



SPRING / SUMMER 2024

FUN 101: 101 Things to See & Do for \$10 & Under (Many are FREE!)

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LIFE BY THE LAKE

1. Ride an authentic Electric Streetcar along the lakefront and to museums, shops, restaurants, events, and more in Downtown Kenosha. \$1 & under for one loop
2. Watching a beautiful sunrise over Lake Michigan needs to be at the top of your itinerary while visiting Kenosha! FREE
3. Hunt for sea glass / beach glass along the lake. FREE
4. Climb 72 steps to the top of the 1866 Southport Lighthouse tower for an amazing view of Lake Michigan. Open May through October (must be at least 8 years old). \$10 & under
5. Kids can cool off on a hot summer day at the splash pad near HarborPark. FREE
6. Lounge on a beach. Kenosha has five beaches on the Lake Michigan shore! FREE
7. Take a pic of one of Kenosha's most recognized landmarks: the North Pier Lighthouse. FREE
8. Ride the historic Lakefront Trolley through Downtown Kenosha and along Lake Michigan. This rubber-wheel trolley operates seasonally. \$1 & under
9. The 1934 Tudor Revival Kenosha Beach House on Simmons Island offers cornhole bag game rentals for 1.5 hours, June 1 through October 31. \$9
10. At Simmons Island Beach, stroll along the boardwalk at Lake Michigan. FREE
11. Go paddleboarding in the harbor! The Kenosha Community Sailing Center is offering the activity in 45-minute timeslots, June 15 through August 31. \$9
12. Head to Lake Michigan to view the LakeFest boat parade this summer (date TBA). It happens at sundown along the channel and harborside. FREE

NATURE BREAK

13. Get your 10,000 steps in while sightseeing in Kenosha! Find some suggested routes at VisitKenosha.com/Steps. Most of the routes are FREE to access
14. Enjoy the Gnome Homes Trail at Pringle Nature Center, March 23 through April 8. Vote for your favorite! FREE
15. 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



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16. Go Fish! Fish anywhere in Wisconsin without a license on Free Fishing Weekend, June 1-2. FREE
17. Celebrate International Mud Day at Pringle Nature Center on June 29. FREE
18. At Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum, the kids will enjoy the Heritage Farmstead Learning Stations. FREE
19. Chiwaukee Prairie State Natural Area is a 482-acre remnant lake plain wet prairie, an ecological gem. Enjoy nature study, birding, photography, and hiking here. FREE
20. Bring your pooch to play at one of our many off-leash dog parks. Up to \$5 depending on park
21. Play at Kenosha's inclusive, 100% accessible playground: the Dream Playground at Petzke Park. FREE
22. Go "over the river and through the woods" at Petrifying Springs Park – a hiking and biking destination. FREE
23. Play disc golf at Fox River Park, Lincoln Park, Silver Lake Park, or the UW-Parkside campus. FREE
24. Pringle Nature Center offers many tools to explore Bristol Woods Park including GPS units that are pre-programmed with the known geocaches and ecocaches located in the park. \$5 per unit for general public
25. Enjoy Outdoor Sunrise Pilates at Kemper Center on Tuesday mornings, May 28 through August 20. \$10 per session

MEET AT THE MARKET

26. Kenosha HarborMarket® begins its outdoor season on May 11 at 2nd Avenue and 56th Street. Open year-round on Saturdays; its indoor season concludes April 27 at the Kenosha Union Club. FREE admission
27. Open year-round on Saturdays, the outdoor season of Kenosha Public Market begins May 11 near Veterans Memorial Park. It's inside Kemper Center through April. FREE admission
28. Meet the makers at the Kenosha Art Market in the Union Park Arts District on the third Sunday of the month, June through October. FREE admission
29. Search for treasures at Wilmot Flea Market. It takes place on Sundays, April 21 through October 13 (excluding August 11 and 18) at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds. Admission \$2 & under
30. On select days of the week, Farmers Markets occur at various City of Kenosha parks. They are open based on produce availability. FREE admission



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FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

31. Enjoy the Music at Twilight concert series on the lawn of Anderson Arts Center: June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 13, August 27, September 10, and September 24. FREE
32. Tuesdays At The Shell happens at the Sesquicentennial Bandshell in Pennoyer Park along Lake Michigan, July 9 through August 27. FREE
33. It's a tradition! Spend Wednesday evenings at the Kenosha Pops Concert at the Sesquicentennial Bandshell, June 12 through July 31. FREE
34. Bristol Woods Park is the setting for Bristol Woodstock. The concert series happens on Wednesday evenings from June 12 through August 14. FREE
35. On the Lake Michigan shore, enjoy music at Lakeside Lounge on June 19, July 17, August 21, and September 18. This is held on the north lawn of Kemper Center. FREE
36. On select Wednesday evenings, Lincoln Park Live happens at picturesque Lincoln Park. FREE
37. Enjoy a serving of PB&J! Peanut Butter & Jam is a concert series on Thursdays, July 11 through August 29, at Veterans Memorial Park. FREE
38. Enjoy the Rhythm on the Lake Concert Series on Thursday evenings at Old Settlers Park, June 13 through August 22 (excluding July 4). FREE

