

FOR CGC MUNRO FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

Children's Museums

1. Bay Area Discovery Museum (BADM) – Located next to Station SF under the GGB. 7.5 acres of kid learning, education and hands on fun. We recommend annual membership as it gets you early admission, special days, and reciprocity with 300+ museums nationwide.
<https://bayareadiscoverymuseum.org/>
 - a. ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY pay only \$40 for family membership!!!
2. California Academy of Science: An all in one museum that includes an aquarium, rainforest exhibit and a natural history museum. The cafeteria is also regarded highly amongst the MUNRO crew.

Amusement Parks

3. California Great America – This is an adult amusement park with an excellent kids area. It is great due to proximity to Alameda. Children 5 and under can get free annual pass.
<https://www.cagreatamerica.com/>
 - a. NOTE: We recommend getting the GOLD annual pass (\$82) which gets you free parking and reciprocity to Gilroy Gardens (it does not get you free parking at GG).
4. Gilroy Gardens (GG) – This is the **holy grail of children's amusement parks**. It is 100% dedicated to children ages 2 – 10 years old.
 - a. We recommend getting the Great America GOLD pass which will give you reciprocity to Gilroy Gardens. If you plan to go to GG more than 2 times, you should buy one annual PREMIUM membership which will give you free parking. Your #2 Great America Gold pass will NOT get you free parking at Gilroy Gardens.
 - b. NOTE: Gilroy Gardens annual passes will NOT grant reciprocity to Great America.
5. Children's Fairyland, Oakland – This place is a relatively small amusement park which feels stuck in the 1970's but is great for younger kids. <https://fairyland.org/>
6. Tilden Park – Steam Train, Little Farm, Historic Merry-go-round. Great place to be outdoors, hike and have fun! <https://www.ebparks.org/parks/tilden/>
 - a. Little Farm = free
 - b. Merry-go-round = 7 rides for \$22
 - c. Steam Train = 5 rides for \$12
7. Land Park Sacramento Trio: Three attractions very close together in Land Park can make this park fun kids with a range of ages.
 - a. Sac Zoo: Not as expansive as the Oakland zoo, but offers a diversity of smaller animals that you will not find in Oakland. \$14 for kids, \$19 for adults.
<https://www.saczoo.org/>

- b. Funderland Park: An amusement park with slow rides catering to kids between 4 and 8 years old. \$20 for kids, \$16 for adults. <https://www.funderlandpark.com/>
- c. Fairytale Town: A small attraction that offers a unique set of playgrounds and farm animals in exhibits, no petting. Good for kids 5 and younger. \$6 for anyone 2 or older. <https://www.fairytaletown.org/>

Zoos

- 8. Oakland Zoo: Lions, Tigers, and Bears. Gondola rides are free. A family membership is \$174 and will give you 50% off all the other zoos in CA. <https://www.Oaklandzoo.com/>
- 9. San Francisco Zoo: Exhibiting a little more diversity of animals than the Oakland Zoo, notably two different subspecies of tiger and the snow leopard. Despite being a little further away from Alameda and no free gondola rides, is worth at least one trip while stationed here. <https://www.SFZoo.com>

Parks

- 10. Codornices Park: A popular park in Berkeley known for its 40 ft concrete slides. Bring cardboard for your child to slide down on. Also present are extra-long metal slides and swings. 1201 Euclid Ave, Berkeley.
- 11. Heather Farm Park: Probably the park with the most extensive set of playground equipment in the Bay Area. An extensive two-level set is great for older kids to romp around in and distracts them away from the smaller sets that gives younger kids an area to play without getting stepped on. 301 N San Carlos Dr, Walnut Creek.
- 12. Jean Sweeney Open Space Park: Very close to USCG Housing, but tucked away in the old railroad easement so it may be hard to casually find. Swings, a zip line, and a very wide slide are its main attractions. Open space and a picnic area make it an easy afternoon trip. Atlantic Ave, Alameda.
- 13. Castle Rock State Park: A neat park situated on the top of the coastal mountain ridgeline. It contains a very unique cropping of large boulders that make them easy to climb. There is usually a small contingent of rock climbers there bouldering. Parking is difficult to find on sunny weekend days.

More Info

- 14. East Bay family fun website for things to do: <https://www.510families.com/>