Family Fun!

Playground Hopping

Douglas

Bonnie Brae Rotary Park - Approximately 4 mile on North Douglas. Turn left onto Wee Burn and the small playground is at the top of the hill on the left hand side. Swings, a colorful climbing structure, picnic table and bench.

Gastineau School - Corner of Third and "I" Streets. Swings, slides, climbing structure, monkey bars, basketball courts, rock climbing wall and benches make for a good time playground.

Sandy Beach - At the very end of Third Street in Douglas. Play structure includes swings, infant swings, climbing structure, slides plus picnic shelters, beach access and public restrooms during summer months. Beautiful long shallow beach!

Downtown

Capital School - Fifth and Main. Slides, basketball court, climbing structure, and a specialized area with climbing structures for little ones.

Cathedral Park - Fifth and Gold. Grassy area with benches and a drinking fountain. Next to the historical Russian Orthodox Church.

Chicken Yard Park - Sixth & Kennedy. Swings, slide, basketball courts and a colorful climbing structure.

Cope Park - Capital and Calhoun. Baseball/soccer field, slide, infant swings, swings, climbing structure, drinking fountain, picnic tables, and restrooms. Be careful of the swiftly moving Gold Creek close by. Cool in the morning, but great afternoon sun warms this park up!

Harborview School - Glacier Ave and Twelfth. Climbing structures, swings, monkey bars, covered play area/basketball courts and a unique “ball chute”. Side entrance to the large playground is located on the harbor side of the covered play area.

Lemon Creek

Project Playground - Twin Lakes. Juneau’s largest playground including climbing structures, swings, slides, two 30-foot ziplines, a small artificial turf field and a poured-in-place play surface.

Sigoowu Ye, “Fun Place Park”- Off Davis Street on the corner of Pine and Patti. Among the trees you will find swings, monkey bars, picnic tables, benches, slides and it’s all fenced in.
The Valley

**Adair Kennedy Park** - At Floyd Dryden Middle School off the Loop Road. There is a large track and field/football/soccer area, baseball field, basketball and tennis courts, as well as a playground area which includes swings, climbing structure, monkey bars, slides, and picnic tables. Lots of variety!

**Auke Bay School** - A short distance beyond DeHart’s at Auke Bay. Includes both upper and lower playgrounds. Slides, swings, a climbing structure, monkey bars, basketball court/covered play area, small baseball field and a sandbox all make this a great play area for all ages. A nature trail is located behind the playground for nature enthusiasts.

**Glacier Valley School** - Take a right turn immediately after the overpass on the Loop Road, and the school is straight ahead. There is a covered play area/basketball court, swings, climbing structure, monkey bars, baseball field and a “snake” (similar to teeter-totter). Portable toilet available on site.

**Melvin Park** - Off Riverside Drive, this park has baseball/soccer fields, a climbing structure with slides, picnic tables, benches and a small grassy hill to play on. Restrooms and drinking fountain available. Lots of activity at this park year round!

**Mendenhaven “Hidden Park”** - Off Mendenhall Blvd., across the creek from Birch Street, there are swings, a climbing structure, slides, monkey bars, a picnic table and a grassy area for play.

**Mendenhall River School** - Take the last left on Back Loop Road before Mendenhall River. This great play area has swings, a climbing structure, monkey bars, basketball court/covered play area, slides and a baseball/soccer field. Portable toilet available.

**Riverside Rotary Park** - Small park located off Riverside Drive. It has infant and regular swings, a climbing structure, monkey bars, sandbox, slides and picnic tables. A small paved path around the pond makes for great biking for little ones and a nice walk. Portable toilet and drinking fountain available on site.

**Riverbend School** - Located off Riverside Drive next to Dimond Park. This playground has slides, climbing equipment, basketball court, and an open area great for running.

**University Housing** - Located off Back Loop Road. Small playground which includes swings, a climbing structure, monkey bars, teeter-totter, slides and a basketball court.
**Best Low-Tide Beach Walks**

Tide books tell you what the low and high tides will be for each day of the year and can be found for FREE at banks, grocery stores and most hardware stores. Be sure to grab this essential Southeast tool to plan your next beach walk!

**Eagle Beach** – Eagle Beach is 27 miles north of Juneau along Glacier Highway with views of Lynn Canal and the Chilkat Mountains. Large beach and river bars offer beachcombing and fishing. Whales, sea lions, and seals frequent the ocean nearby but be careful! The tide comes in quickly so watch the time.

**False Outer Point** – This beach walk is located at 11.5 mile on North Douglas and leads to a wonderful beach for tidal pool exploration on low tides. Be sure to look for shells and other beach treasures!

**Point Louisa** – Just past Auke Rec., take the trail out to the point! This is another great location for viewing and exploring sea creatures.

