

Creative play ideas



- ☐ Draw with chalk
- ☐ Build a den
- ☐ Make mud pies
- ☐ Create nature art
- ☐ Play shops or role play
- ☐ Build with cardboard boxes
- ☐ Have a dance party
- ☐ Dress up and perform
- ☐ Blow bubbles
- ☐ Make an obstacle course

Why these moments matter

It doesn't have to be a big day out – small moments together help children feel safe, loved, and ready to try new things.

A chat on a walk, a shared story or time to play side by side can make a real difference.

Tip:

You don't need to spend money to create meaningful experiences – **time, play and connection matter most.**



Bracknell Forest Council

Working together to support children, families, and communities.

Find more support from Bracknell Forest Family Hubs

Family hubs offer activities for children under five and support for parents and carers across Bracknell Forest.

- Email: best.start@bracknell-forest.gov.uk
- Follow us on facebook: [BracknellForestFamilyHubs/](https://www.facebook.com/BracknellForestFamilyHubs/)
- Or visit: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/family-hub-activities

Come along to one of our friendly play and activity sessions for children under five and their families.



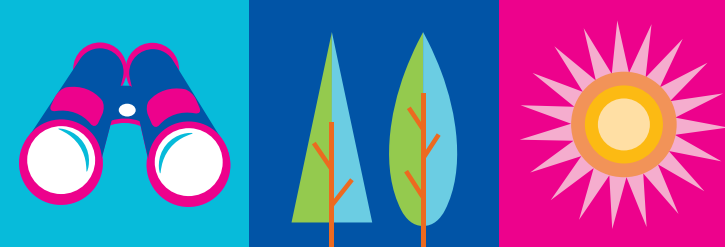
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free summer activities to do in Bracknell Forest before you're five.

A simple summer booklet to help families play, explore and make memories together.





Summer challenge

Tick each activity as you go and see how many adventures you can enjoy together.

Name:

Age:

Getting outside in Bracknell Forest is a wonderful way for children under five to play, learn and grow. Fresh air and open spaces give them room to run, climb, splash, look, listen, and explore the world around them.

Whether it's a quick trip to the park, a woodland wander or a picnic on the grass, these simple outdoor moments help build confidence, coordination, curiosity, and happy memories – and they're free, local and easy to enjoy together.

How to use this booklet:

Dip in and out over the summer, choose ideas that suit your child, and enjoy free, simple moments at your own pace.

There's no right way to do it – one activity or all 50; **every little adventure counts.**



Parks and playground adventures

- ☐ Play at Lily Hill Park
- ☐ Run down hills at Westmorland Park
- ☐ Explore Mill Pond play area
- ☐ Visit South Hill Park toddler play area
- ☐ Climb at Jocks Lane recreation ground
- ☐ Dig in sand at Locks Ride recreation ground
- ☐ Visit Savernake Park
- ☐ Try Goddard Way play area
- ☐ Explore Pope's Meadow
- ☐ Visit King George V recreation ground
- ☐ Play at Asher recreation ground
- ☐ Try a new playground each week



Nature and outdoor fun

- ☐ Go on a bug hunt
- ☐ Collect leaves and sticks
- ☐ Feed ducks at Mill Pond
- ☐ Go on a woodland walk
- ☐ Follow the Green Man Sculpture Trail
- ☐ Watch squirrels
- ☐ Jump in puddles
- ☐ Spot seasonal changes
- ☐ Go on a listening walk
- ☐ Ride a scooter on paths
- ☐ Have a teddy bears' picnic
- ☐ Go cloud watching



Library and quiet-time ideas

- ☐ Visit your local library
- ☐ Choose books together
- ☐ Read in the children's area
- ☐ Join the Summer Reading Challenge
- ☐ Do some drawing
- ☐ Join rhyme time



Everyday summer adventures

- ☐ Visit The Lexicon
- ☐ Ride escalators
- ☐ Watch buses or trains
- ☐ Visit a garden centre
- ☐ Look at animals at Moss End
- ☐ Go for a snack walk
- ☐ Watch building sites safely
- ☐ Feed ducks (appropriate food)
- ☐ Go on a colour hunt
- ☐ Create a mini treasure hunt

