

Washington D.C. Chol Hamoed Guide





Welcome to Our Chol Hamoed Guide!

We're so excited to share this resource with you and hope it helps you plan fun, meaningful outings and create beautiful family memories this Yom Tov. While we've worked hard to make the guide as comprehensive as possible, we also made sure to include only places we truly believe offer enjoyable, family-friendly experiences. If we've missed something along the way, we apologize in advance, and we genuinely welcome and appreciate your feedback to help us improve.

While we did our best to provide accurate details for each location, we recommend double-checking or contacting your chosen destination to confirm the most up-to-date information.

Note: All locations included on this list are within ~90 min drive of Downtown DC.

We've only included destinations within about an hour and a half drive from each area, for longer trips or overnight stays, check out our **Destinations** tabs for great family getaway ideas in each region. <https://www.kosherfamilytravel.com/>

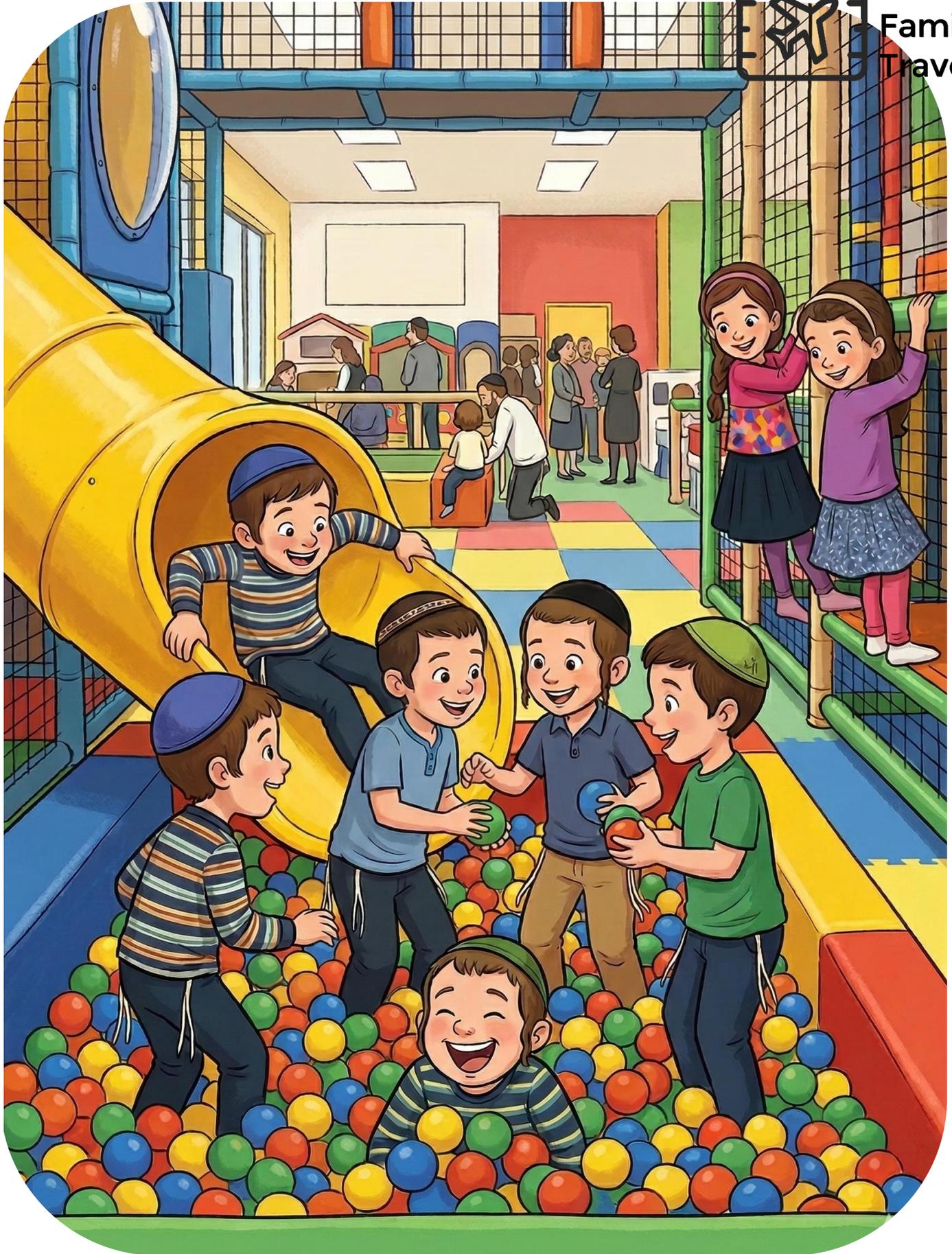
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Wishing you and your family a wonderful Chol Hamoed filled with joy, adventure, and togetherness!

