



FALL/ WINTER 2026-27

FUN 101

A curated list of 101 Things to See & Do for \$10 or Less (Many are FREE!)

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Retail purchases, as well as food and beverage prices vary based on selection.

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FALL & HALLOWEEN FUN

1. Enjoy a Fall Friday Night Bonfire, each Friday through Halloween, at Kenosha Beach House on Simmons Island. FREE admission
2. Stroll through the iconic hand-painted pumpkin displays at Jerry Smith Farm. FREE; fee for additional activities
3. When you visit Thompson Farm on a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, admission is FREE. Pay only for what pumpkins you pick; prices start at \$1.
4. September is the month for Oktoberfest events; view the list here.
5. The Fall Wheel Ride is September 26. Join a group bicycle ride from Kemper Center to the Petrifying Springs Biergarten. FREE
6. Cozy up! Admire the Southport Quilters Guild's works of art at the annual Quilt Show held at Anderson Arts Center through October 11. FREE admission
7. Visit the Kenosha stops participating in the Vintage Shop Hop on October 2 & 3. FREE TO BROWSE
8. Using your flashlight, watch dinosaurs "come alive" at the Dinosaur Discovery Museum. Dinos in the Dark takes place on Friday evenings, October 2-23. \$8 friends of the museum, \$10 for non-members
9. Each Saturday evening in October, plus October 31, enter the Haunted House at Kemper Center presented by the Kenosha Teen Task Force. \$5-\$10
10. October 3 is Flannel Fest – with a Beard Contest and Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Shows – at the Petrifying Springs Biergarten. FREE admission
11. Kenosha Pickle Fest will take place at Hold My Beer on Friday, October 9 and will feature pickle-themed games, beverages, and a pickle eating contest! Tickets \$10 each
12. The Southport Literary Fair is a celebration of literature for all ages on Saturday, October 10 at the Southwest Library. FREE
13. The Fall into Fun Festival is October 24 at Veterans Memorial Park. Included are a costume contest kids and dogs, as well as trick-or-treating at Downtown Kenosha businesses. FREE
14. October 24 is Halloween Movie Night at Petrifying Springs Park. FREE
15. Pringle Nature Center presents the Candlelight Halloween Hike at Bristol Woods Park on October 30. \$10

AUTUMN OUTDOOR FUN

16. Bring your bike and take a spin around the Washington Park Velodrome, the oldest operating track of it's kind in the country! FREE
17. Get your 10,000 steps in and enjoy the beautiful fall colors at the same time! Find some suggested routes at VisitKenosha.com/Steps. Most of the routes are FREE to access
18. Visit Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park for walking paths, picnic areas, small boat launches, and a beautiful memorial built in to the landscape of the former gravel quarry. FREE
19. 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
20. 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
21. Play disc golf at Fox River Park, Lincoln Park, or Silver Lake Park. FREE; bring your own disc
22. Everyone can play at Kenosha's inclusive, 100% accessible playground: the Dream Playground at Petzke Park. FREE
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. Bring your Pickleball gear and enjoy a game with friends at Pennoyer Park, Gangler Park, Lincoln Park, or Roosevelt Park. FREE
25. The Kenosha area is home to dozens of parks of all sizes featuring many amenities. Explore them all! FREE

HOLIDAY EVENT FUN

26. Enjoy the City of Kenosha tree lighting celebration on November 28, featuring a fantastic drone show over the Kenosha Harbor! FREE
27. Lightin' Up Downtown surrounds the tree lighting on November 28 and features family activities, live entertainment, and special promotions at Downtown businesses. FREE activities; offers at businesses vary
28. Browse the winter art display at HarborPark, as part of the Lightin' Up festivities in Downtown Kenosha on November 28. FREE
29. Santa will be making his way through Kenosha. Go to VisitKenosha.com/Santa to keep up with his busy schedule. FREE
30. Shop vendors, make crafts, and explore exhibits during Christmas at the Museums, with activities at both the Kenosha Public Museum and Civil War Museum. FREE
31. The Ceremonial Christmas Tree Lighting at Petrifying Springs Biergarten takes place on November 28 with family activities. FREE
32. Shop for special deals and giveaways at participating businesses during Small Business Saturday on November 28. Shop Small! Shop Local! Prices vary
33. Enjoy the Magic at Muni Holiday Lights Display on select dates at Washington Park Municipal Golf Course. FREE admission
34. Lemon Street Gallery hosts its annual Artistree Giftable Art Show.
35. Find festive friends during the Holiday Gnome Hunt at Pringle Nature Center, recurring daily November 27 – December 31. FREE

