

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

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- 1. Summertime is music to our ears. One of the area's most distinguishing characteristics is that so many FREE outdoor concert series are offered.
- 2. Watch the sun rise over Lake Michigan. FREE
- 3. Enjoy a round of golf at Brighton Dale Links or Petrifying Springs Golf Course. Ask about the 9-hole walking Super Twilight rate of \$10.
- 4. Enjoy the Sculpture Walk, which runs along the harbor and features a dozen works of art. FREE
- 5. View our Great Lake from the 1866 Southport Lighthouse. There are 72 steps to the top! A new season of tours opens in May. \$10 & under
- 6. Enjoy our online Kenosha Area Activity Book. It's for all ages and includes trivia, coloring, puzzles, photo quizzes, and other activities all related to Kenosha. FREE
- 7. The Wilmot Flea Market takes place on Sundays, April 18 October 10 (excluding August 15 and 22) at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds. \$2 & under
- 8. Lounge on a beach. Kenosha has five beaches on the Lake Michigan shore! FREE
- 9. Play at Kenosha's inclusive, 100% accessible playground: The Dream Playground at Petzke Park. FREE
- 10. Come see our castle! Enjoy one-of-a-kind photo spots at Mars Cheese Castle. FREE
- 11. The Transparent Watercolor Society of America 45th Annual National Juried Exhibition is on display May 1 July 31 at the Kenosha Public Museum. FREE
- 12. Looking for outdoor dining? You have many choices including the Garden of Eatin' at The Coffee Pot. Try the Homemade Corned Beef Hash! \$10
- 13. Bring your pooch to play at one of our many off-leash dog parks. FREE to \$5 depending on park



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- 14. Kenosha Public Market offers in-person and online shopping. The market takes place each Saturday. KPM2GO is the weekly virtual shopping portal - with pickup on Saturdays. FREE admission
- 15. Walk, bike, or drive through Kenosha's four historic districts. The birthplace of Orson Welles is in the Library Park district. FREE
- 16. The Kenosha History Center presents the Library Park Historic District Walking Tour on the second Saturday of each month, May October. \$10
- 17. Play disc golf at Fox River Park, Lincoln Park, Silver Lake Park, or UW-Parkside. FREE, bring your own disc
- 18. There are more than 130 miles of bike trails in Kenosha County, including the Kenosha County Bike Trail, the Pike Bike Trail, and mountain bike trails at Silver Lake Park. FREE
- 19. Bring your classic car and lawn chair to Bristol 45 Diner's cruise nights. The nights are held May through September, first and third Monday of the month (and fifth Monday if there is one). FREE
- 20. Kenosha HarborMarket's 2021 outdoor season begins on May 8. Visit and shop on Saturdays through October 30. FREE admission
- 21. Did you know that Simmons Island Beach has portable mobility mats set out on the sand in the summer months to accommodate wheelchairs and walkers? FREE
- 22. Be mesmerized and wowed by an Aquanut Water Show! The choreographed water ski show team performs on Lake Mary, most Wednesdays and Saturdays, May 29 September 4. FREE
- 23. Root for the home team! The Kenosha Kingfish play baseball in the collegiate Northwoods League at the 101-year-old Simmons Field. \$8+
- 24. Jerry Smith Produce & Pumpkin Farm knows how to grow produce AND fun family activities. The Country Store opens in June.
- 25. Stroll on the lakeside promenade and watch the leisure and fishing boats traveling in and out of the harbor! FREE
- 26. Go Fish! Fish anywhere in Wisconsin without a license on Free Fishing Weekend, June 5-6. FREE
- 27. Enjoy our Wisconsin Harbor Town from the seasonal rooftop bar at Apis Restaurant. You can see the lake! Apis opened in 2020.
- 28. See what artists and crafters have been busy making! The Good Old Summertime Art Fair is June 6; presented by the Friends of the Kenosha Art Association. FREE admission