PRESERVING HISTORY

39. Learn from former students what Kemper Center was like when it was an all-girls school. Take the Kemper Grand Tour on April 14. \$5
40. See the 1962 Rambler American from the "3rd Rock from the Sun" television show at the Kenosha History Center as part of the "AMC in Hollywood" exhibit. FREE
41. On select weekends, the 1860s Durkee Mansion on the historic Kemper Center grounds is open to tour. FREE
42. Come show off your classic car at the Cruise-in Nights that take place outside the Kenosha History Center on May 31, July 26, August 30, and September 27. FREE
43. Approximately 50 original images printed during the Civil War are part of the Printmaking – Pop Culture of the Civil War Exhibit at the Civil War Museum, June 15 through August 18. FREE



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44. Travel back in time 237 million years ago to the present at the Dinosaur Discovery Museum. FREE
45. Walk, bike, or drive through Kenosha's four historic districts. Explore and appreciate the architecture and history of the buildings. FREE
46. Book your spot on a Kenosha History Center historic walking tour. On select dates, three different historian-led tours are available: Old Northside, Third Avenue, and Library Park. \$10
47. Tour a maritime museum! At the seasonal Southport Light Station Museum, learn about 40+ shipwrecks buried near Kenosha and see a model of the SS Wisconsin, which sank in Lake Michigan in 1929. FREE
48. At the Kenosha Public Museum, visit the mammoths that were excavated right here in Kenosha County. FREE
49. West of I-94, stop by the Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park Honor Plaza, which serves as a tribute to veterans. FREE
50. Each month, a Sensory Friendly Day is held at a different museum (Kenosha Public Museum, Civil War Museum, or Dinosaur Discovery Museum). FREE admission; fee for main CWM exhibit
51. Bring your classic car to Cruise-in Nights at Bristol 45 Diner on the first, third, fifth Mondays of the month, May through September. FREE

FUN FESTIVALS & EVENTS

52. The Downtown Kenosha Small Business Bunny Hop is on March 23. Children and adults can collect an Easter egg from 50 participating businesses. FREE
53. In celebration of National Travel and Tourism Week, May 19-25, Tourism Week Free Days will occur. Each day, a different attraction or business is providing free admission and/or products. FREE
54. "Fill the Hill" on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Watch bicycle races at the Washington Park Velodrome. Built in 1927, it's the nation's oldest operating velodrome. FREE
55. On select Sundays, enjoy six editions of the Kenosha Book Festival and four editions of the Kenosha Comic Con's Artist Alley at Studio Moonfall. FREE admission
56. Enjoy an Aquanut Water Show. The award-winning water ski show team performs on Lake Mary, most Wednesdays and Saturdays, May 25 through August 31. FREE
57. Let's root, root, root for our Kingfish! Tickets to the collegiate baseball games start at \$8.



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58. Go Downtown Kenosha before the weekend begins. Take advantage of special activities, extended hours, deals, and more at participating businesses as part of Third Thursdays in Downtown Kenosha. Prices vary
59. Go fly a kite! You'll see gigantic show kites in the sky at the Outta Sight Kite Flight, which is June 1-2 at Kennedy Park. FREE
60. June 8-9, celebrate National Outlet Shopping Day™ at Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets. You can expect hundreds of fantastic finds on the most sought-after brands, limited-time giveaways, and unique center-wide experiences. Prices vary
61. Spend the morning at Crane Grain Farms for the Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast. It happens June 15. Breakfast costs \$10 & under
62. Ride your bicycle to and from the Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast; join the DairyAir Community Bike Ride on June 15. Bristol Woods Park is the starting point. FREE ride; pre-registration is encouraged.
63. Enjoy a Movie Night in the Park on Fridays, June 21 through August 23, at Petrifying Springs Park. Select nights – including when “Barbie” is shown – will have a costume contest. FREE
64. Take time to smell the roses at the Gateway Rose Society Annual Rose Show on June 22 at the Kenosha Public Museum. FREE
65. The Kenosha History Center presents its second annual Kenosha Taco Fest on June 28 at Kennedy Park. FREE admission
66. The 24th annual Harborfest 7s Rugby Tournament is June 29 at Kennedy Park next to Lake Michigan. FREE for spectators
67. "The Statue of Liberty: A National Treasure" is the theme for the 2024 Kenosha Civic Veterans Parade on June 30. FREE
68. Celebrate America – a festive multi-day event near Lake Michigan – features fireworks on July 4. FREE admission
69. Enjoy special events and family activities – including Sunflower Fields – at Jerry Smith Farm. Prices vary
70. Kenosha Pride 2024 happens July 6 at HarborPark Celebration Place. This is the 12th annual LGBTQ+ Pride event in Kenosha. FREE
71. Bristol Progress Days is a fun community festival July 12-14 at Hansen Park. FREE admission
72. Be inspired during the Four Seasons Garden Club's Secret Garden Walk, a self-guided tour of Kenosha area private gardens, on July 13. Tickets \$10, accompanied children under 12 free