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Indoor Play

Name	Approx Distance	Description
National Children's Museum	~5–10 min	Large children's museum with interactive exhibits, climbing structures & play zones for ages ~1–12.
Magic Ground	~10–15 min	Indoor kids' play space with climbing structures, tunnels, arts & crafts & café on site.
Scramble (Alexandria and Falls Church)	~20–30 min	European-style play center with themed play zones & active exploration.
Scramble Parkour	~20 min	Indoor parkour gym where kids and adults can run, jump, climb, and swing through obstacle courses in a safe, padded environment designed for movement and adventure.
Billy Beez	~40–50 min	Massive indoor playground with slides, ball pits, arcade games etc.
Hyper Kidz! (multiple locations: Rockville, Alexandria, Ashburn)	~20–45 min	Colorful indoor play playground with zones for toddlers to school-age kids.
Jolly Yolly Kids Bethesda	~20–35 min	Multi-level indoor playground with spaces for various ages.
Kids Play Gallery	~40–50 min	Pretend-play cityscape with themed buildings for imaginative play.
Be With Me Playseum	~45–55 min	Creative play museum-style space with themed city spots and craft stations.
ClimbZone	~45–55 min	Indoor kids' climbing gym with whimsical walls and soft play.
ZavaZone	~30–60 min	Indoor obstacle courses and active play zones.
Play Street Museum	~40–50 min	Franchise play town with doctor's office, grocery and more for imaginative play.
Recess Play Center	~40–50 min	Large creative indoor play space with climbing, slides, & open floor play.
Mulberry Lane Play Café	~25–30 min	Toddler play space & café where parents can work or relax while kids play.
ImagINATIONS Activity Center (Nat'l Museum of the American Indian)	~5–10 min	Interactive children's activity play area inside an indoor museum (free).
Sky Zone (multiple MD & VA)	~30–60 min	Indoor trampoline park with bounce courts & foam pits.
Launch Trampoline Park	~35–45 min	Trampolines, dodgeball & family sessions.
Altitude Trampoline Park	~45–60 min	Large indoor trampoline facility.

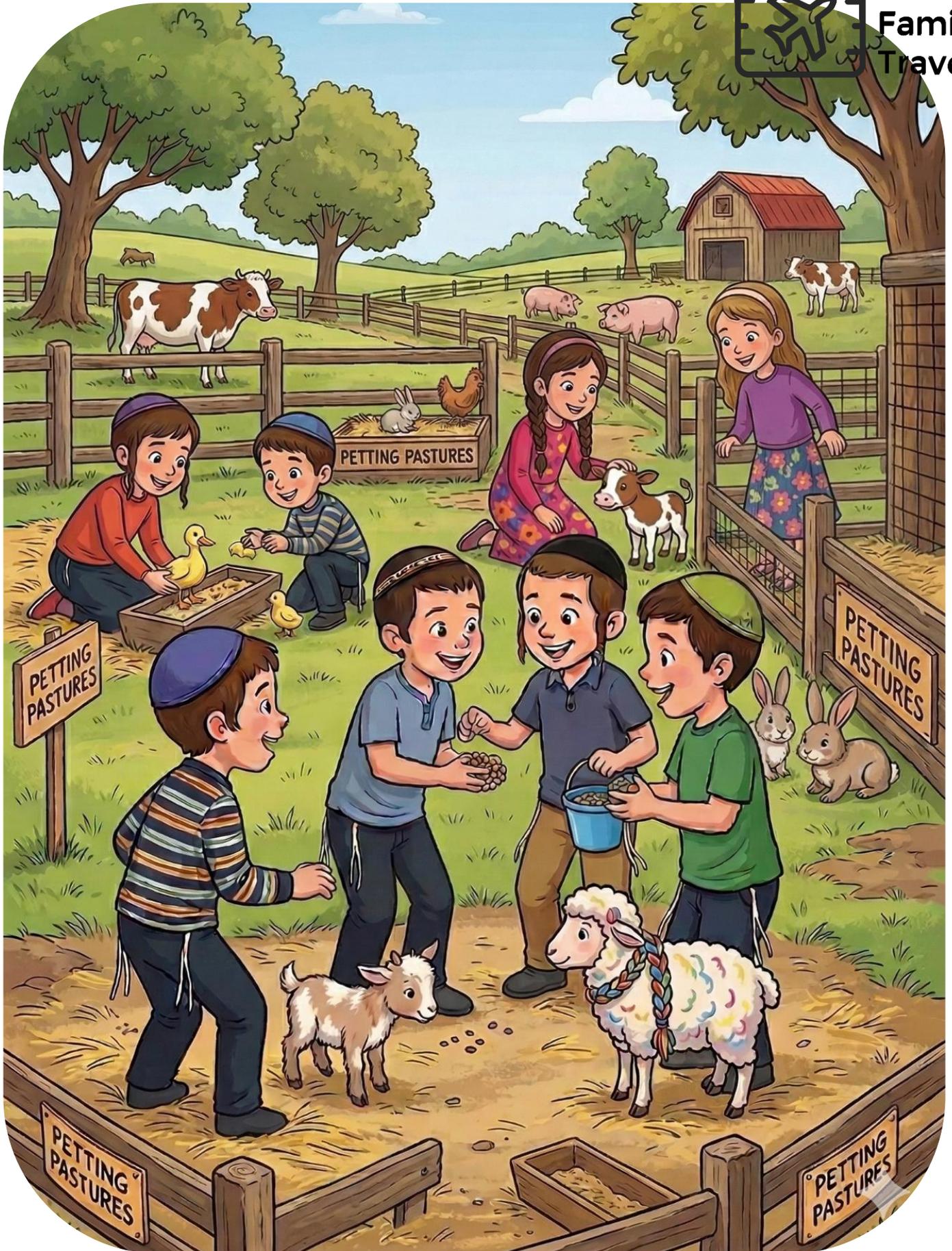


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Flight Adventure Park	~25– 35 min	Active indoor play with trampolines & play zones.
Get Air	~20– 30 min	Trampoline park with activities for kids & families.
KID Museum	~20– 30 min	Hands-on activities like robotics, building & crafts.
Wegmans Wonderplace (American History Museum)	~5– 10 min	Play area for young kids inside a major Smithsonian museum— check times.
Toy Nest	~20– 30 min	Toy library & play space for babies through ~10-year-olds.