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- 29. Stop by the Petrifying Springs Biergarten, Kenosha's first authentic, German beer garden located inside Kenosha's oldest county park. It offers family-friendly activities. Food and beverage prices vary, FREE admission
- 30. On June 19, the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the Kenosha Expo Health & Home Show. The outdoor, family-friendly event will be held at the Kenosha YMCA. FREE admission
- 31. Get in your 10,000 steps! There are five miles of hiking trails at Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park. FREE
- 32. Come often to capture Lake Michigan's many moods with your phone (or camera). You'll get great Instagram photos! #KenoshaFun FREE
- 33. Ride an authentic Electric Streetcar to restaurants, shops, museums, historic districts, lakefront events, and more. \$1 & under for one loop
- 34. Have you seen Anderson Arts Center an art gallery in a 1920s mansion on the Lake Michigan shore – since its \$4.3 million preservation and modernization project in 2019? FREE
- 35. Enjoy Ice Cream with a side of Popcorn. Or is it Popcorn with a side of Ice Cream? Either way, check out Sandy's Popper! The popcorn is made in-house in small batches.
- 36. Have a kayak, canoe, or stand-up paddle board? Experience the Lake Michigan Water Trail or Fox River Water Trail! FREE access
- 37. Beer and Wine, Pasta and Sauce, Cheese and Sausage. Whatever you need, Tenuta's Delicatessen & Liquors has it!
- 38. There's nothing like a locally owned coffee shop/café with a great view! Come see how Harborside Common Grounds got its name!
- 39. Enjoy geocaching throughout Kenosha County! It's an outdoor scavenger hunt using GPS coordinates. FREE
- 40. Shop for deals at Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets.
- 41. Visit Big Star Drive-In for a hamburger and a milkshake under the neon lights. A carhop brings your order to you! Single Hamburger \$1.15, Small Shake \$2.80
- 42. Bring the kiddos to see the dinos at the Dinosaur Discovery Museum. FREE
- 43. Find Elsie Mae's Bakery & Cannery products at Tenuta's Delicatessen & Liquors, as well as at Elsie Mae's "little red pie wagon" in Downtown Kenosha.
- 44. The legendary Brat Stop serves up great food and drinks, along with concerts, family friendly trivia nights, and karaoke in the beer garden on select nights.
- 45. Looking for some plant-based options? The Daily Dose Cafe has many vegetarian and vegan options.



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- 46. Bring a little art and take a little art! The Little Lemon Street Gallery is a creative spinoff from the popular Little Free Library endeavor. FREE
- 47. Learn about Lake Michigan shipwrecks and more local maritime history at the seasonal Southport Light Station Museum. FREE
- 48. Did you miss the news last year? PUBLIC Craft Brewing Co. is now at an expanded location. The larger space allows the craft brewery to operate a restaurant and increase its brewing capacity.
- 49. Take a break in Wolfenbuttel Park, which is named after Kenosha's sister city in Germany. Enjoy the flower gardens and the large pergola. Oh and Lake Michigan, too! FREE
- 50. Studio Moonfall is offering printable coloring pages online. FREE
- 51. Sit, relax, and paint at Alpaca Art Pottery Painting. In addition to their normal hours, watch for pop up painting events with special deals on Friday evenings.
- 52. Are you a fan of Spam? It's available at Franks Diner including as its very own sandwich!
- 53. Stop by Pollard Gallery, which is part gift shop and part art gallery. You'll find Kenoshainspired gifts!
- 54. Watch bicycle races at the Washington Park Velodrome. Built in 1927, it's the nation's oldest operating velodrome. FREE
- 55. A resident of the Union Park Arts District, ArtWorks features a rotating gallery of original art. Pencil aficionados will appreciate the Pencillarium, which is in the same building. FREE to browse
- 56. A wide selection of indoor and outdoor plants and herbs can be found at Equinox botanical boutique.
- 57. We all scream for ice cream! Let your whole family pick their favorite pint of ice cream and fill your freezer with goodness from Scoops Ice Cream & Candy.
- 58. Enjoy a cocktail and great views at The Crow's Nest, the seasonal rooftop bar at The Stella Hotel & Ballroom. You'll see gorgeous sunsets!
- 59. Take a pic of one of Kenosha's most recognized landmarks: the North Pier Lighthouse, home to the Kenosha Lighthouse Studio. FREE
- 60. Drive by and say hi to the Abraham Lincoln statue in Library Park. FREE
- 61. Enjoy Mama P's HoHo Cakes from Lou Perrine's. The delicious cakes come in a variety of flavors. \$5 per slice
- 62. Take a hike at Bristol Woods Park. There are over four miles of trails through woodland, prairie, and wetland habitats. FREE
- 63. Learn about locally excavated mammoths at the Kenosha Public Museum. FREE



