## Ideas For Great Days Out From Glastonbury With Kids

If you are staying in Glastonbury with kids and done exploring what Glastonbury has to offer, you may be looking further afield to fill an entertainment programme. This article provides a collection of ideas for things to do with kids – all within a 45(ish) minute drive of Glastonbury.

- Greenbank Pool (6 minutes 2 miles) outdoor swimming pool – suitable for all ages – Heated to 30'C 86'F, Greenbank has a 30 metre X 12 metre main pool, a children's pool and a splash area with a slide and fountains, large lawns and a snack shop. Great place for a picnic.
- A: Wilfrid Road, STREET, BA16 0EU

More information <u>here</u>

- Street Community Library (7 minutes 2.1 miles) library – indoors – suitable for younger children – variety of events including badge making, lego, rhyme time, poetry, clay sessions, reading challenges.
- A: Parish Rooms, 6 Leigh Rd, STREET, BA16 0HA

More information Street Library - Facebook

- Wells Film Centre (11 minutes 5.6 miles) small family owned cinema suitable for all ages Look out for special offers on tickets prices.
- A: Princes Road, WELLS, BA5 1TD

More information <u>Wells Film Centre</u>

 Combe Hill Wood (12 minutes - 5.1 miles) - woodland outdoors - suitable for all ages - Combe Hill Wood is a 25 hectare area of diverse woodland near Street. If you love the outdoors, then Combe Hill Wood offers walks, marvellous viewpoints and a permanent orienteering course and free parking and is free to access.

W3W: <u>develop.firebird.goodbyes</u>

More information Combe Hill Woods

- RSPB Ham Wall (12 minutes by car 5.4 miles) nature reserve - outdoors - suitable for all ages - Ham Wall is a 265-hectare wetland teeming with wildlife - from rare species like water voles and otters to magnificent birds like bitterns and kingfishers. Enjoy stunning views across the marshes to Glastonbury Tor and make some time to follow secluded paths through the mystical landscape.
- A: RSPB Ham Wall, Ashcott Road, Meare, GLASTONBURY, BA6 9SX

More information <u>here</u>

- Wells Sport and Fitness (15 minutes 6.1 miles) indoor swimming pool – suitable for all ages – Wells Leisure Centre has a 25 metre swimming pool and a dedicated family interactive pool with lots of fun water play features to add to the experience for the little ones.
- A: Charter Way, WELLS, BA5 2FB

More information <u>here</u>

 Burcott Mill (15 minutes - 5.6 miles) - working watermill - indoors - suitable for all ages - The origins of Burcott Mill date back over 1000 years to a recording in the Domesday Book (1086). Today, it is one of the few remaining examples of a working watermill operating in the UK. Back in 1900, there were over 10,000 water and windmills in Britain, whilst today fewer than 50 fully working water powered flour mills remain. Summer mill tours are available and there is an outside wooden play area.

A: Burcott Mill, Wookey Road, Burcott, WELLS, BA5 1NJ

More information <u>here</u>

- The Bishop's Palace (18 minutes 6.1 miles) historic building with gardens indoors and outdoors suitable for all ages The Bishop's Palace and accompanying Bishops House is adjacent to Wells Cathedral and has been the home of the Bishops of the Diocese of Bath and Wells for 800 years. It has been designated by English Heritage as a Grade I listed building. Pay once enter for a year has a nice play area. If visiting the Bishops Palace why not visit the adventure playground in nearby Wells Recreation Ground here.
- A: The Bishop's Palace, WELLS, BA5 2PD

More information <u>here</u>

- Shepton Mallet Lido (18 minutes 9.4 miles) outdoor swimming pool – suitable for all ages – Shepton Mallet Lido is tucked away just off a residential street in Shepton Mallet and is a fantastic place to take the kids for an outdoor swim during the summer months, with a toddler pool, a wonderful series of fountains and water jets to play in, plus a children's play area on the grass.
- A: Shaftgate Avenue, SHEPTON MALLET, BA4 5YA

More information <u>here</u>

 Wells Cathedral (19 minutes - 6.8 miles) - historic building - indoors - suitable for all ages - Built between 1176 and 1450 Wells Cathedral is an Anglican cathedral and seat of the Bishop of Bath and Wells and has been called "unquestionably one of the most beautiful" and "most poetic" of English cathedrals. The green in front of the cathedral is a great place for a picnic.