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Farms and Zoos

U-pick farms are seasonal, so be sure to check if they're open before heading out, no one wants to find a pumpkin patch that's gone to sleep ;)

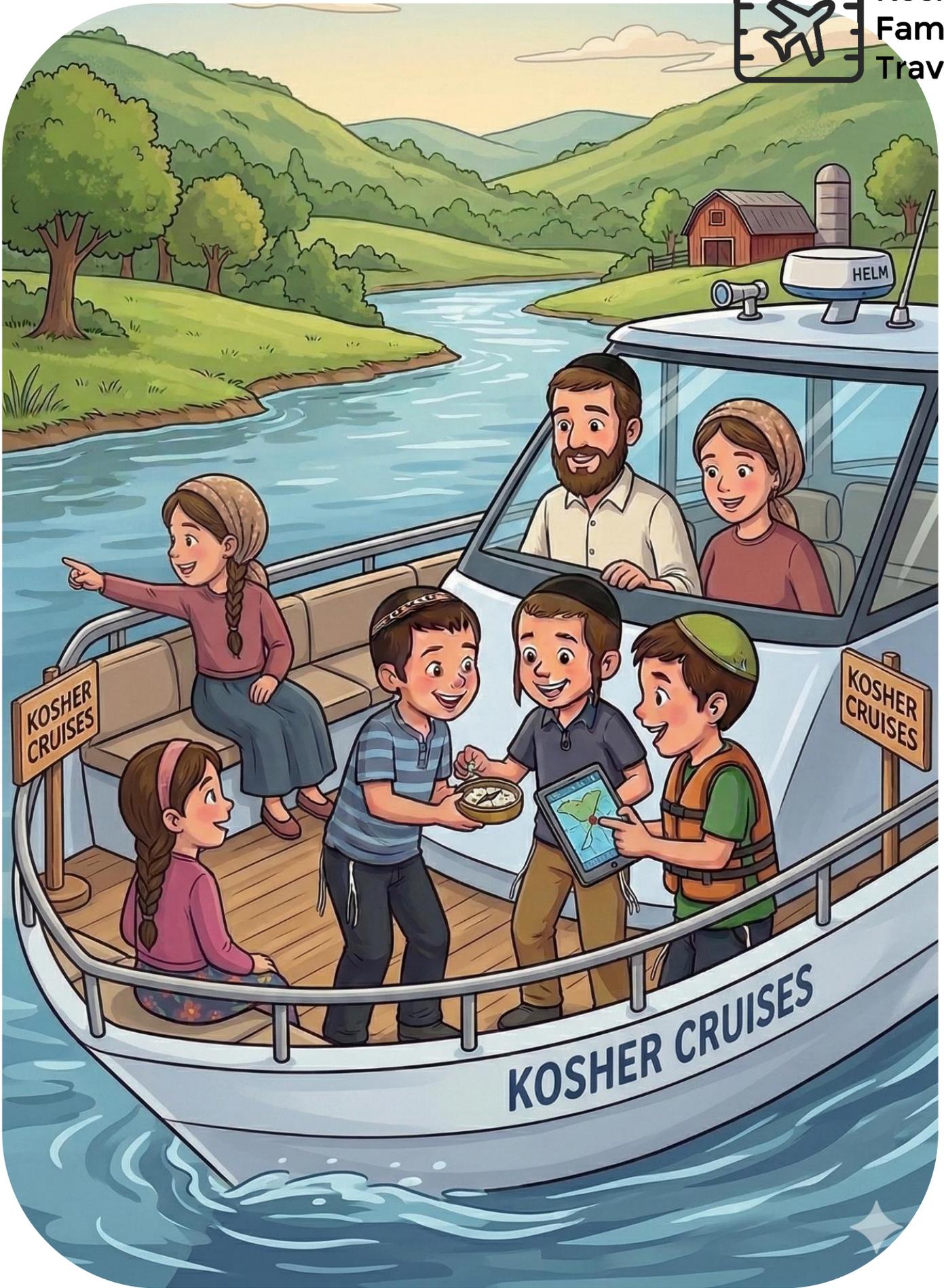
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Smithsonian National Zoo	~10 min	Large free zoo with hundreds of species; includes Kids' Farm animal area with cows, goats, alpacas, and more.
Frying Pan Farm Park	~35 min	Working farm with horses, sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits; playgrounds, carousel, barn tours; free admission.
Leesburg Animal Park	~45 min	Petting zoo and animal park with farm animals, pony rides, indoor play area, jungle zone & exotic animals.
Nova Wild	~30 min	Outdoor zoo featuring zebras, antelope, bison, ostriches, alligators and more (formerly Roer's Zoofari).
Catoctin Wildlife Preserve	~75 min	50-acre park with exotic and domestic animals; safari ride & feedings – seasonal March–Oct.
Clark's Elioak Farm	~45 min	Historic farm & petting zoo with goats, pigs, sheep, ponies; hayrides, pony rides, and the Enchanted Forest play area; open spring–fall.
Green Meadows Petting Farm	~60 min	Hands-on petting farm with 150+ animals; free animal feed; hayrides and seasonal events April–Nov.
Georges Mill Farm	~60 min	Family farm with petting animals; tours & hands-on experiences available by appointment.
Hope & Serenity Farm Sanctuary	~60 min	Animal sanctuary with alpacas, llamas, cows, pigs, sheep & goat interactions by appointment; educational experiences available.
Ever After Alpaca Farm	~65 min	Alpaca feeding & interaction experiences (spring–fall) by reservation.
Old Maryland Farm	~40 min	Community-oriented farm park with animals, demonstrations, and occasional petting experiences.
Oxon Cove Park and Oxon Hill Farm	~15 min	Historic working farm with farm animals, nature trails, and educational exhibits.
Glen Echo Park Aquarium	~20 min	Small, kid-friendly aquarium featuring local Chesapeake Bay fish, reptiles, and amphibians along with interactive educational exhibits.
National Aquarium	~55 min	Large, world-class aquarium featuring thousands of marine animals, immersive exhibits, and habitats ranging from tropical reefs to open ocean environments.
Swann Farms	~60–70 min	Seasonal petting area and farm stand; may include u-pick produce and fall events.
Montpelier Farms	~45 min	Fall festival farm with corn maze, hayrides, petting zoo, pumpkin patch & slide attractions (seasonal).
Nalls Produce	~20 min	Local farm stand with “pumpkin hill” and seasonal produce; small animal area; fall seasonal activity.
Butler's Orchard	~50 min	Apples, pumpkins & seasonal U-pick; fall Pumpkin Festival with hayrides, corn maze & farm attractions (seasonal Aug–Nov).



