



## FALL 2024 / WINTER 2025 FUN 101: 101 Things to See & Do for \$10 & Under (Many are FREE!)

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### FALL FESTIVITIES & HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

1. Stroll through the iconic hand-painted pumpkin displays at Jerry Smith Farm. FREE; fee for additional activities
2. Have fun on the 4-acre adventure farm located at Thompson Farm. Wed.-Fri. admission is \$4.95-\$7; fee increases on weekends. Additional fee for pumpkins and raspberries.
3. Rustic Road Brewing Company's Lakeside Oktoberfest happens September 26-29 at HarborPark Celebration Place. FREE admission
4. Military veterans and their families will have the opportunity to climb for FREE at Boundless Adventures during a special event on September 27.
5. Go fly a kite! The Time to Fly Kite Fest is September 28 at Lincoln Park. FREE
6. The Fall Wheel Ride is September 28. Join a group bicycle ride from Kemper Center to the Petrifying Springs Biergarten. FREE
7. Using your flashlight, watch dinosaurs "come alive" at the Dinosaur Discovery Museum. Each Friday evening in October, Dinos In The Dark takes place. \$8-\$10
8. Each Saturday evening in October, enter the Haunted House at Kemper Center. This year's theme is Haunted Cemetery. \$5-\$10
9. A fun event for all ages, enjoy Fall Fest at the Kenosha YMCA on October 5. FREE admission
10. The Kenosha Performing Arts Festival is October 5-6. Enjoy 32 performances, each 30 minutes, by 30 performers at 4 Downtown Kenosha locations. Ticket options include 3 performances for \$10
11. Meet many authors at the Southport Literary Fair. It's on October 5 at the Kenosha Public Library - Southwest Branch. FREE admission
12. October 5 is Flannel Fest and October 26 is Halloween Movie Night at the Petrifying Springs Biergarten. FREE admission
13. The Fall Into Fun Festival is October 12 at Veterans Memorial Park. There are costume contests for dogs and humans, and decorated windows in Downtown Kenosha. FREE
14. On October 20, the Kenosha Beach House on Simmons Island hosts Howl-O-Ween. There will be a pet costume parade and contest. FREE admission



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15. Pringle Nature Center presents the Candlelight Halloween Hike at Bristol Woods Park on October 25. \$8
16. Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets hosts Fall Family Fun Fest + Best Dressed Scarecrow Contest on October 25. Trick-or-Treat at participating stores. FREE
17. Many Trunk or Treat and Trick or Treat events are happening in late October. Find details on our THINGS TO DO IN THE FALL web page! FREE

## FALL IN LOVE WITH THE OUTDOORS

18. This fall, explore a 12-acre arboretum, the woodlands of the Pike River Valley, prairies, gardens, and more at Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum. FREE
19. Take a scenic fall drive, hike, or bike ride through Petrifying Springs Park. FREE
20. Play disc golf at Fox River Park, Lincoln Park, Silver Lake Park, or the UW-Parkside campus. FREE; bring your own disc
21. Get your 10,000 steps in and enjoy the beautiful fall colors at the same time! Find some suggested routes at [VisitKenosha.com/Steps](http://VisitKenosha.com/Steps). Most of the routes are FREE to access
22. Elevate your experience at Bristol Woods Park by renting equipment from the on-site Pringle Nature Center to search for geocaches or ecocaches. \$5 per unit
23. Play with your dog in the leaves (or snow) at one of our four off-leash dog parks. FREE to \$5 depending on park
24. Everyone can play at Kenosha's inclusive, 100% accessible playground: the Dream Playground at Petzke Park. FREE
25. There are more than 150 miles of dedicated bike lanes and signed routes in Kenosha County, including the Kenosha County Bike Trail, the Pike Bike Trail, and mountain bike trails at Silver Lake Park! FREE

## MERRY & BRIGHT HOLIDAY EVENTS

26. There's a new location for the City of Kenosha Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony this year. November 29 is the date and Veterans Memorial Park is the place. FREE
27. Lightin' Up Downtown on November 29 features family activities, live entertainment, and special promotions at Downtown businesses. FREE activities; offers at businesses vary
28. Enjoy Holiday Lights on the Farm, November 29-December 22 at Jerry Smith Farm. Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit! \$7; ages 2 and under are FREE