**Sandy Beach** – Created from mine tailings from long ago, this sandy beach is perfect for building sand castles and running barefoot. It is also a favorite spot for dogs so expect to see many four-legged friends!

**Shaman Island** – Accessible by both the Outer Point and Rainforest Trails, a half mile before the end of North Douglas Highway, this easy mile-long walk is on boardwalk or gravel trail. You can only get to the island by foot during a minus tide so plan accordingly. Find sea stars, sea urchins, sea anemones and more! Be sure and leave these live critters here and don’t get stranded on the island - the tide floods back quickly!

**Wetlands** – Take the trail at the end of Radcliffe (near the airport runway), the Wetlands viewing area (off of Egan Drive) or Sunny Point to view the channel going dry at a minus tide. Be sure to wear boots and wonder at the variety of birds. Give yourself plenty of time to get back as the tide will flood quickly.

**Easy Berry Picking Patches**

**Basin Road** – Thimbleberries and salmonberries - Many of the side trails off Basin Road have berries. Thimbleberries resemble raspberries and ripen later in the season than salmonberries.

**Eaglecrest** – Blueberries - Park on any of the side trails on the way up, or later in the season try the areas around the beginner ski hills, or the lower end of the Nordic trails.
**Stroller-Friendly Trails**

**Airport Wetlands** – Park at the end of Radcliff Road and enjoy this sunny, flat trail. If your kids are airplane enthusiasts be sure to plan your walk so you can experience the planes landing and taking off overhead!

**Auke Lake Trail** – This trail and floating boardwalk is great for exploring and bird-watching! Park at UAS or the boat launch and enjoy the walk around the lake.

**Dockside and Downtown** – View the beautiful streets of downtown while window shopping and then watch for gulls along the wooden walking dock by the library.

**Douglas Glory Hole** – Access a waterfall via the trail behind the Sandy Beach playground. The walk is less than 1/2 mile and the powerful waterfall is sure to thrill.

**Kaxdigouwahneedei (Brotherhood Bridge)** – This wide and easy path is paved from Brotherhood Bridge (by Safeway) to the end of River Road on Back Loop. Plenty of stopping points with benches and garbage receptacles, sunny spots and shaded areas. Great for bikes, trikes, strollers, roller blading or just walking.

**Mendenhall Glacier** – About a mile past the Back Loop cut-off is the Main parking lot. Watch for tourist busses and peer into the beaver ponds on the way.

**Outer Point Trail** – This updated loop trail is now stroller-friendly and meets ADA guidelines! The trailhead is located at about 12-mile on North Douglas, just past the steeper Rainforest Trail. Enjoy the flat walk to the beach, through meadows and woods, and then explore the tide pools or have a picnic on the water.

**The Seawalk** – The new town square of Juneau! Start at the Whale Park next to the Douglas bridge. Enjoy the many picnic tables, covered shelter and stairs to the beaches. Watch for Salmon in the summer!

**Twin Lakes** – One mile of paved, lakeside trail right next to Project Playground (to be completed in September of 2018) off of Old Glacier Highway. Take a few minutes to explore the United Way Born Learning trail going up to the gazebo.

**The University** – Enjoy the great path from the University complex up to student housing. Stop at the playground at Housing and then venture back via University Drive and Back Loop Road.

For more hike/walk ideas, be sure to pick up a copy of 90 Short Walks Around Juneau or Juneau Trails at the Glacier Visitor Center.
Other Outside Fun

Campfire – Build one in the backyard or head out to a shelter along the beach at Auke Rec out the road. Be sure to pack marshmallows!

Sledding – Juneau is home to great hills, so grab a sled and show your kids what fun winter can be.

Stargazing – Find a clear night, drive to the Glacier and try to find constellations, or make up your own!

Bike Riding – Refer to “Stroller-Friendly Trails” on the previous page to get ideas for a spin.

Fly a Kite – Sandy Beach and the Wetlands are just two open places where a little wind can mean a LOT of fun.


Cross Country Skiing – You’re never too young (or old) to learn! Gear can be rented for a fee from Eaglecrest or Foggy Mountain Sports (downtown).

Jensen-Olson Arboretum – Located just past mile 23 north of downtown Juneau, open year round, free of charge! Come enjoy the beauty of flowers and trees. Call 789-0139 for more information.

Juneau’s Indoor Zoos

DIPAC Fish Hatchery – 463-5114, 2697 Channel Dr., near the Juneau Empire Building. The underwater fish viewing window is open 24 hours a day, and you can also look down into the holding pens. For $3 per child and $5 per adult you can have a full tour, and go inside to see the salt water aquariums. Hours: May 1 - September 30: Mon-Fri 10am - 6pm, Sat-Sun 10am - 5pm.

