

# Just for Kids

35 things kids love about summer in the city

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- 1 Splashing around in seaside Kitsilano Pool (page 88) and Second Beach Pool (page 88).
- 2 Grinder and Coola, two orphaned grizzly bears at Grouse Mountain (page 85).
- 3 Putting the pedal to the metal at Richmond Go-Karts (page 85).
- 4 On a windy day, flying a kite in Vanier Park (page 84).
- 5 Waving a foam finger and rooting for the Vancouver Whitecaps (page 76)—BC's first Major League Soccer club—in BC Place.
- 6 Getting an adrenaline rush on the Capilano Suspension Bridge (page 77), which sways 70 m (230 ft) above the Capilano River.
- 7 Walking, running, biking or blading along the 22-km (13.7-mi) seawall.
- 8 Cooling off in the Granville Island Waterpark (page 86).
- 9 Watching all the canine antics in one of downtown's many off-leash dog parks (see Map 1).
- 10 Sightseeing the old-fashioned way with Stanley Park Horse-Drawn Tours (page 86).



- 11** Watching musicals such as *Mary Poppins* outdoors at Theatre Under the Stars (to Aug. 19; page 76).
- 12** Rialto, Mak and Kunik. These “otterly” adorable rescued sea otter pups are just one of many reasons to visit the Vancouver Aquarium (page 78).
- 13** Snuggling under a blanket to watch movies such as *Beauty and the Beast* (Aug. 1), *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (Aug. 15) and *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* (Aug. 22), shown outdoors at the EVO Summer Cinema Series (page 70).
- 14** Soaring high above the city in a helicopter with Helijet (page 85) or a seaplane with Harbour Air (page 85).
- 15** Screaming with glee and terror on all the gravity-defying rides at The Fair at the PNE (Aug. 19 to Sep. 4; page 74).
- 16** Watching Shakespeare’s plays performed in a tent at Bard on the Beach (to Sep. 23; page 76).
- 17** Spotting all the wildlife in Stanley Park (page 80)—but staying far, far away from the skunks.
- 18** Building sandcastles on the beach, and trying to stop the tide from coming in.
- 19** Ice cream, ice cream and more ice cream from popular spots such as Soft Peaks (page 107), Earnest (page 111) and Rain or Shine (page 109).
- 20** Cheering for a home run at a Vancouver Canadians baseball game (page 76).
- 21** Watching the CAF Snowbirds roar overhead during the Abbotsford International Airshow (Aug. 11 to 13; page 72).
- 22** Meeting all the adorable animals at Maplewood Farm (page 77).
- 23** Watching live music and dance outdoors at the Kitsilano Showboat (to Aug. 19; page 70).
- 24** Seeing orcas in the wild on a whale-watching tour (page 88).
- 25** Fish ‘n’ chips from favourite outdoor spots such as Go Fish (page 107) and Pajo’s (page 111).
- 26** Taking a spin on the 105-year-old carousel at the Burnaby Village Museum (page 79).
- 27** Watching the BC Lions (page 76) score touchdown after touchdown in BC Place.
- 28** Rocketing down the water slides at Big Splash (page 86).
- 29** Watching the Honda Celebration of Light fireworks (Aug. 2 and 5; page 70) light up the skies over English Bay.
- 30** Admiring the view from the Sea to Sky Gondola (page 78), which whisks riders up to the summit, 885 m (2,900 ft) above sea level, in just 10 minutes.
- 31** Douglas Coupland’s 8-m- (25-ft-) tall “Digital Orca” art installation outside the Vancouver Convention Centre (Map 1: B6), which looks like it was built out of enormous LEGO blocks.
- 32** Exploring Vancouver from the water with Aquabus (page 84) and False Creek Ferries (page 84).
- 33** Watching buskers perform on Granville Island (page N3).
- 34** Getting lost—then found again—in the Elizabethan hedge maze at VanDusen Botanical Garden (page 80).
- 35** Watching all the seaplanes and boats in the busy inner harbour. **W**

The Granville Island Waterpark keeps tots, tykes and tweens entertained for hours

