Rashmi’s Guide for Kids Friendly Activities

If I’m out and about with my son, more than likely I’ll be at one of these places.

**Best Garden**

**HUNTINGTON LIBRARY**

1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108

https://huntington.org/

Wander through botanical gardens, soaking in the breathtaking views of different plant varieties in more than a dozen gardens, including the children’s Gardens (complete with water features).

**Best Place to see Peacock**

**LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM**

301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007

https://wwwarboretum.org/

Enjoy areas famous peacocks showing off their feathers while checking out the historical botanical garden.

**Best Place for Hiking**

**EATON CANYON NATURAL AREA**

1801-1945 Veranada Ave, Altadena, CA 91001

https://www.ecnca.org/

Explore the trails, trees, waterfalls, and wildlife. The Junior Nature Trail is especially suited for little ones, as is the Nature Center.
Best Local Museum

**KIDSPACE CHILDREN’S MUSEUM**

480 N Arroyo Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91103

https://kidspacemuseum.org/

*Climbing, biking, exploring arroyo: this space is designed to delight and engage children emotionally, intellectually, and physically through joyful, kid-driven experiences.*

Best Bookstore

**VROMAN’S BOOKS**

695 E. Colorado Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91101

https://www.vromansbookstore.com/

*Immerse with your kids in books at California’s Largest & Oldest Independent Bookstore.*

Best Indoor Activities

**PASADENA ICE SKATING CENTER**

00 E Green St, Pasadena, CA 91101

https://www.skatepasadena.com/

*Cool down with your kids while whirling and twirling in skates at this indoor rink.*

**NEON RETRO ARCADE**

28 S Raymond Ave, Pasadena, CA 91105

http://www.neonretroarcade.com/

*Get nostalgic with kids by playing a few rounds of old-fashioned pinball.*

Best Local Park

**BROOKSIDE PARK**

360 North Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91103

https://www.cityofpasadena.net/parks-and-rec/parks/brookside-park/

*Picnic while watching your kids pretending to be pirates at this pirate ship-themed playground.*
**Best Beach**

**LEO CARRILLO STATE BEACH**

35000 West Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265

[https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30660](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30660)

*Explore tide pools, coastal caves and reefs while watching people surf.*

**Best In n Out to Eat**

**IN-N-OUT BURGER – LAX**

9149 S Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045

[https://locations.in-n-out.com/117-Los-Angeles](https://locations.in-n-out.com/117-Los-Angeles)

*Enjoy burgers, hand-cut fries and real ice cream shakes while watching planes land at LAX at this great plane-spotting place.*

**Best Museum in Broader Los Angeles**

**LA BREA TAR PITS**

5801 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036

[https://tarpits.org/](https://tarpits.org/)

*Explore the only consistently active urban Ice Age excavation site in the world with your little ones. Just make sure that the tar stays off their hand.*

**Best Theater**

**BOB BAKER MARIONETTE THEATER**

4949 York Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90042

[https://www.bobbakermarionettetheater.com/](https://www.bobbakermarionettetheater.com/)

*Enjoy the wonder of puppets with your little ones.*

**Best Outdoor Climbing**

**VASQUEZ ROCKS**

10700 Escondido Canyon Rd, Agua Dulce, CA 91390


*Let the little explorers run free to rock-climb and hike through stunning scenery.*