

## 50 Idea for Fun with the Kids in Calgary Parks - 2014

- 1. Take your buckets and shovels to play in the pea gravel
- 2. Put on your rain gear and go to a spray park in the rain (they only close in the summer if there is lightning)
- 3. Go wading in the Elbow River (my favorite place for this used to be [Sandy Beach](#) but it hasn't reopened since the flood).
- 4. Walk up to the top of the big hill at [Prairie Winds Park](#) and watch the planes fly right over your head
- 5. Bring a ball or frisbee to the park
- 6. Watch the ducks at [Confederation Park](#)
- 7. Walk through the wetlands interpretive trail at [Pearce Estate Park](#)
- 8. Visit the [Nature Centre](#) at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary (the pathways will still be closed for 2014)
- 9. Take a [drop in program](#) at [Ralph Klein Park](#)
- 10. Too miserable to play outside? Visit the [Devonian Gardens](#) downtown
- 11. Go on a scavenger hunt
- 12. Roll down a hill
- 13. Have a picnic
- 14. Look for waterbugs and minnows at one of Calgary's wetlands (like [Pearce Estate Park](#), [Ralph Klein Park](#) or [Laycock Park](#).)
- 15. Play on the playground equipment with your kids, climb up the climber, slide down the slide, swing on the swings
- 16. Try out the new [OISEAU Agent of Nature app](#) at one of Calgary's participating parks
- 17. Use the playground equipment to create an obstacle course
- 18. Throw rocks in the river
- 19. Admire the flowers that Senator Patrick Burns Rock Garden (at [Riley Park](#)) or [Reader Rock Garden](#)
- 20. [Book a picnic site](#) and host a multi-family BBQ
- 21. Go for a bike ride along the [Rotary/Mattamy Greenway](#)
- 22. Go paddle boating at [Bowness Park](#) (when it reopens)
- 23. Find the rabbit statues at [Edgepark Ravine](#)
- 24. Look for wildlife on [Nose Hill](#)
- 25. Jump in puddles after the rain
- 26. Go for a hike
- 27. Take some books and read in the shade
- 28. See how many different kinds of leaves you can find
- 29. Build towers out of rocks

- 30. Bring a bag and some gloves and pick up trash
- 31. Lay down in the grass and find shapes in the clouds
- 32. Take some pictures - teach your kid how to use the camera
- 33. Have a day at the Beach at [Sikome Lake](#) (this is actually inside Fish Creek Provincial Park)
- 34. Play at all the playgrounds within walking distance of your house.
- 35. [Start a game of grounders](#) on the playground
- 36. Go boat watching by the Glenmore Reservoir at [South Glenmore Park](#)
- 37. Look at bugs in the grass
- 38. Look under rocks
- 39. Find a new playground
- 40. Meet up with friends
- 41. Blow bubbles
- 42. Take a dog to an off leash park
- 43. Leave the city behind without leaving the city limits with a walk through [Carburn Park](#)
- 44. Play follow the leader
- 45. Dress up in costumes
- 46. Take a walk along the River and visit the new [Poppy Plaza](#)
- 47. Walk through [outdoor art](#) at [Prince's Island Park](#)
- 48. Play Pooh sticks on a bridge
- 49. [Write up a review](#) of your favorite playground for Calgary Playground Review
- 50. Call 311 if you see graffiti or broken things at a park or playground

