



Juneau

# Family Pages

Resource Directory for families with children ages birth to eight

## Family Fun! -Museums, Libraries, Activities & More

### Museums & Libraries

**Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives, and Museum, 907-465-2910** - Located at 395 Whittier St. This state museum is fun for the whole family!

**Juneau-Douglas City Museum, 907-586-3572** - Located at 114 W. 4th St. Hours and price depend on the time of year, so make sure to call ahead.

**Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center, 907-789-0097** - Drop by this hotspot to learn about the glacier, interact with the exhibits and enjoy 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](http://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, Storytime and Toddler Time hours.

- **Valley Branch, 907-789-0125**

Located at 3025 Dimond Park Loop. Features a large children's area with blocks, trains and reading cubbies children can climb.

- **Downtown Juneau Public Library, 907-586-5249**

Located at 292 Marine Way, on the top floor of the Marine Park Garage. Parking on the lower level, letter spaces. Elevator button "L" for Library. Enjoy some of the best views in town and another great children's area!

- **Douglas Public Library, 907-364-2378**

Located at 1016 3rd Street, Douglas. Shares building with the Douglas Fire Hall, parking below building with inside stair access. Handicap parking in front of building. Kids' area includes a boat and great view of Sheep Mountain avalanche zone. What can you I-Spy display in lobby?

### Outdoor Fun

**Campfire** – Head out to a shelter a local beach park. 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. Try the hills behind Auke Bay Elementary, Floyd Dryeden Middle School, or Salmon Creek Dam.

**Stargazing** – Find a clear night, drive to the Glacier and look for constellations, or make up your own!

**Bike Riding** – Refer to "Stroller-Friendly Trails" on 'Beach Walks and Trails' 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.

**Alaska State Park Cabins** – Rent a cabin for a fun family getaway. Kowee Meadow is an easy, family-friendly hike (3 miles), <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/cabins/south>. Or you can book an easy access cabin at Eagle Beach (short walk): <https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/eagle-beach-state-recreation-area/AK/1180932/overview>.

**US Forest Service Cabin** – Rent a cabin for a fun family getaway. Easiest is Windfall Lake (3 miles) [www.fs.fed.us/recreation/reservations/](http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/reservations/) or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

**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! Visit and enjoy the beauty of flowers and trees and the nationally-accredited collection of primula. Call 907-789-0139 for more information.

### Pools, Gyms and Playing Fields

**Augustus Brown Pool, 907-586-5325** -

[JuneauPools.org](http://JuneauPools.org)

Located at 1619 Glacier Ave. Classes and open swim available for children and adults alike! Call or go online to check out the schedule and fees.

**Dimond Park Aquatic Center, 907-586-2782** -

[www.juneau.org/parkrec/pool](http://www.juneau.org/parkrec/pool). This family-friendly facility features water slides, a lazy river and children's pool.

**Dimond Park Field House, 907-364-3734**

[https://juneau.org/parks-recreation/dimond-park-field-house](http://juneau.org/parks-recreation/dimond-park-field-house) 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 that runs Monday-Friday and gives your little ones (ages 5 and under) a chance to run and play. Call for prices and times.

**Mt. Jumbo Gym, 907-364-2568** - [www.juneau.org/parkrec/gyms/preschool.php](http://www.juneau.org/parkrec/gyms/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.

**Treadwell Ice Arena, 907-586-0410** - [www.juneau.org/parkrec/icerink/](http://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 August–April)

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**Zach Gordon Youth Center, 907-586-2635** - [juneau.org/parks-recreation/zach-gordon/zgyc](http://juneau.org/parks-recreation/zach-gordon/zgyc)

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.

## I Spy an Animal!

There are lots of places in Juneau that you and your children can enjoy 'wildlife' viewing in the safest way. Take a look at some of these indoor options.

**DIPAC Fish Hatchery , 907-463-4810**, 2697 Channel Dr.

The underwater fish viewing window is open 24 hours a day, and you can also look down into the holding pens. For \$5 per child and adult you can have a full tour, and go inside to see the salt water aquariums. Children under two can visit for free. Hours: June-August, Mon-Fri 10am - 6pm, Sat-Sun 10am - 5pm. October-April, tours and aquarium viewing are by appointment only and is free! Call to schedule.

**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.

**The Family Pages** is a guide to the many resources available to families in Juneau to help support their children's health, growth, and development. This guide is a Juneau Partnership for Families and Children project, a coalition of local and state agencies that work collaboratively to promote shared, broad-based communication and support for families with young children.

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