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CHEAP THINGS TO DO IN BRISBANE WITH KIDS!

LOOKING FOR LOW (OR NO) COST KIDS ENTERTAINMENT?
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED! HERE ARE 50 AWESOME CHEAP
THINGS TO DO IN BRISBANE WITH KIDS.

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CITY OF LIGHTS

City of Lights is a Brisbane City Council initiative that looks to dress up the city in style. The best lights can be found in the Brisbane City Botanic Gardens but there are numerous other locations scattered throughout the CBD. It's a beautiful spot to take kids at dusk or a little later to experience magical fairy lights.



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QUEENSLAND MUSEUM

Queensland Museum has been entrancing and educating Brisbane citizens since its inception in 1862. It has been located at the Cultural Centre (South Bank) since 1986. We've got a series of [downloadable activity sheets](#) perfect for a trip to the Museum with kids!



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EAT STREET MARKETS

Eat Street Markets offers a delicious array of delicacies from all over the world. It is also home to free entertainment every weekend. Dancing, singing, musical acts and movies played on the big screen are all set against the perfect North Shore backdrop. Parking is cheap in the grounds or you can find a free spot in the nearby surrounding streets.

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SANDGATE FAIRY DOORS

It's our favourite Brisbane mystery! Just who is behind the Sandgate Fairy Doors? There are a number of fairy locations throughout the Sandgate/Brighton foreshore area. Perfect for a wander and a wonder about just who is behind this adorable mystery.

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BUSHWALKING

Get back to nature! There are a number of fabulous walking tracks (of different difficulty gradients) in Brisbane and the surrounds.



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Free events for kids in 2018

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Caboolture Kids Health Check Day: 4 July 2018

Register now by calling (07) 3138 9777.

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BIRD WATCHING

The climate and variety of green landscapes in Brisbane make it absolutely prime for fabulous bird watching opportunities. Binoculars, hats, sunscreen and patience are all that's required for a great day out.

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SOUTH BANK

South Bank is home to an absolute treasure trove of cheap or free family friendly fun! Check out our guide to a day out that won't break the bank.

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STREETS BEACH

This one deserved an entry all of its own. Streets Beach is a phenomenon. This is a one of a kind experience for beach swimming in an inner-city location. What could be better? Gaze out over the city while you swim lazy laps and the kids build sandcastles.

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ROMA STREET PARKLAND

This is one of our favourite places in Brisbane – check out our comprehensive review here. Some of the best playgrounds you’ll ever come across, perfectly manicured gardens, family-friendly facilities and it’s easily accessible via public transport. Perfect!

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BIKE RIDING

Get those wheels moving! There are a HUGE number of awesome family-friendly bike paths around Brisbane – it's just a case of pointing your wheels in the right direction.

Looking for a different kind of biking experience? We've investigated [cargo bikes](#) here!



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SETTLEMENT COVE

Northsiders rejoice! Settlement Cove, Redcliffe, is officially one of the funnest places to cool down in Brisbane. If you've not been yet - what are you waiting for?

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SWIMMING POOLS

Low cost entry fee at any of a number of Brisbane's fabulous swimming pools means a great day of getting exercise in style. A large number of these pools are also toddler friendly!

Check out these links:

- [Pools in Brisbane](#)
- [Toddler friendly pools in Brisbane](#)
- [Heated pools in Brisbane](#)

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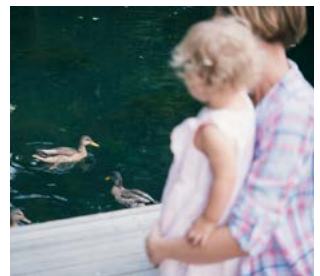
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DUCK FEEDING

A free or cheap activity that kids love doing is, of course, feeding the ducks! There are heaps of places around Brisbane to feed ducks but make sure you follow this guide to safe feeding.

Did you know ducks shouldn't eat bread?!

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SKATE PARKS

Skater boys and girls unite! Brisbane has some great skate parks to offer families looking for a place to BMX, skateboard or scooter. It's a great, healthy way to burn off energy.