Homestead Farm	~45 min	Seasonal U-pick apples & pumpkins plus farm market; relaxed family farm atmosphere. (open from June- Nov)
Larriland Farm	~55 min	U-pick apples (seasonal) and pumpkins with market goods & hayrides.
Gaver Farm	~65– 70 min	Pick-your-own apples & pumpkins with Fall Fun Fest & market offerings (seasonal).
Great Country Farms	~70 min	U-pick apples, pumpkins & other produce; giant corn maze, play area, barnyard fun & seasonal events (spring–fall).
Hollin Farms	~75 min	Pick-your-own pumpkins, apples & fall vegetables; scenic orchard location. (seasonal)
Baughner's Orchards and Farms	~90 min	Apples, pumpkins & hayrides; farm market with seasonal goods.



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Boat Rentals & Water Activities

Name	Approx Distance	Description
The Wharf Boathouse	~10 min	Kayak, SUP, canoe & pedal boat rentals on the Potomac/Channel — seasonal rentals and tours available.
GoBoat Boat Rental	~10 min	Electric picnic boat rentals on the Washington Channel (seasonal).
National Harbor Boathouse	~20 min	Kayak, SUP, pedal boat rentals plus sunset tours and classes along the Potomac River waterfront. Open May- Oct
Adventures Unbound: Fletcher’s Cove	~10 min	Rowboats, kayaks, canoes, bikes & paddleboards available for rent on the Potomac River; fishing also popular here.
Adventures Unbound: Key Bridge Boathouse	~15 min	Kayak, canoe & SUP rentals with scenic views of Theodore Roosevelt Island & Georgetown waterfront.
Adventures Unbound: Thompson Boat Center	~10 min	Kayak, canoe, rowing shells and paddleboard rentals, classic boating experience on the Potomac.
Adventures Unbound: Washington Sailing Marina	~10 min	Sailboats and additional paddle/kayak launch access on the Potomac River (also great scenic water access).
Adventures Unbound: Ballpark Boathouse	~10 min	Kayak rentals and occasional hydro-bike rentals near Nationals Park (seasonal).
Adventure Unbound: Columbia Island Marina	~15 min	Kayak, canoe & other small boat rentals with access to Potomac sightseeing waterways.
Adventure Unbound: James Creek Marina	~15 min	Kayak & small boat rentals near the Capitol Riverfront (seasonal).
Adventure Unbound: Tidal Basin Pedal Boats	~10 min	Fun pedal boat rentals around the Tidal Basin (seasonal spring/summer).
Belle Haven Marina Paddle & SUP Rentals	~20 min	Kayak & SUP rentals exploring Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve waters (seasonal).
Pohick Bay Regional Park Boat Rentals	~40 min	Explore the environmental wonders of the Pohick Bay area by renting one of the many boats available at Pohick Bay Regional Park. The park’s fleet consists of pedal boats, single kayaks, double kayaks, canoes, and SUP. Open April-Oct
Penguin Paddling	~45 min	All-day kayak & paddleboard rentals on the calm Occoquan River, perfect for beginners. Open April- Oct
Potomac Paddle Club / Potomac Tiki Club Cruises	~10 min	Pedal-powered floating cruises or tiki boat cruises for group fun on the Potomac (seasonal).
Potomac Riverboat Company Taxi	~10–30 min	Sightseeing boat tours and narrated cruises on the Potomac River (seasonal).
Boomerang Boat Tours	~10–30 min	Pirate ship cruises, party yacht tours & private river charters for sightseeing or fun outings.
Reflections DC	~10 min	Private scenic fishing charters and Potomac cruises from the Wharf area; rods, bait & tackle provided, great for family fishing days (seasonal).



