

## Family Activities (continued)

**Parks - Smith Mountain Lake State Park** - Swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, cabins, picnicking, cabins, camping, visitors' center, and a variety of programs for all ages; 1235 State Park Road, Huddleston, VA 24104; 540-297-6066; [www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/sml.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/sml.shtml).

**Peaks of Otter** - Breathtaking scenery; tours; lodging, restaurant, hiking & more; 85554 Blue Ridge Parkway, Bedford, VA 24523; 540-586-1081; [www.peaksofotter.com](http://www.peaksofotter.com).

**Petting Zoo - Spring Valley Cabins** - 1190 Horsebend Rd, Moneta, VA 24121; 540-297-0950.

**Poplar Forest** - Experience the architectural and engineering marvels of Thomas Jefferson's summer home; Open to the public April - November; Closed Tuesdays and Thanksgiving Day; 1542 Bateman Bridge Rd, Forest, VA 24551; 434-525-1806; [www.poplarforest.org](http://www.poplarforest.org).

**Roanoke Civic Center** - Concerts, Broadway Shows, Gun Shows, Boat Shows, Flea Markets, Job Fairs, Expos, Conferences, and more; 710 Williamson Road; Roanoke, VA 24030; 540-853-2241; [www.roanokeciviccenter.com](http://www.roanokeciviccenter.com).

**Salem Civic Center** - Sports and Entertainment Complex featuring baseball, football, basketball, concerts, horse shows, Salem Fair & more; 1001 Roanoke Blvd, Salem, VA 24153; 540-375-3004; [www.salemciviccenter.com](http://www.salemciviccenter.com)

**Sedalia Center** - Located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains; Visual & performing arts programs, cultural festivals, and exhibitions; 1108 Sedalia School Road, Big Island, VA 24526; 434-299-5080; [www.sedaliacenter.org](http://www.sedaliacenter.org).

**The National D-Day Memorial**—A tribute to the sacrifice of Allied Forces on June 6, 1944. Open 10AM-5PM daily Interchange of Route 460 & 122 in Bedford, VA. 800-351-3329; [www.dday.org](http://www.dday.org)

**Virginia Dare**—19th century style side wheeler cruise boat; accommodates up to 135 for sightseeing, specialty & lake dinner cruises. 800-721-3273; [www.vadarecruises.com](http://www.vadarecruises.com).

**Wine Tasting** - Visit one of many local/regional wineries near SML (brochures at SML Regional Visitor Center); attend the SML Annual Wine Festival held the last weekend in September; [www.visitsmithmountainlake.com](http://www.visitsmithmountainlake.com).

**Wine Tasting - Casa D' Amici** - Monthly Wine Pairing Dinners; 7 courses gourmet meal; 540-296-1329; 1100 Celebration Avenue (on the corner off Route 122 & Route 607); [www.casadamicism.com](http://www.casadamicism.com).

## Free Activities

**Bedford Main Street & Historic Centertown** - Charming, unique small town; antiques, local artisans, restaurants, books, furniture & more; Farmers Mkt -Tuesdays 3:00-7:00, Friday & Saturday 9:00-1:00; [www.centertownbedford.com](http://www.centertownbedford.com); 540-586-2148

**Bird Watching** - Drive the Blue Ridge Parkway or hike Abbot Lake Trail at the Peaks of Otter for great bird-watching; [www.dgif.virginia.gov/vbw](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/vbw).

**Blue Ridge Parkway** - Drive a segment of the 469 miles of beautiful mountain, valleys, meadows & spectacular vistas; [www.blueridgeparkway.org/visiting.htm](http://www.blueridgeparkway.org/visiting.htm).

**Booker T. Washington Monument** - Open seven days a week except Thanksgiving and Christmas; 12130 Booker T. Washington Hwy, Hardy, VA 24101 - 540-721-2094; [www.nps.gov/bowa](http://www.nps.gov/bowa).

**Downtown Moneta Celebrations** - FREE fun for your family every Saturday; kids activities, adult beverage garden, stores & Downtown Moneta restaurants open late!; [www.downtownmoneta.com](http://www.downtownmoneta.com).

**Hiking - Appalachian Trail** - One-fourth of the trail lies in Virginia; trail varies from easy hiking to difficult rock climbing; from busy national parks to isolated wilderness areas; [www.appalachiantrail.org](http://www.appalachiantrail.org).

**Hiking - Peaks of Otter Trails** - Seven trails that vary in difficulty from easy to very strenuous; 540-586-4496; [www.virtualblueridge.com/maps/peaks-of-otter-trails.asp](http://www.virtualblueridge.com/maps/peaks-of-otter-trails.asp)

**Museum - Blue Ridge Institute and Museum** - Ferrum College; 20 Museum Drive, Ferrum, VA 24088; 540-365-4416; Galleries open Monday-Saturday 10:00-4:00 year round; Sundays 1:00-5:00 (seasonal); [www.blueridgeinstitute.org](http://www.blueridgeinstitute.org).