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29. See the Holiday Train Display at the Kenosha Public Museum, November 29-January 5. This is a fun festive display of model trains and holiday houses. FREE
30. Shop for special deals and giveaways at participating businesses during Small Business Saturday on November 30. Shop Small! Shop Local! Prices vary
31. The Magic at Muni lights display begins on November 30. It will be open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through December 22 at Washington Park Municipal Golf Course. FREE admission
32. Lemon Street Gallery hosts its annual Artistree Giftable Art Show November 30-December 24. As part of this, Café, Crafting, & Christmas happens on December 14 with FREE crafting workshops and more.
33. Santa will be making his way through Kenosha in December. Go to [VisitKenosha.com/Santa](http://VisitKenosha.com/Santa) to keep up with his busy schedule. FREE
34. Experience Christmas at Kemper this holiday season. The Gallery of Trees and Historic Durkee Mansion Holiday Display are FREE to visit.
35. Enjoy Christmas at the Museums on December 7. The Kenosha Public Museum and Civil War Museum will have musical performances, family activities, and more. FREE
36. Take photos as you go on the Holiday Gnome Hunt between December 1 and December 31 at Bristol Woods Park / Pringle Nature Center. FREE
37. Watch for Kenosha HarborMarket and Kenosha Public Market to host special holiday markets in December. FREE admission
38. On December 7, attend Growing with Bristol's 5th Annual Light Up the Town Event at Hansen Park. Enjoy a parade, tree lighting, ice skating (bring your own skates), Santa's Magic Mailbox, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and fireworks. FREE
39. Enjoy A Kenosha Pops Christmas Concert on December 14 in the beautiful A. F. Siebert Chapel on the Carthage College campus. FREE
40. As Christmas approaches, watch for the 12 Days of Lattes at The Daily Dose Café – featuring a different latte every day! Prices vary

## SNOW MUCH FUN OUTDOORS IN THE WINTER

41. Have fun ice skating on the ice rink set up in Veterans Memorial Park near the harbor. FREE
42. Let's go sledding! Petrifying Springs Park and Fox River Park are popular county parks for that. FREE
43. Alford Park and Washington Park are among the City of Kenosha parks with sledding hills. FREE



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44. Go Fish! For FREE! No fishing licenses are needed January 18-19 in Wisconsin during Free Fishing Weekend.
45. Take a brisk walk along the lakefront. FREE
46. You can rent snowshoes to use at Bristol Woods Park from the park's Pringle Nature Center during designated hours. There are more than four miles of trails. \$5 rental for general public
47. Check out the Snow Daze Festival in Downtown Kenosha on January 25. There will be dozens of ice sculptures to enjoy! FREE
48. Enjoy the cross-country ski trails at Brighton Dale Park, Fox River Park, and Petrifying Springs Park. You can also snowshoe! FREE
49. Silver Lake Park has more than 2.5 miles of groomed cross-country trails and over 10 miles of single track trails. Also enjoy mountain bike trails year-round. FREE

### STAY-WARM-INSIDE-KIND-OF-FUN

50. Do you have any K-5th grade students? Bring them to the NEW KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts Library. FREE
51. The Civil War Museum is where you'll find the G.I. Joe: America's First Action Figure exhibit through March 9. FREE
52. On the first and third full weekends in September and October, tour the 1860s Durkee Mansion at Kemper Center. FREE
53. Learn about local shipwrecks in Lake Michigan at the seasonal Southport Light Station Museum (open through October). FREE
54. Through October 13, see the Southport Quilters Guild Quilt Show at Anderson Arts Center. FREE
55. On the third Tuesday of every month, Senior Day is presented by Hospice Alliance at the Kenosha YMCA. Seniors (ages 60 & over) enjoy the facility FREE of charge.
56. View "Rooted Visions" at the Kenosha Public Museum, November 9-January 7. The exhibit presents 38 original artworks by African American artists from the American South. FREE
57. From minifigs and minifig accessories to pre-built vehicles and bulk bricks, hand pick your supplies for a fun and creative day of building and imagination at Bricks & Minifigs Kenosha. Many products \$10 and under
58. Every Friday is Free Book Friday at Studio Moonfall. Stop by the shop to pick up a FREE book from the selection of gently used titles.



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59. Explore Kenosha's extensive AMC history and more at the Kenosha History Center. FREE
60. At the Cup O' Joe Coffeehouse, order a Friends (as in the tv show) Themed Signature Cocktail, like The Lobster (Jim Beam Apple and Cranberry Juice). \$7
61. Get your hands dirty at The Clay Studio inside Lemon Street Gallery & Artspace. The cost is \$6 per two pounds of clay, which includes both firing and glazing.
62. Public Brewing Company is under new ownership with Lakefront Brewery in Milwaukee. On Turntable Tuesdays, bring your vinyl and get 1/2 off beer when your record plays! Drink prices vary
63. The Annual Winter Juried Exhibition is on display at the Anderson Arts Center, November 17-January 5. FREE
64. Get "All Shook Up" with an Elvis Shake at Lakeshore Nutrition. \$8.50
65. Kids love the interactive exhibit Little Clint: The Story of a Baby Dinosaur at the Dinosaur Discovery Museum. FREE
66. Kenosha is the home of Wisconsin's oldest Harley-Davidson® dealership. Stop by Uke's Harley-Davidson to see their on-site museum of Uke's history. FREE to browse
67. Searching for a military patch? Patches at Kenosha Military Surplus include all Army divisions, Marine Corps, and World War II Army Air Corps. Starting at \$5
68. Get a taste of Italy at Tenuta's Delicatessen. Ask for a homemade Cannoli; you have your pick of size, shell, and filling. Prices vary
69. At the Kenosha Public Museum, enjoy the Wisconsin Art Exhibit. This is curated from the museum's own collection. It's on display November 16-March 31. FREE
70. Visit ArtWorks and The Pencillarium in the Union Park Arts District. One building houses an art gallery, a custom framing service, and a pencil seller. FREE to browse
71. Stop by Brat Stop's Cheese Mart for cheese curds and more Wisconsin treats. Prices vary
72. Carthage Fine Arts invites the public to a variety of art exhibits throughout the school year in the H. F. Johnson Gallery of Art on the Carthage College campus. FREE
73. A gift shop and art gallery in one, view the works of award-winning local artists at Pollard Gallery & Gifts. FREE to browse
74. Bring the kids to the Resource Center inside the Civil War Museum. There's a kid size cabin made out of giant Lincoln Logs and many more fun activities. FREE
75. Hungry for donuts? Pick some up at Oliver's Bakery! \$1 each
76. Wednesday evenings, Union Park Tavern hosts Open Mic Night with host Mark Paffrath. This is one of the longest running and best loved Open Mics in Kenosha. FREE