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73. July 18-20, experience Wisconsin's Largest Pop-up Biergarten at HarborPark Celebration Place. FREE admission
74. Celebrate the 121st Anniversary Homecoming at Uke's Harley-Davidson and in the community, July 25-28. FREE events
75. Savor the flavors of specialty food and beverage vendors and enjoy live music at Taste of Wisconsin™ on our lakefront, July 26-28. FREE admission
76. "Hay Bales & Cow Tails" is the theme of this year's Kenosha County Fair, August 14-18. Every day is Senior Day! Seniors (65+) get in for \$8.
77. The Picnic in the Park event will be held on August 17 at Petrifying Springs Park. This event includes live music, family activities, and concessions. FREE
78. Show off your car and see what Downtown Kenosha has to offer during the Kenosha Classic Cruise-In on August 31. FREE
79. Enjoy cheese and music at Cheese-A-Palooza, August 31 and September 1. FREE admission
80. Celebrate Kenosha's Electric Streetcars during Kenosha Streetcar Day on September 7. FREE activities
81. For the first time, the United States Hickory Open Golf Tournament is coming to Kenosha. The tournament is September 9-10. FREE for spectators

ARTSY SIDE

82. Stroll through the Sculpture Walk - HarborPark, a biennial outdoor art exhibit that runs along the harbor. New pieces will be installed in mid-September. FREE
83. Pause and absorb all the creativity found within an art gallery; there are many galleries to visit in Kenosha! FREE
84. Exhibits opening this spring and summer at the Anderson Arts Center include the Chicago Society of Artists Show, the Rogue Artists Show, and the Southport Quilters Guild Quilt Show. FREE
85. Check out 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). FREE
86. The Transparent Watercolor Society of America 48th Annual National Juried Exhibition showcases 80 paintings from artists across North America. The exhibit is May 4 through August 4 at the Kenosha Public Museum. FREE
87. For a taste of New York City ... view a Miniature Statue of Liberty inside the Kenosha History Center. FREE



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88. For a taste of Paris ... Kenosha has its very own Wallace Fountain in HarborPark. The public, drinking water sources are primarily found in Paris, France. Ours is an art piece. FREE
89. The Acrylic International Biennial Exhibition consists of 45 outstanding paintings at the Kenosha Public Museum, August 17 through November 3. FREE
90. On the side of the Kady B. Faulkner building at the historic Kemper Center is an outdoor mosaic made from items found on the nearby beach. FREE
91. Enjoy the Port of Fear Film Festival, September 13-14, at Kemper Center. Single use tickets to films are \$10. Check out the vendors at the Spooky Market, which is FREE to attend.
92. Get your picture taken with the Greetings From Kenosha mural by artist Kelly Witte in Downtown Kenosha. FREE

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93. Fly down the 200-foot-long water slides at Washington Park Pool and Anderson Park Pool this summer. Prices vary
94. Come see our castle! Enjoy one-of-a-kind photo spots at Mars Cheese Castle. FREE
95. On the third Tuesday of every month, seniors (60 & over) can enjoy the Kenosha YMCA at no cost (photo ID required). FREE
96. Summertime means homemade Italian Sausage cooking on the outdoor grill at Tenuta's Delicatessen & Liquors, a Kenosha landmark. Prices vary
97. Every Friday is Free Book Friday at Studio Moonfall. Simply pick out a book from the used book selection. You can also meet guest authors every Friday, 4-7pm. FREE
98. Celebrate National Ice Cream Day on July 21 at Sandy's Popper (new location!), Scoops Ice Cream & Candy, Smarty's Sweets & Treats, or Sweet Corner Ice Cream. Prices vary
99. Pick up some cheese curds at Brat Stop's Cheese Mart. Prices vary
100. Carhop service continues to this day in Kenosha! Get a taste of nostalgia with your order when you visit The Spot Drive-In (open year-round) and the seasonal Big Star Drive-In (get there before Labor Day). Prices vary
101. Are you a first-time visitor to our state? You must get your pic with the Welcome to Wisconsin sign at the Wisconsin Welcome Center – Kenosha! FREE