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- 64. Enjoy refreshing drinks, tasty food, a stunning harbor view, and live music on select evenings at The Lakeside Deck. This seasonal feature is at Wyndham Garden Kenosha Harborside.
- 65. Celebrate Independence Day in Kenosha! The Kenosha Civic Veterans Parade is June 27 with fireworks on July 4. FREE
- 66. Enjoy live entertainment at Fusion, a 21+ intimate performance space showcasing local and regional talent.
- 67. Go beachcombing! People love to search for sea/beach glass on our Lake Michigan beaches. There's even a Facebook group for Lake Michigan Sea Glass Collectors. FREE
- 68. The Kenosha Public Library offers a variety of entertaining and educational resources in-person and online. FREE
- 69. Kenoshans love their car shows and cruise-ins. The Kenosha Car Club Cruise-In takes place June 27. Donations will be accepted for Stars and Stripes Honor Flight of Wisconsin. FREE
- 70. Submit your best pix taken at public locations in Kenosha County to our Picture Your Kenosha Photo Contest. FREE
- 71. Hot Dogs are a summertime classic, and Trolley Dogs serves them up the way you like! We love a classic Chicago Style or the Johnny Bravo version with bacon and cheese.
- 72. See the impressive and educational 360-degree movie "Seeing the Elephant" at the Civil War Museum. \$9 & under
- 73. Rustic Road Brewing Company's patio is self-service and dog friendly. Craft beer, food, live music, and open mic nights are inside.
- 74. Experience the 1950s with carhop service at The Spot Drive-In. We highly recommend their famous Double Cheeseburgers and Root Beer Whirls.
- 75. Enjoy good old family fun at Bristol Progress Days, July 9-11. The event includes live music, kids' games, a candy parade, fireworks, and much more. FREE admission
- 76. Bring your young kids to Play Space, a family-owned indoor facility designed to provide open play for children crawling to 6 years old. \$9 per child
- 77. Give a positive review online for your favorite local business or attraction. FREE
- 78. Meet the makers and purchase original art at Kenosha ArtMarket in the Union Park Arts District, on the third Sunday of the month, July through October. FREE admission
- 79. Go birding in your backyard or at a local park. FREE
- 80. Enjoy a self-guided tour of area gardens! Kenosha's Secret Garden Walk is July 10. \$10



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- 81. The Kenosha County Fair hosts its Centennial Celebration August 18-22. Experience fun for the whole family with live music, truck and tractor pulls, a demolition derby, and much more. \$10 & under
- 82. The Kenosha Public Museum's Wednesday morning program for preschoolers -Museum Munchkins - Live Streams on Facebook at 9:30 a.m. with a different theme each week. FREE
- 83. Enjoy live music, hand-crafted beers, a beer garden, and a taproom at R'Noggin Brewing Co., a small family brewery.
- 84. While on the walking trails at Hawthorn Hollow Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum, explore a 12-acre arboretum, the woodlands of the Pike River Valley, prairies, and gardens. FREE
- 85. Come show off your car and see what Downtown Kenosha has to offer. The annual Kenosha Classic Cruise-In is September 4. Donations of non-perishable food will be collected for the Salvation Army. FREE
- 86. The Southern Wisconsin All Airborne Chapter Car Show is September 5 at Petrifying Springs Park. Funds are raised for severely wounded veterans. FREE to spectators
- 87. Go fly a kite! Kennedy Park provides a great open space along Lake Michigan to gather the family and fly kites! FREE
- 88. If you have the opportunity to attend a concert at the Sesquicentennial Bandshell in Pennoyer Park while you're in town, be sure you do so. With Lake Michigan beside you, the setting is special! FREE
- 89. Stop and smell the roses! Visit the Warren J. Taylor sunken flower garden at Lincoln Park. FREE
- 90. Enjoy our public art! From murals on the sides of our shops to mosaics outside of our galleries, local and regional artists have been hard at work the last few years to make our community extra beautiful. FREE
- 91. When at a Wisconsin supper club, such as HobNob, one must enjoy a Brandy Old Fashioned! Enjoy yours on the patio overlooking Lake Michigan.
- 92. Nature lovers will appreciate Chiwaukee Prairie, a wetland of international importance. FREE
- 93. Have a brew at Kenosha Brewing Co., which features local craft beer, a full bar, and a full dining menu. The building has a long brewing history.
- 94. At Fox River Park, see a statue that honors the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps. From 1934 through 1937, 300 men of the CCC worked on the park. FREE
- 95. Pull out your picnic basket and blanket and enjoy a relaxing picnic in a park.



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- 96. Looking for virtual fun? The Dinosaur Discovery Museum, Kenosha Public Museum, and Civil War Museum offer online programming and family activities to do at home. There are many FREE options.
- 97. Make it a date! Walk hand-in-hand with your special someone on the boardwalk at Simmons Island Beach. FREE
- 98. Union Park Tavern is where you'll find great libations, food, and musical entertainment, as well as a beautiful beer garden.
- 99. Hunt for painted rocks! If you find one, re-hide it as a random act of kindness! The Facebook group Kenosha Rocks! has more details about this fun activity that's done in many communities. FREE
- 100. Find quirky, spirited gifts to lift someone's spirts at To & From Gift Shop.
- 101. Follow Visit Kenosha on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube for the latest updates! FREE