Fish The Potomac Fishing Charters	~10 min	Potomac River private sport fishing charters targeting catfish, stripers & more, half-day or full-day options (seasonal).
Walk-On Fishing Charters (Fish The Potomac)	~10 min	Budget-friendly walk-on charters with shared boat trips for anglers, open on scheduled days (seasonal).
Osprey Fishing Charters	~40 min	Full-day and guided Potomac & Occoquan River fishing excursions with equipment and captain included (seasonal).
Capitol River Cruises	~10–30 min	Sightseeing historical Potomac River cruises, private charters & specialty tours, seasonal schedule typically spring–fall.
Potomac Boat Rentals	~40 min	Pontoon rentals on the Potomac — scenic and active water adventure; seasonal.
Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing	~90 min	Full-day or half-day sport fishing charters on the Chesapeake Bay targeting striped bass, bluefish, and other bay species — rods, bait, tackle, and licenses provided.
Kodiak Charters	~90 min	Family-friendly fishing charter focused on bay striper fishing, bottom fishing, and other species, great option for anglers of all skill levels.
Bay Hunters / Bunky's / Fish the Bay Charters (Multiple Chesapeake Bay spots)	~90–120 min	Multiple Chesapeake Bay charter services offering fishing trips and crabbing tours along Western Shore waters — licenses/tackle often included.
Potomac Paddlesports SUP	~0–30 min	SUP lessons, tours, and community paddling options around Jack's Boathouse and other Potomac access points.
Hydro Biking (Ballpark Boathouse)	~10 min	Water "bikes" available on the Potomac, a fun way to pedal on water (seasonal availability).
SB Jet Ski Rentals	~20 min	Offers Sea-Doo jet ski rentals for fast recreational rides on the Potomac River with views of Washington, D.C. landmarks.
Shaad's & Miracle Boat & Jet Ski Rental	~10 min	Provides hourly jet ski rentals and small boat rentals for cruising and watersports on the Potomac River.
K.O. Watersports	~25 min	Watersports rental company offering jet skis and pontoon boat charters for leisure rides and group outings on the Potomac.
South River Jet Ski Rentals	~45 min	Seasonal jet ski rental company operating on the South River with access to the Chesapeake Bay's wide-open waterways.
Carefree Boat Club at National Harbor	~20 min	Membership-based boat club offering access to a fleet of powerboats and pontoons for easy day boating on the Potomac.
DMV Jet Skis	~55 min	Offers Sea-Doo Spark jet ski rentals designed for easy handling and fun recreational riding at Chesapeake Beach.



SOMD Watersports	~1 hr 20 min	Provides jet ski and boat rentals in Southern Maryland with access to the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay.
MD Yacht Charters	~20 min	Luxury yacht charter company offering private boating experiences and sightseeing cruises on the Potomac River.
OCK Boats (DC Boat Rentals)	~15 min	Allows visitors to rent small self-captained motorboats for exploring the Potomac River and Washington Channel.
Extreme Jet Ski Rentals	~1 hr 5 min	Jet ski rentals on the Chesapeake Bay offering open water riding along the beach town shoreline.
Sea DC	~15 min	Offers electric boat rentals for self-guided cruising on the Potomac, ideal for sightseeing or relaxing on the water.
Jet Car International	~15 min	Provides “jet car” watercraft experiences and jet ski rentals, combining speed and novelty on the Potomac River.
Whitlow’s on the Water	~15 min	Waterfront restaurant with private Tiki boat rentals for scenic cruises, dining cruises, and events on the Potomac.
Embark DC Boat Tours	~15 min	Offers guided sightseeing cruises and private boat rentals on the Potomac River for tours, parties, or special occasions.
River and Trail Outfitters	~1 hr	Classic Harpers Ferry outfitter with river tubing, whitewater rafting, kayaking & canoe rentals, and more on the Potomac & Shenandoah Rivers.
Harpers Ferry Adventure Center	~1 hr	Outdoor adventure center offering tubing (flat & whitewater), whitewater rafting, and kayaking trips plus zipline & ropes courses. Open May- Oct
River Riders Family Adventure Resort	~1 hr	Adventure outfitter with river tubing, whitewater rafting, kayaking & canoe rentals, plus paddleboards and land activities like ziplining and aerial parks. Open May-Oct