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MT COOT-THA

Mt Coot-tha is the most spectacular vantage point that Brisbane has to offer. Apart from the view, there is also a restaurant and café set up that comes complete with the best icecream you've ever had! (There's something about icecream that really complements an amazing view.) The Brisbane Astronomical Society offers public viewing nights are a no cost way to [explore Brisbane after dark](#).

There's a [zipline](#) in the works for Mt Coot-tha that will really highlight all that this incredible green space has to offer.



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JC SLAUGHTER FALLS

Slaughter Falls may have a scary sounding name but it's a great free activity for kids. Head up towards Mt Coot-tha and then enjoy the winding natural paths and beautiful flora and fauna that the area has to offer.



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PLAYGROUNDS

Brisbane has incredible playgrounds to offer families. There are way too many to list individually but here are some of our favourites:

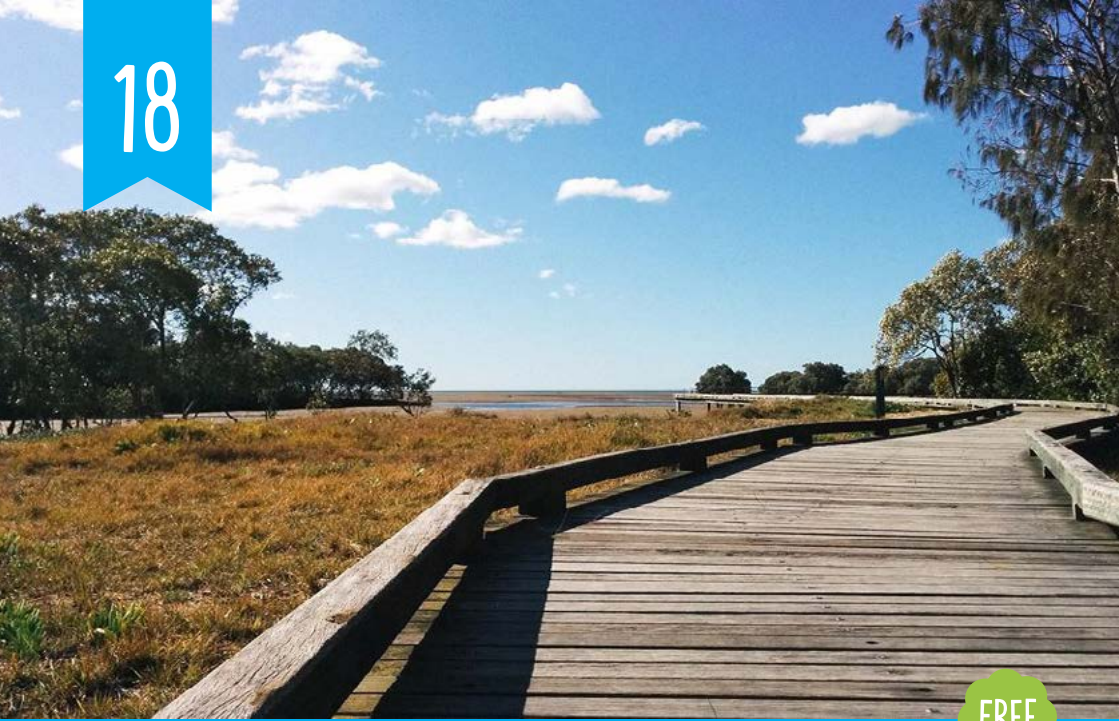
- [South Bank Riverside Green](#)
- [Roma Street Parkland](#)
- [City Botanic Gardens](#)
- [Wynnum Whale Park](#)
- [Colmslie Beach Reserve](#)

Make a mission to explore your local playgrounds and come up with your own short list!

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NUDGEE BEACH BOARD WALK

The Nudgee Beach boardwalk is one of our favourite city beach spots. This is a great way to spend a lazy afternoon in nature.



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WYNNUM MANGROVE BOARDWALK

Wynnum Mangrove Boardwalk is an historic structure that weaves and winds through the mangrove forest. Beautiful at high or low tide - this is an experience that every family has to have at least once.