Gastineau Humane Society – 7705 Glacier Hwy. Swing by Monday – Saturday from 2 – 5pm to visit the cats, dogs and other animals up for adoption. For more information, call 789-0260.

Juneau Airport – They may be stuffed, but these bears and wolves are sure to impress your little one! Tour the taxidermy spectacle located throughout the airport.

PetCo – 9105 Mendenhall Mall Road – Juneau’s pet stores are a great place to see lizards, snakes, and fish while shopping for your four-legged friends.

Swampy Acres – 10400 Glacier Hwy. – Sing 8-10 verses of “Old MacDonald” while visiting pigs, chickens, peacocks, rabbits, horses and more! Appointments required, call 789-7253.
Museums, Libraries and More

Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives and Museum
465-2910 - Located at 395 Whittier St., this state museum is fun for the whole family!

Juneau-Douglas City Museum - 586-3572 - Located at 155 S Seward St. Hours and price depend on the time of year, so make sure to call ahead. Free admission during the winter.

Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center - 789-0097 - Drop by this hotspot to learn about the glacier, interact with the exhibits and check in on the special programs offered throughout the year.

Marie Drake Planetarium - Come and see the stars! The planetarium, located in the Marie Drake building downtown, is a unique Juneau resource. It models the sky anytime, even when the weather is miserable, it has a 30 foot dome ceiling, and is equipped with many projectors, in addition to the stars and planets. Programs are presented throughout the year by the Friends of the Marie Drake Planetarium. Check out their event calendar at www.mariedrakeplanetarium.org.

Juneau Public Libraries........................................www.juneau.org/library
Weekly and special events at three locations. In addition to board books, picture books, magazines, novels and information resources, you can find puzzles and games. ALL EVENTS ARE FREE. All families are welcome. Visit the website for current event schedule and Storytime and Toddler Time hours.

• Downtown Juneau Public Library — 586-5249

• Douglas Public Library — 364-2378
Located at 1016 3rd Street, Douglas. Shared building with the Douglas Fire Hall, parking below building with inside stair access. Handicap parking in front of building. Special kid area includes a space ship, boat and great view of Sheep Mountain avalanche zone. Explore the wonderful art created for this local treasure box.

• Mendenhall Valley Library — 789-0125
Located at 3025 Dimond Park Loop, next to the Dimond Aquatic Center. The newest facility, features a children’s space with stage area, cozy reading nooks, train/LEGO table and lots of seating for reading with your kids.
Pools, Gyms and Playing Fields

1619 Glacier Ave. Classes and open swim available for children and adults alike! Call or go online to check out the schedule and fees. www.juneau.org/parkrec/pool/

Dimond Park Aquatic Center - 586-2782 - www.juneau.org/parkrec/pool. This family-friendly facility features water slides, a lazy river and children’s pool.

Dimond Park Field House - 523-4910 - www.dimondparkfieldhouse.org
Located at 2961 Riverside Drive. This 29,000 square foot indoor turf field is the perfect solution for those who need to run, regardless of the weather! The facility hosts a “Turf for Tots” program which runs Monday-Friday and gives your little ones (ages 5 and under) a chance to run the sillies out while playing with other children. Call for prices and times.

Juneau Dance Theatre - 463-5327 - www.juneaudance.org
8420 Airport Blvd. Suite 202. JDT features a variety of dance classes for students of all ages and levels of ability. Call for a schedule and prices.

preschool.php 909 4th St. in Douglas. Drop by this historic school gymnasium for Preschool Open Gym, Monday-Friday from 10:30am to 12:00pm. The program is for children ages 1-6 and cost is $1 per child.

Southeast Alaska Gymnastics Academy - 789-7440 - juneaugymnastics.com This facility offers a variety of classes. Call the number above for a schedule, or visit www.juneaugymnastics.com.

The Rock Dump Kids Rock Day - 586-4982 - 1310 Eastauhg Way, Thane Road. Are your children climbing the walls? That’s a healthy activity at The Rock Dump! Mondays, kids climb for $5 with free rentals, kids under 5 are 5$ EVERYDAY.

Treadwell Ice Arena - 586-0410 - www.juneau.org/parkrec/icerink/
105 Savikko Rd. in Douglas. This indoor skating rink boasts hockey, parent/tot and open skates. Check online or call for schedule and price. (Open September - April)

Zach Gordon Youth Center - 586-2635 - juneau.org/parksrec/youthcenter. 396 Whittier St. This is a supervised recreation center primarily for youth. Drop-in youth activities include ping-pong, pool, Wii, movies, board games, foosball, racquetball, basketball, weights and arts and crafts. There is also a climbing wall available for both youth and adult access.