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Bike Rentals

Name	Approx Distance	Description
Capital Bikeshare	~5 min	Dock-based bike & e-bike share system across DC, Arlington, Alexandria, casual rides or commuting; year-round, but usage may be limited in winter.
Unlimited Biking DC	~5 min	Standard bikes, kids bikes, tag-alongs, trailers, e-bikes, tandems & accessories; full-day rentals near National Mall & waterfront. Seasonal tours.
E-MILE: Electric Ride	~5 min	E-bikes, electric scooters, and mobility scooters for exploring the city; helmets included. Seasonal availability.
DC Scooter	~5 min	Dockless shared electric scooters and e-bikes accessible citywide via app; short trips or sightseeing. Year-round, weather dependent.
Scoot-E (DC)	~5 min	Electric scooter rentals delivered to your location; kid-friendly options 10+ with adult. Seasonal.
Pedego Electric Bikes	~10 min	E-bike rentals for scenic rides along C&O Canal, Rock Creek Park, and city trails. Seasonal.
Cloud of Goods – Mobility & Bike Rentals	~5 min	On-demand same-day delivery of bikes, e-bikes, and mobility scooters anywhere in DC. Seasonal.
Trek Bicycle Washington DC	~10 min	High-quality Trek bikes including hybrid, road, and electric bikes that are ideal for riding around the National Mall and city trails.
King Electric Bikes	~10 min	Rentals of electric bikes, electric scooters, and other lightweight electric rides that make it easy to explore Washington, D.C. with minimal effort.
C&O Canal & Great Falls Trail Vendors	~15–30 min	Day rentals of standard bikes and hybrids for long scenic rides; includes kid bike options. Seasonal.
Adventures Unbound: Fletcher’s Cove	~10 min	Rowboats, kayaks, canoes, bikes & paddleboards available for rent on the Potomac River; fishing also popular here.



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Hiking and Outdoor Adventure

Name	Approx Distance	Typical Hike Time / Length	Description
Hidden Oaks Nature Center	~25 min	N/A	Nature & indoor play/exploration space for toddlers and preschoolers.
Rock Creek Park – Ridge & Valley Trails	~5 min	Varies (1–20+ mi networks)	Extensive natural and paved trail networks through DC woods.
Anacostia Riverwalk Trail	~5 min	1–4 h (up to 16 mi)	Multi-segment paved trail along the river with connections to neighborhood parks.
Capital Crescent Trail	~10 min	~3 h (7 mi)	Popular paved rail-trail from Georgetown to Bethesda; family friendly.
Sligo Creek Trail	~20 min	~2.5 h (10 mi)	Smooth, shady trail through Montgomery County parkland.
Muddy Branch Greenway Trail	~30 min	~4 h (12 mi)	Natural surface trail along Muddy Branch Creek connecting to C&O Canal.
Northwest Branch Trail	~20 min	~4 h (21 mi)	Long multi-use trail along the Anacostia tributary.
Dead Run Hike (McLean, VA)	~25 min	~1.5 h (2.4 mi)	Easy wooded loop near McLean.
Scott’s Run Nature Preserve (Loop)	~30 min	~2 h (4.9 mi)	Forest and creekside loop with views.
Difficult Run Trail	~30 min	~3.5 h (7.3 mi)	Moderate loop through woods and creek valleys.
Billy Goat Trail – Section A	~30 min	~2 h (1.7 mi)	Challenging, rocky trail with Potomac River vistas.
Billy Goat Trails – B & C	~30 min	~3 h (3–4 mi)	Easier adjacent sections below rock scrambles.
C&O Canal Towpath (select sections)	~35 min	~2–6 h (choose segment)	Historic level towpath ideal for long hikes and mixed terrain.
Riverbend Park Loop	~30 min	~2.5 h (5.2 mi)	Wooded river loops with scenic views.
Burke Lake Loop (Burke Lake Park)	~25–35 min	~1.5 h (6.4 mi)	Easy lake circuit with shaded sections.
Fountainhead Regional Park Trails	~35–45 min	~3.5 h (7.1 mi)	Reservoir and forested loops; good for varied terrain.
Mason Neck State Park Trails	~35–45 min	~1.5–3 h (4–6 mi)	Marshland and shady woods with water views.
Wolf Run Shoals Loop	~35–45 min	~1.5 h (3.3 mi)	Quiet natural surface loop.
Hemlock Overlook Hike	~35–45 min	~2.5 h (5.1 mi)	Moderate woods loop near Occoquan Reservoir.



Bull Run-Occoquan Trail (BROT)	~30–45 min	~4–7 h (19.6 mi)	Long National Recreation Trail corridor; can hike partial sections.
Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail (segments)	~15–45 min	Variable (40 mi network)	Long Fairfax County trail with connector loops.
Leesylvania State Park – Lee’s Woods Loop	~45–60 min	~2 h (5–7 mi)	Forest and shoreline paths with water views.
Seneca Creek SP – Clopper Lake Loop	~45–60 min	~3 h (10 mi)	Forest and lake perimeter trails.
Black Hill Regional Park Trails	~50–60 min	~1–4 h (various loops)	Dense forest networks near lakes and creeks.
Little Bennett Regional Park Trails	~50–60 min	~2–6 h (30+ mi)	Huge trail network with multiple loop options.
Accotink Creek Trail	~20–30 min	~3 h (10 mi)	Streamside trail through northern VA parkland.
W&OD Trail (selected segments)	~15–35 min	~2–6 h (20+ mi)	Long rail-trail; use sections for day hikes.
Lake Needwood Trails	~40–50 min	~2 h (4–6 mi)	Lakeside loops with scenic views.
Theodore Roosevelt Island – Swamp Trail	~10–20 min	~1.5 h (2 mi)	Easy boardwalk trail amidst marshland.
Appalachian Trail – North C&O Towpath Segment	~45–60 min	~3 h (2.5–6 mi)	Easy to moderate AT section on towpath.
Maryland Heights (Harpers Ferry)	~60–75 min	~4 h (6.5 mi)	Ridge hike with historic ruins and dramatic views.
Loudoun Heights Trail (Harpers Ferry)	~60–75 min	~4 h (7.5 mi)	Elevated views over rivers and historic town.
Bear’s Den Trail	~60–75 min	~1.5 h (1.7 mi)	Easy family-friendly out-and-back in Bluemont, VA.
Raven Rocks Trail	~60–75 min	~4 h (5.3 mi)	Strenuous ridge hike with expansive views.
Buzzard Rock Trail	~60–75 min	~2.5 h (3.8 mi)	Mid-distance moderate ridge views.
Whiteoak Canyon Trails (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	~3–6 h (8+ mi loops)	Multiple waterfalls on varied terrain.
Overall Run Falls (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	~4.5 h (5.1 mi)	Waterfall destination with elevation gain.
Old Rag Mountain Circuit (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	7.5 h (9–10 mi)	Challenging iconic summit loop.