**Museum - Harrison Museum of African American Culture** - Educational/cultural museum celebrating the art and history of African Americans; 523 Harrison Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016; 540-345-4818; [www.harrisonmuseum.com](http://www.harrisonmuseum.com).

**Smith Mountain Lake Dam** - Visit the Dam and learn how electricity is generated in a pumped storage and hydroelectric project.; 540-985-2587; Open 10:00-6:00 Tues—Sun, closed Mon. and certain holidays; [www.smithmtn.com](http://www.smithmtn.com).

Please call the SML Regional Chamber of Commerce at 540-721-1203 or 800-676-8203, or visit our website at [www.visitsmithmountainlake.com](http://www.visitsmithmountainlake.com) for more info.



## Affordable Family Activities at/near Smith Mountain Lake



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Bridgewater Plaza, Suite 2  
Moneta, VA 24121

800-676-8203  
540-721-1203  
540-721-7796 (Fax)

[www.visitsmithmountainlake.com](http://www.visitsmithmountainlake.com)  
[smlchamber@yahoo.com](mailto:smlchamber@yahoo.com)

## Family Activities

**Amazement Square Children's Museum** - Hands-on children's museum; climb, slide and discover through 4 floors of interactive exhibits and activities; 27 Ninth Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504; 434-845-1888; [www.amazementsquare.org](http://www.amazementsquare.org).

**Baseball** - Salem Red Sox; 1004 Texas St, Salem, VA 24153; 540-389-3333; [www.salemsox.com](http://www.salemsox.com).

**Baseball** - Lynchburg Hillcats; 3180 Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, 24501; 434-528-1144; [www.lynchburg-hillcats.com](http://www.lynchburg-hillcats.com).

**Bedford Wine Trail** - - A great weekend getaway or day trip with a unique experience at each of these 5 wineries; 540-587-5681; [www.bedfordwinetrail.com](http://www.bedfordwinetrail.com).

**Blue Ridge Dinner Theater** - Family entertainment blending education and drama; Ferrum College; 275 Ferrum Mountain Road, Ferrum, VA 24088; 540-365-4335; [www.blueridgedinnertheatre.com/home](http://www.blueridgedinnertheatre.com/home).

**Bridgewater Plaza Fun-N-Games** - Arcade with skill games and video games for the entire family; 16430 Booker T. Washington Hwy, Moneta, VA 24121; 540-721-5959; [www.bridgewaterplaza.com](http://www.bridgewaterplaza.com).

**Chilli Tasting** - - SMV Annual Chilli Festival held the 1st Saturday in November; music, crafts, competition & fun for all ages; 540-721-1203; [www.vististmountainlake.com](http://www.vististmountainlake.com).

**Civil War Trails** - Visit historic Civil War Trails in SW Virginia; [www.visitbedford.com/day\\_bedcity\\_shtml](http://www.visitbedford.com/day_bedcity_shtml); or [www.civilwartraveler.com/EASTVA/va-valley/morevalley.html](http://www.civilwartraveler.com/EASTVA/va-valley/morevalley.html).

**Danville Science Center** - The Science Center delights all ages with its hands-on exhibits and special programs that make science fun for everyone; 677 Craghead St, Danville, VA 24541; 434-791-5160; [www.dsc.smv.org](http://www.dsc.smv.org).

**Dixie Caverns** - Cavern tour; rocks and minerals shop; antiques & more; 5753 W Main Street, Salem, VA 24153; 540-380-2085; [www.dixiecaverns.com](http://www.dixiecaverns.com).

**Emerson Creek Pottery** - Traditional American ceramic pottery; 1068 Pottery Lane, Bedford, VA 24523; 866-411-1977; [www.emersoncreekpottery.com](http://www.emersoncreekpottery.com).

**Fishing** - Smith Mountain Lake State Park, (Bedford County), Smith Mountain Lake Community Park (Franklin County), or go out with one the many fishing guides (see brochures at SMVLR Regional Visitor Center).

**Franklin County Speedway** - Car racing excitement for all ages; 385 Speedway Lane, Callaway, VA 24067; 540-483-0713; [www.franklincospeedway.com](http://www.franklincospeedway.com).

## Family Activities (continued)

**Horseback Riding** - Smith Mountain Farm & Stables; Guided horseback riding adventures; skeet shooting; day camps; cabin rental; 7661 Grassland Dr, Sandy Level, VA 24161; 434-927-5199; [www.smithmountainstables.com](http://www.smithmountainstables.com)

**Ice Cream - Ice Cream Cottage** - Over 24 flavors of Hershey's Ice Cream plus banana splits, sundaes, shaved ice & yogurt; 16430 Booker T. Washington Hwy, Moneta, VA 24121; 540-721-1305; [www.bridgewaterplaza.com](http://www.bridgewaterplaza.com).

**Ice Cream - Homestead Creamery** - - Fresh, homemade products prepared daily at our creamery. Tours available Monday through Friday; 7254 Booker T. Washington Hwy, Wirtz, VA 24184; 540-721-2045.