A: Cathedral Green, WELLS, BA5 2UE

More information <u>here</u>

Battle of Sedgemoor Visitor Centre (21 minutes – 11.4 miles) – museum – indoors – suitable for history buffs of all ages – Visitor centre dedicated to the Battle of Sedgemoor. The Monmouth Rebellion of the summer of 1685 was an attempt to seize the crown of England by James Scott, Duke of Monmouth, from his uncle the Catholic King James II. In what would be the final action of the rebellion, the Battle of Sedgemoor took place on the 6th July 1685 at Westonzoyland in Somerset. Leading a surprise night-time attack against the enemy encampment, Monmouth's bold strategy was only discovered when a shot was fired from a passing Royalist patrol.

A: Church of St Mary the Virgin, Main Road, Westonzoyland, BRIDGWATER, TA7 0EB

More information <u>here</u>

• Wookey Hole Caves (22 minutes – 7.7 miles) – caves with multiple attractions – indoors and outdoors – suitable for all ages – With a tour of the beautiful caverns, plus over 20 family-friendly attractions, a visit to Wookey Hole Caves just keeps on giving! Your kids will have a magical time, as they come face to face with roaring dinosaurs, a life-size King Kong and even a witch.

A: Wookey Hole, WELLS, BA5 1BB

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 Ashton Windmill (23 minutes – 11.2 miles) – historic building – outdoors – suitable for all ages – This unique 18th century flour mill stands on the "Isle of Wedmore", a ridge giving commanding views of Cheddar Gorge, the Somerset Levels and Brent Knoll. A windmill is mentioned on this site as far back as 1317. Although it last worked in 1927, the mill has been carefully restored.

W3W: <u>here</u>

More information <u>here</u>

 Fleet Air Arm Museum (24 minutes – 11.7 miles) – museum – indoors – suitable for all ages – The Fleet Air Arm Museum is devoted to the flying arm of the Royal Navy, and holds many thousands of objects, ranging from complete aircraft, to photographs, individual medals, and documents, plus models of aircraft and Royal Navy ships.

A: Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton, YEOVIL, BA22 8HT

More information <u>here</u>

 East Somerset Railway (24 minutes – 12.8 miles) – heritage railway – indoors and outdoors – suitable for all ages – Take a relaxing ride on a steam train for approximately 40 minutes over a 5 mile mile round trip. You can also visit the engine shed, the museum, the signal box and the miniature railway and enjoy afternoon tea on the Mendip Belle coach.

A: West Cranmore, SHEPTON MALLET, BA4 4QP

More information <u>here</u>

• Middlemoor Waterpark (27 minutes - 12.9 miles) -

waterpark — outdoors — suitable for ages 13+ — Water skiing, wakeboarding, jet skiing and karting facilities with expert tuition available.

- A: The Causeway, Woolavington, BRIDGWATER, TA7 8DN
  - Haynes International Motor Museum (27 minutes 15.5 miles) museum indoors and outdoors suitable for all ages Established in 1985, the Haynes International Motor Museum is an Educational Charitable Trust with over 400 cars and motorcycles dating from 1886 to the present day and is the largest international motor museum in Britain.
- A: Sparkford, YEOVIL, BA22 7LH

More information here

- Montacute TV Radio Toy Museum (29 minutes 17.3 miles)

   museum indoors suitable for all ages Like a Tardis, Montacute TV Radio Toy Museum displays what is probably the largest collection of toys, books, annuals and games related to TV and radio programmes. Also home to over 500 radios, from vintage wirelesses to colourful novelty transistors, radiogrammes and televisions.
- A: 1 South Street, Montacute, TA15 6XD

More information <u>here</u>

Castle Cary & District Museum (29 minutes – 15.4 miles)

 museum – indoors – suitable for history buffs of all ages – Located within the historic Market House, a distinctive mid-Victorian building in the centre of Castle Cary. Home to a large collection of domestic and agricultural implements, archaeological and historical information and artefacts. Displays include the geology section show that this area of Somerset was once under the sea.

A: First Floor, The Market House, Market Place, CASTLE CARY, BA7 7AH

More information <u>here</u>

- Montacute House (30 minutes 17.3 miles) historic building with gardens – indoors and outdoors – suitable for all ages – Montacute House was built at the end of the 16th century and is considered to be one of the most beautiful Elizabethan houses in England. A free guided tour gives kids an excellent chance to learn about Tudor life.
- A: Montacute, TA15 6XP

More information <u>here</u>

 Ham Hill Country Park (30 minutes - 16.9 miles) country park - outdoors - suitable for all ages - 390 acre country park with incredible views of the South Somerset Moors, Exmoor and the Mendip Hills, Ham Hill centred on a huge Iron Age hill fort.

