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