36. Browse and buy hand-crafted wreaths, swags, and other holiday décor made from Hawthorn Hollow's own greens at the Holiday Boutique & Bakery. December 5. FREE admission
37. Experience Christmas at Kemper this holiday season. The Gallery of Trees and Historic Durkee Mansion Holiday Display are FREE to visit.
38. The Merry & Bright Holiday edition of Kenosha Public Market is December 5 & 6 at Kemper Center. FREE admission
39. Check out the Twin Lakes Mistletoe Market and Trees on Parade event, November 28. Guests will enjoy live music, vendors, Santa, and more November 28. FREE admission
40. Enjoy A Kenosha Pops Christmas Concert on December 12 in the beautiful A. F. Siebert Chapel on the Carthage College campus. FREE
41. The Stella Ballroom turns into a holiday shopping center during the Kenosha HarborMarket holiday event on December 19. FREE admission

OUTDOOR WINTER FUN

42. Have fun ice skating on the ice rink set up in Veterans Memorial Park near the harbor. FREE
43. Let's go sledding! Petrifying Springs Park and Fox River Park are popular county parks for that. Alford Park and Washington Park are among the City of Kenosha parks with sledding hills. FREE
44. Go Fish! For FREE! No fishing licenses are needed January 16-17 in Wisconsin during Free Fishing Weekend.
45. Treat yourself to a Rootbeer Whirl at The Spot Drive-In. Open year-round, you can enjoy this hometown classic even when the snow flies. Starting at \$3.79
46. Take your photo with the Bronze Al statue at The Port of Kenosha Beverage House. FREE
47. 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. \$6 rental for general public
48. Check out the Snow Daze Festival in Downtown Kenosha on January 30. There will be dozens of ice sculptures to enjoy! FREE
49. Enjoy the cross-country ski trails at Brighton Dale Park, Fox River Park, and Petrifying Springs Park. You can also snowshoe! FREE
50. 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

INDOOR FUN

51. On the first and third full weekends in September and October, tour the 1860s Durkee Mansion at Kemper Center. FREE
52. Learn about local shipwrecks in Lake Michigan at the seasonal Southport Light Station Museum (open through October). FREE
53. Explore the variety of specialty popcorn flavors at Sandy's Popper and pick your favorite to try for a home movie night. Prices Vary
54. Start your day with a sweet treat from Oliver's Bakery. Prices start at \$1
55. Tag in! America's Action Territory is open year-round. Laser tag is fun for the whole family. \$8 per game

56. Housed in a stunning building, visit the Pritzker Military Museum & Library and go behind the stories that created history. \$5 & under
57. Get creative! KPL Kids @ Uptown Lofts Library offers play-based STEM and craft activities in a vibrant, family-friendly environment. FREE
58. Bring your fur friend for a special treat at K9 Kibble. Prices vary
59. 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.
60. Pick your supplies for a fun and creative day of building and imagination at Bricks & Minifigs Kenosha. Many products \$10 & under
61. Explore Kenosha's extensive AMC history and more at the Kenosha History Center. FREE
62. 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.
63. Kids love the interactive exhibit Little Clint: The Story of a Baby Dinosaur at the Dinosaur Discovery Museum. FREE
64. Check out the local coffee shop scene. VisitKenosha.com has helpful guides to cafes. Prices vary
65. A gift shop and art gallery in one, view the works of award-winning local artists at Pollard Gallery & Gifts. FREE to browse
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. 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
68. 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
69. Stop by Brat Stop's Cheese Mart for cheese curds and more Wisconsin treats. Prices vary
70. Shop the Jockey Factory Store for great deals on Kenosha's favorite comfort retailer. Be sure to check out the "Back Room" for extra savings. Price vary
71. 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
72. Low-priced gifts at The Lettering Machine include Kenosha Stickers (under \$2 each), Kenosha/Wisconsin/holiday earrings (\$8 each pair), and ornaments (under \$10).
73. Fizzy Bizz: putting a twist on your favorite soda! The shop is now located on 52nd Street – and features a drive-thru window! Prices start at \$4
74. 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
75. The 2026 Expo Health & Home Show, presented by the Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce, is March 6-7. \$2 & under