W3W: <u>here</u>

More information <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>

- The Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company (32 minutes 13.8 miles) cheese factory indoors suitable for cheese lovers of all ages See the only Cheddar cheese made in Cheddar being made in Cheddar, taste free samples and take some cheese home.
- A: The Cliffs, CHEDDAR, BS27 3QA

More information <u>here</u>

 Apex Leisure and Wildlife Park (34 minutes – 16.1 miles)
 – park – outdoors – suitable for all ages – Covering over 42 acres, Apex Leisure and Wildlife Park was once an area of clay digging where several pits were excavated and when these were later flooded, became lakes. Apex Leisure and Wildlife Park offers gentle walks, fishing, children's play area, skate park, BMX biking, picnic spots and radio controlled boating and has free parking.

A: Marine Drive, BURNHAM-ON-SEA, TA8 1NQ

More information <u>here</u>

- Cheddar Caves and Gorge (35 minutes 14.7 miles) caves with multiple attractions indoors and outdoors suitable for all ages Britain's biggest gorge, from the stunning stalactite caverns to the dramatic cliffs rising over 450ft. This world-famous site is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which reveals many hidden secrets including fascinating stories of our prehistoric ancestors. If the kids have excess energy burn it off climbing the 274 steps up the side of the Gorge, then 48 more to the top of the Lookout Tower! For the really adventurous, caving and rock climbing activities are available.
- A: CHEDDAR, BS27 3QF

More information <u>here</u>

- Mendips Raceway (35 minutes 16.8 miles) racing circuit - outdoors - suitable for all ages - Home to some of the most exciting stock car, banger and caravan racing in the UK.
- A: Charterhouse, Blagdon, BRISTOL, BS40 7XU

More information <u>here</u>

 Burnham-on-Sea Beach (35 minutes – 16.4 miles) – beach – The nearest beach to Glastonbury is great for sand castle building, picnics, sand digging, and paddling when the tide is in. During the summer months lifeguards monitor the beach and there is an ice cream van. Sea wall for sitting and eating fish and chips

More information <u>here</u>

 Bridgwater Blake Museum (37 minutes - 15.1 miles) museum - indoors - suitable for ages 0-12 - The Blake Museum is dedicated to the historic market town and port of Bridgwater, first mentioned in the Doomsday Book of 1086! The museum is housed in a 16th century building on a quiet backstreet in Bridgwater that is reputed to be the birthplace of Robert Blake, who was Cromwell's General at Sea. It is free to visit, making it an inexpensive and interesting place to take the kids.

A: Blake Street, BRIDGWATER, TA6 3NB

More information <u>here</u>

- Mendip Activity Centre (38 minutes 18.4 miles) multiple activities – indoors and outdoors – suitable for ages 4+ – many different activities to try on a family day out including air rifle shooting, axe throwing, archery, bushcraft, canoeing, frisbee golf, kayaking, raft building, rock climbing, skiing, snowboarding and tobogganing.
- A: Lyncombe Drive, Sandford, WINSCOMBE, BS25 5PQ

More information <u>here</u>

• Chew Valley Lake (38 minutes – 17.6 miles) – reservoir in area of outstanding beauty – outdoors – suitable for all ages – Within the Mendip Hills AONB Chew Valley Lake was constructed in the 1950s and provides water to over one million people and is internationally important for birds. As well as birdwatching, it is popular for fishing and sailing. There are two nature trails to explore: Grebe Trail and Bittern Trail, with picnic areas, toilets and refreshments including a tearoom and fish cafe.

W3W (car park): <u>here</u>

More information <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>

 Chew Valley Animal Park (38 minutes – 19 miles) – animal park – outdoors – suitable for animal lovers of all ages – Fully licensed zoo with a range of interesting animals to discover with rangers on site to answer your questions. Also offer keeper talks and animal interaction experiences. Includes a café or eat your own in the picnic area.

A: Chewhill Farm, Chew Hill, Chew Magna, BRISTOL, BS40 8SB

More Information <u>here</u>

 Puxton Park (46 minutes – 29 miles) – adventure park – indoors and outdoors – suitable for all ages – Set within 16 hectares of beautiful Somerset countryside, just off the M5 near Weston-super-Mare, Puxton Park is open 362 days a year with lots of indoor and outdoor attractions including the largest indoor play barn in the South West.

A: Puxton Park, Cowslip Lane, Hewish, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, BS24 6AH

More Information Puxton Park

## Tip

If you do plan to visit any of these places, visit the Glastonbury Information Centre first to pick up some information about the place you are visiting and where applicable ask if they have any discount vouchers for entry. Also ask your accommodation provider who may have discount vouchers for your chosen attraction.

A full list of activities, attractions, parks and gardens to

visit in Somerset can be found <u>here</u>

Have you visited an amazing place to take the kids near Glastonbury?

To book holiday accommodation in the Glastonbury area visit  $\underline{\mathsf{here}}$