Dark Hollow Falls Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	1–2 h (~1.4 mi)	Popular moderate waterfall hike to 70 ft falls steep on return.
Rose River Falls Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	2–4 h (~2.6–4 mi)	Moderate round-trip/loop to 67 ft cascading falls.
Three Falls Loop (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	4–5 h (6.1–8.1 mi)	Loop hitting Rose River, Dark Hollow, and Lewis Spring Falls.
South River Falls Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	2–3 h (2.6–4 mi)	Moderate hike to viewpoint above the park’s tallest waterfall.
Jones Run Falls Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	2.5–4 h (3.4–4.5 mi)	Moderate hike to a 42 ft waterfall; often combined with Brown’s Gap or Doyles River.
Doyles River Falls Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	3 h (3.2–5.1 mi)	Scenic moderate hike to lower and upper falls.
Lewis Falls Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	3.5 h (3.5 mi)	Moderate trail to overlook of 81 ft waterfall.
Hawksbill Mountain Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	2.5 h (2.9 mi)	Trail to highest peak in park with great views.
Bearfence Mountain Loop (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	1 h (1.1 mi)	Short rocky loop with a 360° summit view.
Blackrock Summit Loop (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	1 h (1 mi)	Easy scenic loop with panoramic mountain valley views.
Turk Mountain Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	2.5 h (2.2 mi)	Moderate shady climb to overlook.
Limberlost Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	1.5 h (1.3 mi)	Easy accessible forest walk — great first hike.
Passamaquoddy Trail (AT segment) (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	3.5 h (4–6 mi)	Appalachian Trail connector with ridge views.
Mary’s Rock Summit Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	4 h (3.7–6 mi)	Classic summit hike with excellent overlooks.
Big Run Loop (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	5 h (5.8 mi)	Forest loop with varied terrain and wildflowers.
Rapidan Camp Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	2–6 h+ (Variable)	Trail to historic Roosevelt retreat (multiple access options).
Stony Man Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	2 h (1.6–3 mi)	Short hike to a scenic overlook along Skyline Drive.
Hazel Falls & Caves Trail (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	5 h (5.2 mi)	Moderate hike to waterfall and cave features.
Little Devils Stairs / Piney Branch (Shenandoah NP)	~75–90 min	6 h (7.5–8 mi)	Scenic but challenging stream and ridge hike near Sperryville.



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Museums

Name	Approx Distance	Description
Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History	~5 min	World-class natural history museum with dinosaurs, gems & ocean life; free.
Smithsonian National Museum of American History	~5 min	U.S. history artifacts including the Star-Spangled Banner; free.
National Museum of African American History and Culture	~5 min	Smithsonian museum on African American history & culture; free (timed tickets recommended).
National Museum of the American Indian	~5 min	Indigenous cultures of the Americas; free.
National Air and Space Museum (Mall location)	~5 min	Iconic aviation & space exhibits; free.
National Archives Museum	~5 min	U.S. foundational documents like the Constitution; free.
Smithsonian National Postal Museum	~5 min	Postal history & stamp exhibits; free.
International Spy Museum	~5 min	Interactive espionage exhibits; ticketed.
National Children's Museum	~5 min	Interactive STEAM exhibits for kids & families; ticketed.
National Museum of Health and Medicine	~20 min	Medical and military health history museum; free.
National Building Museum	~5 min	Architecture & design exhibits; iconic Great Hall.
Planet Word	~5 min	Language & word arts interactive museum.
Capitol Jewish Museum	~5 min	Jewish history and community exhibits; ticketed.
National Law Enforcement Museum	~5 min	Law enforcement history & interactive exhibits.
Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum	~5 min	Civil War nursing & Red Cross history. Open Thurs, Fri & Sat
Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum	~25 min	19th-century medical and apothecary history.
Alexandria Archaeology Museum	~25 min	Colonial excavation artifacts & local history.
Udvar-Hazy Center (Smithsonian Air & Space Annex)	~55 min	Massive aircraft & space collection; free (parking fee may apply).
National Museum of the Marine Corps	~50 min	U.S. Marine Corps history museum.
College Park Aviation Museum	~40 min	Aviation history in historic airport setting.
National Capital Trolley Museum	~40 min	Historic streetcar exhibits & rides.
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum	~65 min	Historic trains & rail history.
Maryland Science Center	~65 min	Interactive science exhibits & planetarium.