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FREE

WALK TO KING ISLAND, WELLINGTON POINT

Walking from Wellington Point to King Island during low tide is something you have to experience to truly believe. Follow the natural bridge (roughly 1km) after closely checking tide times. Hands down one of the best free activities in Brisbane.



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KITE FLYING

Let's go fly a kite!

Brisbane is PRIME kite flying location. So much open space, beautiful bay breezes and the clearest skies this side of ... well, anywhere! One of our favourite times of year is the Kite Festival - check it out to get advice from the pros!

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BRISBANE FESTIVALS

We're always covering Festivals at Families Magazine! Our city is so blessed to be presented with a constantly rotating array of experiences, culinary delights and exposure to the arts from all over the world. Bookmark this page to make sure you're up to date with where to go to get amongst it!

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WEEKEND CITYCAT CRUISE

Did you know that kids travel free on public transport on the weekends? For the cost of only an adult ticket, this means that you can explore Brisbane River in style via a [CityCat adventure](#)! There are toilets and drinks available on board. You can sit inside out of the wind or on the deck to catch the sea breeze. It's a great experience that kids will love and it stops all throughout the CBD.

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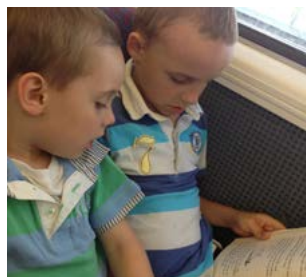
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WEEKEND TRAIN TRIP EXPLORATION

Speaking of kids travelling free on public transport on the weekends...

Try one of these adventures!

- [Half day trips on the Gold Coast train line](#)
- [Half day trips on the Caboolture train line](#)
- [Half day trips on the Shorncliffe train line](#)
- [Half day trips on the Beenleigh train line](#)
- [Half day trips through the City train stations](#)



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POWERKIDS AT THE POWERHOUSE

Every Tuesday, during the school term, on the Turbine Platform, anything is possible. Powerkids: Little Artists at Play is a creative play workshop series for children aged 0-5 years and their parents and carers. Bring your kids along to take part in multi-art experiences led by internationally acclaimed artists from Imaginary Theatre.



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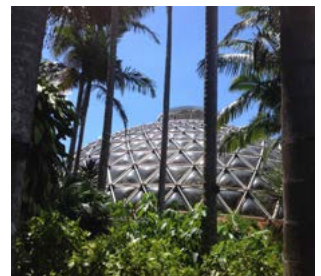
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BOTANIC GARDENS

The Botanic Gardens (either in the city centre or at the base of Mt Coot-tha) are a fabulous chance for families to enjoy the great outdoors. Pack a picnic, enjoy the playgrounds, kick a ball around, fly a kite or explore the vast varieties of flora and fauna on display.



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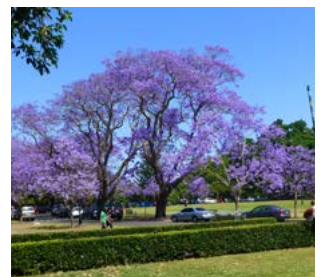
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NEW FARM PARK

It's one of the best spots in Brisbane! What's not to love about New Farm Park? The playground, the open spaces, the river, the gazebos and the feeling like you're in a little piece of living history.



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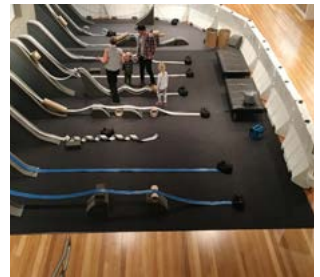


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IPSWICH ART GALLERY

The Ipswich Art Gallery's Children's Gallery is an Australian first. It is the country's first permanent, interactive children's gallery space designed for the under-twelves, with specific programs aimed at the early childhood, lower primary and upper primary age ranges. Find out what is on now.

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FREE

SWIMMING HOLES

There are a number of free natural swimming holes in or near Brisbane – check out this list! Have you made a splash in all of them yet?

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WATERFALLS

As per the above entry – there are some spectacular waterfalls in the region to check out. True natural wonders!

