

Top **FREE and Cheap** (under \$10) Things to Do In Atlanta

1. CENTENNIAL OLYMPIC PARK-FREE

Let's start things off with a visit to Centennial Olympic Park. This park is a product of the 1996 Olympics and provides a great place for all residents of Atlanta to hang out and enjoy great music. Every Wednesday night from 5:30 8:00 pm experience Wednesday Wind Down and free music! Only from the months of June through September.

2. Art Stroll at CASTLEBERRY HILL-FREE

Castleberry Hill represents the warehouse district of Atlanta but has been turned into one of the most "artistically progressive neighborhoods" of the city. The art stroll shows off the art studios and paintings in the area and the guided tour is free!

3. Free visit to ATLANTA CONTEMPORARY-FREE

Their doors are always open for free to the public. Enjoy a stroll through modern art and enjoy extras like lectures, special events and kids' events. Don't miss out on some truly beautiful modern art!

4. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE-FREE

MLK Jr. was one of the greatest heroes of the United States of America. Visit his tomb and get a tour of where he lived growing up all for free. This is a great place to bring the kids to educate them on the Civil Rights movement.

5. Visit the NATIONAL ARCHIVES AT ATLANTA-FREE

Love history and genealogy? This is the place for you! Try and track your family line and show your kids their heritage. You can also look at all the cool historical records the National Archives have.

6. Free Samples at UNDERGROUND ATLANTA-FREE

Underground Atlanta is an expansive (12 acres) area to look around, hang out, and shop. Labeled a "city beneath the streets" this part of town has free samples from 60 vendors every Wednesday at lunch time!

7. PIEDMONT PARK-FREE

Need to take the kids out to run around, walk paths, or even bike? Come by Piedmont Park and enjoy the sights of beautiful trees and greenery. This is a great place to let some energy out.

8. WOODRUFF PARK READING ROOM-FREE

The Woodruff Park Reading Room is an awesome outdoor place to learn. The reading room is in the North side of the park and is filled with carts of awesome books. Take the kids at lunch and hear a reading!

9. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK MONEY MUSEUM-FREE

This is one is an educational stop. Learn all about the Federal Reserve, what they do, and how they control the money supply. Also see the importance a federal reserve system. A great place for kids. Also see a million dollars in one place!

10. GOVERNOR'S MANSION TOUR-FREE

Atlanta offers free tours of the Governor's Mansion every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 to 11:30 am. It is a great way to learn some history about the city and see the elegance of the mansion.

11. The LASERSHOW SPECTACULAR in Mountainvision-FREE

The Laser show Spectacular is an insane show of lights and lasers being projected onto a huge mountain. Words cannot really describe the awe of it all so I suggest you just go see it! The show is free but parking is 10 dollars (maybe you can walk!).

12. SILVER COMET TRAIL-FREE

This massive trail is 61.5 miles long and right next to Atlanta. Take the family out and plan a fun walk to see some of the beautiful country side of Georgia. Pack a lunch make it an afternoon adventure.

13. GEORGIA STATE CAPITOL-FREE

Tour the lovely Capitol building of Georgia located in downtown Atlanta. Built in 1884 the Capitol is quite a site. It is a sign of the “new south” and modeled after the Capitol building in D.C.

14. THE SWEET AUBURN DISTRICT-FREE

The Sweet Auburn neighborhood is full of amazing history and facts about the civil rights movement. Sweet Auburn is filled with memorials and culture about Atlanta’s African American community.

15. LITTLE FIVE POINTS-FREE

Little Five Points has lot of fun, quirky shops that you can browse around in. No need to spend any money just soak in the culture!

16. SHOOT THE HOOCH!-FREE

The Chattahoochee River is a great place to cool down after being in the heat of the South! Bring your own tube and enjoy some of the most fun, free summer goodness known to man in the Chattahoochee River.

17. ANNE FRANK MUSEUM-FREE

Bet you didn’t know Atlanta had an Anne Frank museum. Well, they do, and it’s free! With over 600 photos and a 28 minute video about Frank’s life this could be a fun and educational stop.

18. MOVIES IN CENTRAL PARK-FREE

Central Park in Atlanta has free movies that play throughout the summer! Make sure to check the schedule, bring a blanket or 2, and enjoy the movie.

