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## 15 Ways Kids Can Be Kids on a Montauk Vacation



Montauk is a vacation haven where kids can be kids, parents can unwind, families can connect and memories are created. To excite families to vacation in Montauk, the Montauk Chamber of Commerce initiated a marketing campaign themed “15 Ways Kids Can Be Kids on a Montauk Vacation,” announced Laraine Creegan, Executive Director.

“In our classic beach town there are many adventurous and simple, fun activities to entertain kids --from fishing and surfing to pony riding and candy stores,” says Creegan. “For parents that want their kids to unplug from technology, play outdoors, and just be kids, a Montauk vacation has it all. We’re revealing 15 of those ways.” The Montauk Chamber of Commerce provides family friendly vacation and lodging information at

[http://montaukchamber.com/15\\_ways\\_kids\\_can\\_be\\_kids\\_on\\_a\\_montauk\\_vacation](http://montaukchamber.com/15_ways_kids_can_be_kids_on_a_montauk_vacation)

[http://www.montaukchamber.com/family\\_vacation\\_guide](http://www.montaukchamber.com/family_vacation_guide)

- 1 - Find a beach - engage the kids with a bucket, sand and water. Dig holes, build sandcastles, search for shells and driftwood. Gin Beach on the Sound is good for families with young ones. At the Hither Hills State Park ocean beach, there's a playground, picnic tables, shower, restroom, changing area and store.
- 2 - Go boating, fishing, surfing or whale watching - Montauk has all water sports. Rent pedal boats, paddleboards, surfboards, kayaks, sunfish, a twin motor sport boat for water skiing, tubing and wake boarding. Enroll kids 6-16 in a sail that teaches the fundamentals. A fun "Take a Kid Fishing" excursion teaches angling techniques. Both programs in July and August are sponsored by the Chamber.
- 3 - Go for a horseback ride at a ranch and climb on the wagon ride when you're finished. Believe it or not, the oldest cattle ranch in the U.S. is in Montauk! Caters to both new riders and experienced riders, and led by a professional cowboy or cowgirl.
- 4 - Hike the Seal Haulout Trail from Rte. 27 up to the Sound. It's a pretty, wooded, beginner hike suitable for 3 year olds and up. In late winter and spring, go during low tide to see seals hanging out on the rocks.
- 5 - Fly kites at the Edward Ecker Park on Navy Road. Bring a picnic lunch, a fishing pole for the Pier or sneakers for the Hither Hills Hiking Trails that are right there.
- 6 - Spend the day at the Montauk Downs State Park. There is a beautiful 18-hole golf course, tennis, two pools and places to eat. There are Pros to give private or group lessons.
- 7 - Listen to live music on "The Green" at the Gazebo right in town on Mondays and at Gosman's in the Harbor on Sundays, both from 6-8 pm in the summer, while the kids dance, run, play and make fast friends.
- 8 - Build a Bonfire on the Beach: Grocery stores have everything you need to get your bonfire going — firewood, lighter fluid, marshmallows, sticks and even pre-packaged kits for making s'mores. Check regulations to build your fire to code.
- 9 - Frolic in a playground at Alexi's Place at the Montauk Playhouse which has a small jungle-gym area (no swings) and the Montauk School. Find a swing set (with a bucket-shaped baby swing, too), a softball/baseball field, tennis courts, skateboard area, at Henry "Hank" Zebrowski Memorial Park.
- 10 - Take a walk around town and the Harbor for sweets and toys at kid-friendly hotspots for ice cream, candies, retro and craft toys. Find locally-made popsicles and ice cream. Bring cash, credit cards are not accepted in some shops.
- 11 - Mini-golf at an outdoor arena at the entrance to downtown. With 18 holes, this is an ideal venue for your family to connect and have fun. A cash only spot.
- 12 - Explore Montauk Point Lighthouse, the oldest lighthouse in New York State and the eastern most point of Long Island. Older kids will better appreciate its history (commissioned by George Washington), but the park around the lighthouse offers fun for all ages. Children who want to climb the tower must be 41" in height.
- 13 - Go to the Farmer's Market where the kids discover artisanal lemonade, popsicles, root beer, cookies, pie in a jar, peaches straight from the local farm, plus treats for the adults, too. Takes place in the summer on the Green, Thursdays, from 9 am to 2 pm.
- 14 - Investigate mysterious Camp Hero, an Army base and then Air Force Base commissioned by the U.S. Army in 1942. Hike to find a house with a secret exit...a dead end with old guard booth...concrete beach bunkers – all of these are the "secret spots" to be discovered. Suitable for older kids.
- 15 - Swim in the pool at your hotel which is especially great for young ones because the ocean can sometimes be a bit cold for them. Some hotels have wading pools.

There are 56 resorts, hotels, motels, B & B's, cottages and guesthouses with from 2 to 140 rooms in the Montauk area. Kid-friendly amenities may include direct beach or bay access, kids' games and celebrations, indoor and outdoor play spaces, movie nights, watersports rentals, free beach parking permits, kitchenettes/kitchens, barbeques...and free WiFi should you want to plug-in and share the memories online.

For a free vacation guide with discount coupons, either download it from the website or call for a copy.

**Visit the Chambers Facebook page for information on family-friendly events in Montauk:**

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