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77. Kenosha Brewing Co. hosts Wednesday Night Trivia and Thursday Night Bingo. FREE
78. Get your preschoolers excited about science and the world around them at Museum Munchkins, every Wednesday morning at the Kenosha Public Museum. Stop by the Field Station, too. FREE
79. Warm up with a Flavored Latte at East View Coffee Co. Check their seasonal board for their latest flavors! \$6.25 for 12 oz

## YEAR-ROUND SIGHTSEEING

80. Experience a "sculpture wonderland"! The Sculpture Walk – HarborPark is a biennial outdoor art exhibit that runs along the harbor and features 10 NEW inspiring works of art. FREE
81. Visit the sculpture that commemorates the second stop on the Winter Dance Party Tour (Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, The Big Bopper, and Dion and the Belmonts). The concert took place in Kenosha on January 24, 1959. FREE
82. Ride an authentic Electric Streetcar to restaurants, shops, museums, historic districts, and more in Downtown Kenosha. \$1 & under
83. Walk, bike, or drive through Kenosha's four historic districts. Explore and appreciate the architecture and history of the buildings. FREE
84. Get your picture taken with the Greetings From Kenosha mural by artist Kelly Witte in Downtown Kenosha. FREE
85. In the Library Park Historic District, view a plaque that notes the birthplace of acclaimed actor, writer, director, and producer Orson Welles. FREE
86. Visiting Wisconsin for the first time? Take a picture with the "Welcome to Wisconsin" sign at our Wisconsin Welcome Center - Kenosha. FREE
87. Come see our castle! Enjoy one-of-a-kind FREE photo spots and samples at Mars Cheese Castle.
88. At the Kenosha harbor, take time to stop and reflect at the Veterans Memorial Fountain and Lone Soldier Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park. FREE
89. West of I-94, stop by the Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park Honor Plaza, which serves as a tribute to veterans. FREE
90. Take a pic of one of Kenosha's most recognized landmarks: the North Pier Lighthouse. FREE
91. Check out the Starry Night over Kenosha mural by artist Eric Houghton on the side of DeBerge's Framing & Gallery in the Uptown neighborhood. FREE
92. Kenosha is a Wisconsin Harbor Town! Relax and watch the sun rise over Lake Michigan. No matter the season, the sun still rises! FREE



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93. Show some LOVE to our locally owned restaurants! Kenosha Restaurant Week takes place February 22 - March 2, 2025. Each participating venue will have discounts or special offers. Prices vary
94. Shop at Kenosha HarborMarket on Saturdays. It's outdoors at 2nd Avenue and 56th Street through October, then inside the Woman's Club of Kenosha, starting November 9 (excluding December 14 & 28). FREE to browse
95. On Saturdays, shop at Kenosha Public Market. It's outdoors near Veterans Memorial Park through October, then inside the Kemper Center Simmons Auditorium. FREE to browse
96. Cheer on the Firebirds! Carthage College is a NCAA Division III program. Sports include football, cross country, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, and more. Ticket prices vary; throughout the 2024-25 school year, all Kenosha County and Racine County residents can attend sporting events for FREE
97. Enjoy Third Thursdays in Downtown Kenosha! On the Third Thursday of each month, take advantage of special activities, deals, and more at participating businesses in Downtown Kenosha. Offers vary
98. Meet the makers at the Kenosha Art Market in the Union Park Arts District on October 20. FREE to browse
99. October is the last month of the year to climb the 1866 Southport Lighthouse tower for an amazing view (must be 8 or older)! The seasonal attraction re-opens in May. \$10 & under
100. Wilmot Flea Market happens at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds on Sundays through October 13. \$2 & under admission
101. Watch for this annual sign that winter is coming to an end: Big Star Drive-In re-opens around March 1. Prices vary