19. LAKE ALLATOONA-FREE

Take a break and enjoy a lazy afternoon on Lake Allatoona. Explore the area and see what you and the kids can find!

20. HISTORIC OAKLAND CEMETERY-FREE

After wandering around trails and historic parks walk down to the Oakland cemetery. Built in 1850, it is filled with interesting gravestones and many of Atlanta’s founders.

21. FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK-FREE

Another art walk hits the list but nothing beats free art. Located in Marietta Square electric art scene there is a ton of cool art exhibits to visit and neat little boutiques.

22. Check out events at EMORY UNIVERSITY

Local college Emory University is always having events going on that are usually **free**. Check the schedule out and see if any interest you and your family.

23. ATLANTA FARMER’S MARKET-FREE

I love farmer’s market and enjoy visiting other cities markets. It’s always fun to see what products are for sale and a great place to just walk around.

24. Rent Bicycles-CHEAP

Throughout Atlanta you'll see bike hubs where you can now rent bicycles. Rent them by the half hour, the month, or annually. Not only can you explore the city in a new way, but it's also good for the environment. Win win. Rentals start at \$3.50.

25. ATLANTA BELTLINE-FREE

Take a stroll, jog, roll, or run on the Beltline. Stop and admire the art installations, or enjoy some performances.

26. Hang at KROG STREET MARKET-FREE

A funky repurposed industrial space full of interesting vendors and people, it's great for staying up-to-date on the coolest new restaurants and foods in the city, as well as for just straight-up people-watching.

27. MY FAIR SWEETS

Check out My Fair Sweets for outrageous and tasty milkshakes – around \$10 a pop but totally worth it!

28. SKYLINE PARK

Rooftop park above Ponce City Market – \$10 to get up there but they have mini golf/games/food & a great view of the city.

29. FERNBANK SCIENCE CENTER-CHEAP

Visit the observatory and exhibits for **free**; planetarium shows are \$7 adults, \$5 students.

30. JACKSON STREET BRIDGE-FREE

Jackson Street Bridge is the best view of the downtown Atlanta skyline. Whether you bring a professional camera to test out different lighting techniques or your iPhone on a selfie stick, the view is unmatched on any lens.

31. CARTER CENTER

Take a **free** stroll through the grounds to see the Circle of Flags from all 50 states, a rose garden, Japanese garden and koi pond. The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library & Museum costs \$8 for adults; children under 16 are free.

32. BLUE HERON NATURE PRESERVE-FREE

This short trail allows you to escape into nature – right in the middle of the city. There are boardwalks, beehives, a community garden, and even a USGS Weather Site along the trail. The sandbar makes for a fun place to rest.

33. THE GOAT FARM-FREE

Do we have any fans of Hunger Games? Or maybe The Walking Dead? This art establishment is where the filming took place. It's free to wander the yards, reliving scenes from these great productions.

34. Museum of Aviation-FREE

Take a little trip down to Warner Robins to see the second largest museum in the United States Airforce. Learn about the history of aviation and see things like helicopters and fighter jets.

35. Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary – FREE

Visit animals at this free, small-scale zoo in Locust Grove which includes the BLT trio—a bear, lion and tiger who live together.

36. Big Trees Forest Preserve –FREE

This urban forest in Sandy Springs has three hiking routes, including a one-mile loop trail beneath white oak trees. Be sure to grab the nature trail guide at the entrance of the forest.

36. Chattahoochee Nature Center-CHEAP

Nothing feeds the passion of loving nature more than watching wildlife up close and personal. Open until 5 p.m. every day. Admission is only \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3 to 12.

37. Yellow River Game Ranch-CHEAP

Let kids explore at their own pace while you check out the exhibits, too. The game ranch is open year round, and charges \$8 for adults and \$7 for children ages 2 and 11.

38. Ride all the way up to the Sun Dial-

You can't logically expect your meal at the top of the downtown Westin to be included for just \$10, but at least you'll have the same 72-story view of the entire city

39. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park-FREE

Civil War buffs will be impressed (as will history buffs in general) with the 17 miles of national park that encompass one of the major battles of the civil war. One can experience history as it happened through a number of monuments and locales that help to capture the spirit of the Civil War.