**Ice Cream - Freckles Ice Cream Parlor** - 50's style ice cream parlor; banana splits, root beer floats, milk shakes, sundaes, and hand-dipped ice cream; 1100 Celebration Square, Suite 202, Moneta, VA 24121; 540-297-2138;

**Karaoke** - Seasonal only - Karaoke at Mango's Bar and Grill (540-721-1632) every Thursday evening, and at Manner's Landing (Benjamin's Restaurant - 540-296-1215) every Wednesday evening. Call to verify schedule.

**Live Music - Fallons Restaurant** - Every Thursday and Friday nights year round; 540-297-4562; [www.fallonspubandgrill.com](http://www.fallonspubandgrill.com)

**Live Music - Mango's Bar & Grill** - Every Friday and Saturday nights; [www.mangosbarandgrill.com](http://www.mangosbarandgrill.com); 540-721-1632.

**Market Square** - Historic Roanoke City Market is the oldest continuously operating open air market in Virginia with plants, fruit, vegetables (in season), artisans, shops, galleries, events; open daily except for Christmas & New Years Day; 213 Market St, Roanoke, VA 24011; 540-342-2028; [www.downtowntworoanoke.org/market.htm](http://www.downtowntworoanoke.org/market.htm).

**Mill Mountain Zoo** - Five acre zoo with 50+ species of mammals, birds and reptiles; picnic facilities, train, educational programs. On top of Mill Mountain, Roanoke, VA 24014; 540-343-3241; [www.mtzoo.org](http://www.mtzoo.org).

**Miniature Golf - Harbortown Golf** - 18 holes of mini-golf excitement elevated 15 feet over the lake; 16430 BTW Hwy, Moneta, VA 721-5959; [www.bridgewaterplaza.com](http://www.bridgewaterplaza.com).

**Miniature Golf - Hot Shots** - Fun for the entire family; blaster bumper boat, indoor arcade, pizza and more; 742 Camilla Place, Moneta, VA 24121; 540-819-4130; [www.hotshot-sml.com](http://www.hotshot-sml.com)

## Family Activities (continued)

**Westlake Safari**—18 hole mini-course located behind Joe's Pizza 139 Scuggs Rd, Moneta 540-721-1186

**Movies - Westlake Cinema**: 4-plex movie theater; stadium seating, first run movies; 84 Westlake Road, Suite 117, Hardy, VA 24101; 540-721-6326; [www.smith-mountain-lake-visitor-center.com/westlake\\_cinema.htm](http://www.smith-mountain-lake-visitor-center.com/westlake_cinema.htm).

**Movies - Mayberry Drive-In Theater & Diner** - First run movies Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday at Dusk (around 9:00 pm); Diner features home-style cooking; 1696 White House Road, Moneta, VA 24121; 540-296-1480; [www.mayberrydrivein.com](http://www.mayberrydrivein.com).

**Museum - O Winston Link Museum** - Celebrating the photography of O Winston Link; 101 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016; 540-982-5465; Open 10:00-5:00 daily except Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years day; [www.linkmuseum.org](http://www.linkmuseum.org).

**Museum - History Museum of Western Virginia** - Variety of historical exhibits and well as education programs, tours and lectures; One Market Square, 3rd Floor, Roanoke, VA 24011; 540-342-5770; [www.history-museum.org](http://www.history-museum.org).

**Museum - Science Museum of Western VA** - Located on the 4th & 5th floors of the Taubman Museum of Art. Six permanent galleries with hands-on exposure; Hopkins planetarium and films at the Megadome Theater; 110 Salem Avenue, SE, Roanoke, VA 24011; 540-342-5760; [www.rtsstores.com/artmuseum/center\\_in\\_the\\_square](http://www.rtsstores.com/artmuseum/center_in_the_square).

**Museum - Taubman Museum of Art** - Over 16,000 square feet of artwork from prominent local and regional artists displayed in an arresting contemporary structure. 110 Salem Avenue, SE, Roanoke, VA 24011; 540-342-5760; [www.taubmanmuseum.org](http://www.taubmanmuseum.org).

**Museum - Virginia Museum of Transportation** - Visit the most incredible railroad and automobile collections; 303 Norfolk Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016; 540-342-5670; Open Mon-Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 1:00-5:00; <http://www.vmt.org>.

**Natural Bridge** - Twenty stores of solid rock carved by nature; 5 Appleore Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578; 800-533-1410; [www.naturalbridgeva.com](http://www.naturalbridgeva.com).

**Opera Roanoke** - Performances at the Jefferson Center in Roanoke; 540-982-2742; [www.operaroanoke.org](http://www.operaroanoke.org).

**Parks - Smith Mountain Lake Community Park** - Open dawn to dusk beach; fishing, hiking, jogging, playground and more; Franklin County Parks & Recreation; 540-483-9293; [www.franklincountyva.org/parks/park\\_sml.htm](http://www.franklincountyva.org/parks/park_sml.htm).