturday: 10am-Midnight
    - Cosmic Bowling
      * Friday-Saturday 9pm-Close
  + Pricing
    - $3.75/game
    - $1.50/shoe rental

**Pella, Iowa**

* Sholte House Museum
  + 170 year old house/museum
  + 728 Washington Street, Pella IA 50219
  + Pricing: $5/ticket
* Klokkenspel
  + 8, 4-foot mechanical figures that portray Pella’s people and history in a show in downtown Pella
  + Free
  + Performances are held daily at: 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, and 9pm
  + Can be seen from Franklin Street Pella 50219
* Pella Opera House
  + Performing Arts Center in a historic Opera House
  + 611 Franklin Street, Pella Iowa 50219
  + Pricing
    - Varies depending on show, up to $20
    - Students get a discount
  + Check out: <http://www.pellaoperahouse.org/> for ticket prices, and shows
* Historical Village
  + 507 Franklin Street, Pella IA 50219
  + Pricing $10/ticket
    - Includes Vermeer Windmill Tour
  + 22-Building Complex Covering Pella’s History beginning in the 1840’s
    - Boyhood Home of Wyatt Earp (Wild West Legend)
    - The Beason Bloomers Mill and Blacksmith Shop
    - The Werkplaats (wooden shoes get made here)
    - The Sterrenberg Library and Delft House
    - Scholte Church (a replica of Dominie Scholte’s first church in Pella)
    - Heritage Hall
      * Precious antiques, costumes, and vignettes of Dutch daily life, as well as Goliath (authentic Dutch street organ)
      * Has a permanent and rotating art exhibit as well
    - The Bakery
    - The Meet and Cheese Shop
    - The Sod House (a replica of the housing of Pella’s pioneers)
  + Monday-Friday 10am-5pm
  + I recommend visiting during Tulip Time (first weekend in May)
    - People dress up and mill around the village
    - Can see the Tulips
    - Lot’s more going on during Tulip Time
* Pella Movie Theatre
  + Movie Theatre
  + 708 Main Street, Pella Iowa 50219
  + Pricing:
    - Adult: Matinee: $6.50, Evening: $7.50
    - Child: $5.50, ages 3-13
    - Student: age 14-High School, with Student ID $6.50
    - Military ID: $5.50
    - Tuesday Special: All seats are $5
    - 3D pricing, add $1.50 to each ticket price
  + Check: <http://www.pella-cinemas.com/> for movies and times
* Pella Excit-A-Bowl
  + Bowling Alley
  + 204 SE 9th Street, Pella Iowa 50219
  + Hours:
    - September-April
      * Tuesday: 5:00pm-9:00pm
      * Wednesday: 9:00am-9:00pm
      * Friday and Saturday: 3:00pm-9:00pm
        + Cosmic Bowling from 6pm-11:00pm

Need a reservation

* + - May-August
      * Friday and Saturday 3:00pm-9:00pm

**Interesting Activities from Further Away**

* Cordova Park
  + 1100 Acre Park right outside of Pella, located on Lake Red Rock
  + Located one mile east of Highway 14 and County Highway G28 intersection at 1378 Highway G28, or 9 miles west of Pella Iowa on Highway G28
  + Modern Cabins, Observation Tower, Abundant Wildlife
    - Observation tower has 169 steps to get to the top for a birds eye view of the Lake
* Valle Drive-In
  + Located in Newton, IA a 48 minute drive from Oskaloosa
  + 4074 Hwy F48, Newton IA 50208
  + Double feature drive in movie theatre
  + Pricing
    - $8 for 12 and up
    - $5 for under 12
  + While they do have speakers at the movie theatre, you can stream it directly to your car on: FM 88.7
  + Hours
    - Friday-Sunday 6:30pm until the last movie is done playing
    - Open rain or shine
  + Check: <http://valledrive-in.com/> for information about movies playing
* Blank Park Zoo
  + Located in Des Moines, Iowa (a little over an hour drive)
  + 7401 SW 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50315
  + Hours:
    - May-September
      * Monday –Sunday: 9am-5pm
    - October
      * Monday-Sunday: 10am-4pm
  + Pricing:
    - Free passes are available at the Oskaloosa Public Library
    - Regular Prices:
      * $14/Adult (13+)
      * $8/Child (12 and younger)
      * A few dollar discounts available if tickets are purchased online
* Science Center of Iowa State University
  + Located in Des Moines, Iowa (a little over an hour drive)
  + 401 W Martin Luther King Jr Pkwy, Des Moines, IA 50309
  + Hours:
    - Labor Day-Memorial Day
      * Tuesday-Saturday: 10am-5pm
      * Sunday: 12pm-5pm
    - Memorial Day-Labor Day
      * Monday-Saturday: 9am-5pm
      * Sunday: 12:00pm-5:00pm
    - The second Friday of the month is dedicated to families
      * Extended hours: 5:00pm-8:00pm
      * $5 admission
  + Pricing:
    - Free passes available at the Oskaloosa Public Library for reservation
    - Regular Prices:
      * Child 12 and under: $9
      * Adults: $13
  + Please note that at this time the IMAX theatre has been shut down