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Victoria Park is a destination of amazing experiences! With a [kid's playground](#), outdoor giant games area and free parking on-site, it's the perfect place to spend a fun afternoon in Brisbane. They also have a 18 hole Putt Putt course, golf course, driving range and family friendly Bistro with a kids menu available.

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FREE

FAIRY HUNTING

Do you know a child who loves fairies? There are some cost-free activities on this list. Get lost in the wonder of childhood and look for fairies right here in Brisbane!

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SHOPPING CENTRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Our 'Complete guide to school holiday activities in Brisbane' reflects the effort that the local shopping centres put into free and low cost activities. From crafting to creating to collaborating - these are great ways to get the kids out of the house and engaged!



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LOCAL LIBRARY

Your local library has a TONNE of free activities to offer you and your young children. If you've not been to a library lately you'll be truly amazed at what's on offer. It's definitely not just books anymore!

Here's an overview of all the Brisbane City Council libraries. Find yours!

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FREE

TREE CLIMBING

This is old-school childhood at its best. Let your kids get back to basics and find the best climbing trees in Brisbane.



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FREE

KANGAROO POINT CLIFFS

Kangaroo Point cliff walks offer the best inner-city views around. Follow the cliffs all the way along to find a real hidden gem of a park – Captain Burke Park, right underneath the Story Bridge!



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FREE

CITY HALL CLOCK TOWER

The outside of the City Hall Bell Tower may offer a spectacular display during Christmas time, but the inside houses a real delight all year long. Travel up to visit the historic clock tower – it’s a tight squeeze but an experience not to be forgotten in a hurry!

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MUSEUM OF BRISBANE

This events page will connect you to all of the free and low cost interesting and educational activities that the Museum of Brisbane (located in City Hall) has to offer. It's a real treasure trove that you may never have seen before!

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KIDS EAT FREE!

Hungry? Good! Here's a list of where and when kids can eat for FREE in Brisbane!

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QUEENSLAND ART GALLERY AND GALLERY OF MODERN ART

The Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art are like yin and yang – two distinct galleries that make a perfect whole. Between them the city showcases world-class art exhibitions that are more often than not free to attend.



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DAISY HILL KOALA CENTRE

Built by the Queensland Government as a dedicated koala education facility, the Daisy Hill Koala Centre was opened to the public in 1995. Extensively refurbished in 2009, it features a large outdoor koala enclosure and many interactive displays.



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ROMA STREET PARKLAND TREASURE HUNT

Here's a free downloadable for a scavenger hunt smack bang in the middle of Roma Street Parklands!



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WALKABOUT CREEK DISCOVERY CENTRE

The Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre is a great place to take little kids who are keen to experience our Australian wildlife without the big zoo prices!



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ENOGGERA RESERVOIR

This is one of our absolute favourite free spots in Brisbane – and there’s a video review! This is where all the cool kids cool down when the weather heats up.

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BUNYA CREEK CROSSING

As per Enoggera Reservoir, this is another fabulous free spot to make an absolute splash. Click through on this link to find out more and to check out our video review.

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CHRISTMAS PARADE

It's a tradition! Christmas in Brisbane just isn't complete without a visit to the wonderful Christmas parade. The tree is lit in late November and the parade takes place for a week in mid December. Perfect!

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LIGHTING OF THE TREE IN KING GEORGE SQUARE

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Head to King George Square in late November for the spectacular lighting of the fabulous tree!



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DIVE-IN MOVIES

Dive-in movies take place in the hotter months and are a great way to enjoy your local community. Here's where to find a few on Australia Day but keep your ear to the ground for local buzz in your area when the mercury rises!

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CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Here's where to find all the best Christmas markets! Free samples, cheap gifts and the opportunity to mingle during jingle (bells).

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FAMILIES MAGAZINE'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR

The ultimate free thing to do in Brisbane with kids is to take a fabulous [Families Magazine Christmas Lights Tour](#). We produce an intuitive map that will lead you on the best journey through your local area to see light displays that truly boggle the mind. This is always a hugely popular event on our Facebook page so make sure you're a [follower who doesn't miss any news!](#)

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