YEAR-ROUND SIGHTSEEING FUN

76. Take a pic of one of Kenosha's most recognized landmarks: the North Pier Lighthouse. FREE

77. Visiting Wisconsin for the first time? Take a picture with the “Welcome to Wisconsin” sign at our Wisconsin Welcome Center - Kenosha. Then go inside for another fun photo op! FREE
78. Ride an authentic Electric Streetcar to restaurants, shops, museums, historic districts, and more in Downtown Kenosha. \$1 & under
79. There’s so much public art to enjoy in Kenosha – including the Sculpture Walk – HarborPark. Stroll through the outdoor “art gallery”. FREE
80. There are many outdoor murals to enjoy in Downtown Kenosha and throughout the city. A few highlights are the Kenosha Kraken on the west wall of Modern Apothecary, Place of the Pike at 625 57th Street, and Proudly Made in Kenosha at 6th Avenue and 60th Street. FREE to view
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. Kenosha to Cosenza: Sister Cities Mural is a new mural on the side of the Italian American Supper Club. This collaborative mural celebrates the vibrant cultural connection between Kenosha and one of its sister cities: Cosenza, Italy.
83. Come see our castle! Enjoy one-of-a-kind FREE photo spots and samples at Mars Cheese Castle.
84. Walk, bike, or drive through Kenosha’s four historic districts. Explore and appreciate the architecture and history of the buildings. FREE
85. Get your picture taken with the *Greetings From Kenosha* mural by artist Kelly Witte near the Jockey Factory Store downtown. FREE
86. In the Library Park Historic District, view a plaque that notes the birthplace of acclaimed actor, writer, director, and producer Orson Welles. FREE
87. At the Kenosha harbor, take time to stop and reflect at the Veterans Memorial Fountain and Lone Soldier Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park. FREE
88. West of I-94, stop by the Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park Honor Plaza, which serves as a tribute to veterans. FREE
89. 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
90. Kenosha is a Wisconsin Harbor Town! Relax and watch the sun rise over Lake Michigan. No matter the season, the sun still rises! FREE

MORE KENOSHA FUN

91. 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
92. Dine al fresco this fall on the outdoor patio with radiant heat at MelKat’s. Prices vary
93. 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 and Reuther gymnasium during the winter months. FREE admission
94. Join the Simon+ loyalty program at Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets for cash back as well as additional rewards. FREE to join

95. On Saturdays, shop at Kenosha Public Market both indoor and outdoor markets are held at Kemper Center. FREE admission
96. Meet the makers at the Kenosha Art Market in the Union Park Arts District on September 20 and October 18. FREE admission
97. October is the last month of the year to climb the 1866 Southport Lighthouse tower an amazing view (must be 8 or older)! The seasonal attraction re-opens in May. \$10 & under
98. Wilmot Flea Market happens at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds on Sundays through October 11. Admission \$2 & under
99. Find fresh greens in the middle of winter at Grow Space Vertical Farms. Order your fresh, local, clean produce online and pick up in person. \$3 and up
100. Celebrate Kenosha Restaurant Week February 20 - 28 Select specials are under \$10. Prices vary
101. Watch for this annual sign that winter is coming to an end: Big Star Drive-In re-opens around March 1. Prices vary