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George Washington's Mount Vernon	~35 min	George Washington's estate museum galleries.
Gunston Hall Museum	~25 min	George Mason's 1750's historic estate & exhibits.
Ben Lomond Historic Site	~40 min	Tours of a 19th-century plantation house with outbuildings, restored slave quarters & a rose garden.
Arlington House (Robert E. Lee Memorial)	~10-15 min	Historic house museum with plantation history.
KID Museum (Kids' Innovation & Discovery)	~30 min	Maker-space style children's museum with hands-on creativity, robotics, building and design activities.



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Amusement Parks

Name	Approx Distance	Description
Adventure Park USA	~65 min	Outdoor adventure park with several roller coasters, outdoor flat rides, carousel, mini-golf & more seasonal outdoor attractions.
The Capital Wheel (National Harbor)	~15–20 min	Giant 180 ft outdoor Ferris wheel with sweeping views of DC & Potomac; also has a traditional carousel at Spirit Park.
Cameron Run Mini Golf (NOVA Parks)	~20 min	Outdoor 18-hole miniature golf course; classic fairway putt-putt experience in a park setting.
East Potomac Park Mini Golf	~10 min	Oldest continually operating outdoor mini golf course in the U.S.; scenic park setting near The Wharf.
Burke Lake Park Train & Carousel	~45 min	Outdoor mini train rides and carousel along with mini golf and picnic grounds — great family outing. Open Sat and Sunday
Bohrer Park Mini Golf	~50 min	Seasonal outdoor 18-hole course with streams, ponds & landscape features. Open May- Oct
South Germantown Park Mini Golf	~50 min	Seasonal outdoor course integrated with water splash park & green space. Open May- Oct
The Magic Putting Place	~70 min	Two themed 18-hole outdoor mini golf courses (Magic Castle & Windmill); family-oriented fun. Open Spring- Fall
Carousel at Glen Echo Park	~20 min	Historic outdoor antique carousel ride (restored) within a park with festivals & seasonal events.
National Harbor Spirit Park Carousel	~15–20 min	Classic outdoor carousel ride along the waterfront at National Harbor.



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Adventure

Name	Approx Distance	Description
The Adventure Park at Sandy Spring	~45 min	Outdoor aerial adventure park with 14+ zipline & high-ropes courses for varying abilities (ages ~6+), climbing challenges, rope ladders and swings; reservations recommended.
Go Ape Zipline & Adventure Park Rockville	~40 min	Tree-top adventure with ziplining, ropes course, Tarzan swings and more in forest canopy; courses range from easier to advanced levels.
Harpers Ferry Adventure Center Aerial Park & Zip Lines	~65 min	Outdoor aerial forest challenge park with ziplines (up to ~425 ft long), rope bridges, climbing elements and scenic views; combine with river rafting/tubing.
Terrapin Adventures	~50 min	Outdoor zipline & ropes challenge park with 330-ft zipline, climbing tower, giant swing, and multi-level aerial elements (family-friendly).
River Riders Aerial Adventure Park	~70 min	Forest aerial challenge with multiple courses and obstacles, many ziplines, suitable for a wide range of ages/levels.
Appalachian Adventures ATV Rentals	~90–95 min	ATV rentals and scenic trail riding in the foothills of the Appalachians; trails for different skill levels with nature views and mild obstacles.
Cub Run Rec Center Indoor Water Park	~50 min	Indoor water park with slides, lazy river and interactive aquatic features (seasonal class scheduling).
Germantown Indoor Swim Center	~40 min	Indoor aquatic center with small slides and water features.
Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center	~10 min	Indoor water slides, lazy river and spray fountains.
Deanwood Aquatic Center (DC)	~5 min	Recreational aquatic center with looping slide; operates year-round depending on season.
iFLY Indoor Skydiving - Loudoun	~45–60 min	One of the closest indoor skydiving tunnels to DC. You fly in a vertical wind tunnel that simulates free-fall conditions — perfect for first-timers and seasoned flyers alike. Ages ~3+ can participate with an instructor.
iFLY Indoor Skydiving - Montgomery	~45–60 min	Indoor skydiving facility with vertical tunnel and flight sessions. Guests receive training and gear, and instructors help you fly safely. Great activity for kids and adults alike.
iFLY Indoor Skydiving - Baltimore	~60–75 min	Another regional iFLY location that’s within driving distance of DC — fun and exhilarating indoor flight experience.



Rock Creek Park Horse Center	~10 min	Equine center with riding lessons, guided trail rides, and pony rides on scenic bridle paths within Rock Creek Park.
Lantern Lane Farm	~45 min	Horseback riding lessons and equestrian activities in Northern Virginia.
Twin Oaks Farm	~60 min	Riding lessons great for beginners or ongoing riding progress.
Tamarack Stables	~40 min	Horseback trail rides along wooded routes near Pohick Creek (book ahead).
Fairwinds Farm	~90 min	Riding lessons, trail rides, pony rides, and carriage rides in a family-friendly farm setting.
Movement Crystal City	~15 min	Large indoor climbing gym offering bouldering, rope climbing, and training areas for climbers of all levels.
Vertical Rock Tysons Bouldering	~30 min	Indoor bouldering gym featuring climbing walls of varying difficulty along with training areas and classes for beginners through advanced climbers.