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Our Guide To:

Family Fun in the Berkshires

The Berkshires offer many family friendly attractions that make it a fun, exciting and interactive location to spend time together. However, it is often difficult to decide what attractions are right for you and your family, and where the best place to begin your adventure is. Here are a few recommendations for family entertainment in The Berkshires:

Winter Attractions:

For kids of all ages

The Polar Express

Maybe your child has just seen the new Warner Bros. film; maybe like many of us at the Yankee Inn, you want to relive your childhood after reading Chris Van Allsburg's award winning book, whatever the reason, you and your family are sure to enjoy the ride to the North Pole on the Berkshire Scenic Railway Museum's Polar Express. Re-live the story as you journey to the North Pole, drink hot chocolate, sing carols, and meet Santa himself, all in the comfort of your pajamas. As a surprise, each child will receive a special gift.

The Festival of Trees

The Berkshire Museum outdid themselves this year with their "Under the Big Top, Festival of Trees. With more than one hundred beautifully decorated trees in the museum galleries, you and your child will be astonished at the sight of each new one you come across.

Animagic

Explore the fantastic world of animation with your child at the Animagic Museum of Special Effects. View the technology that made 2001 A Space Odyssey, The Matrix, and Chicken Run possible. You and your child will enjoy the interactive atmosphere of Animagic as you create your own animated short movie and upload it to the internet for friends and relatives to see.

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The Cove Bowling and Indoor Mini-Golf

Are you mini-golf masters like we are? Are you disappointed that it's winter and all the mini-golf locations around are closed? Then look no further than The Cove. With year round bowling and an indoor mini-golf course, the cove is a great place to spend time with your kids while doing something you can both enjoy.

Also check out: Candlepin bowling at Candle Lanes- a blast from the past in Pittsfield.

For the Skiing/Snowboarding Enthusiasts

(The Yankee Inn offers ski packages, and discounted tickets to these area ski resorts, so while you're making your reservation ask about them!)

Bousquet

Voted "Best Downhill Skiing in the Berkshires" in the 2010 Berkshire Eagle Readers Poll, Bousquet is sure to not only give you a variety of exciting trails and paths that challenge even Olympic Skiers, but also offers their Snow sports School which will provide you and your child with knowledgeable and experienced instructors to hone your skills and improve your skiing ability. Many of us at the Yankee Inn learned to ski and snowboard here, and would **highly recommend it for beginners.**

Jiminy Peak

With an elevation of 2380 feet, 45 trails, 96% snowmaking coverage, and 170 acres of land, Jiminy Peak is the largest ski/snowboard resort in southern New England. You and your family will enjoy hours of top-notch winter fun as you jump, grind and shred your way down the mountain. Not an experienced skier/snowboarder? Don't worry! Jiminy offers many class and private lessons to help you advance and develop. They have also teamed up with STRIDE Adaptive Sports to accommodate students with physical, cognitive, and developmental disabilities. **If you are an experienced ski/snowboarder, we recommend Jiminy as it offers many challenging courses.**

Ski Butternut

Located in nearby Great Barrington, Ski Butternut is a great location to bring your family skiing or snowboarding. With a wide variety of lessons and impressive trails, Butternut is a **great location for both the experienced skier/snowboarder, and the novice, enthusiastic student.**

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Family Friendly Restaurants

Misty Moonlight Diner

“Classic Cuisine in a 50’s Theme” Voted Best Diner in the Berkshires for 9 years in a row and Best Breakfast in the Berkshires 8 years in a row by Berkshire Eagle readers, enjoy everything on the menu all day long. We recommend bringing the whole family along and ordering breakfast for dinner.

Dakota

Voted Best of the Berkshires, The Dakota Restaurant offers fresh seafood, and delicious steaks. The Dakota’s outdoor atmosphere makes you feel like you are an avid hunter/trapper in the deep woods. However, you don’t have to work as hard for your meals. Their friendly service and top-notch meat and seafood makes the Dakota a great place to dine. Located only a mile from the Yankee, it is a quick and easy place to get to. We recommend the steak.

Arizona Pizza

Located 1/2mile from the Yankee, Arizona Pizza offers wonderful wood fired Pizza. The southwestern theme and spectacular display of pizza-making skills offers a fun environment for the whole family. We recommend ordering a Kokopelli pop and any of their wood fired pizzas.

Baba Louie’s

Looking for a great, locally grown, organic, gluten free, or vegan option? Then look no further than Baba Louie’s. With a large variety in their menu, Baba Louie’s offers great food for someone looking for that “close to home” food or the food adventurer.

Ye Ole Forge

Although The Forge is a bar setting, you should not cross it off your list of places to eat, for one simple reason, the wings. Forge wings are reason alone to eat here, however, add on one of their delicious meals and it’s a great experience. We recommend families with older children eat at the forge. Football fans are encouraged to watch the game there, and for the parents a selection of over 300 beers from around the world is an experience all in its own.

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NAME	APPROX. DISTANCE FROM YANKEE INN	ADDRESS	WEBSITE	PHONE NUMBER
FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES				
The Polar Express-Berkshire Scenic Railway	5 miles	10 Willow Creek Road, Lenox	http://www.berkshirescenicrailroad.org/	413-637-2210
The Festival of Trees-Berkshire Museum	3 miles	39 South Street, Pittsfield	http://www.berkshiremuseum.org/index.html	413-443-7171
Animagic	7 miles	77 Main St. Lee	http://www.mambor.com/animagic/museum.htm	413-841-6679
The Cove Bowling and Indoor Mini-Golf	15 miles	109 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington	http://www.covelanes.com	413-528-1220
Candle Lanes	4 miles	255 North St # 1, Pittsfield	http://candlelanes.webs.com	413-447-9640
For Skiing / Snowboarding Enthusiasts				
Bousquet	1 mile	1 Dan Fox, Dr. Pittsfield	http://www.bousquets.com/	413-442-8316
Jiminy Peak	15 miles	37 Corey Rd. Hancock	http://www.jiminypeak.com/winter	413-738-5500
Butternut	18 miles	Rte.23, Barrington	http://www.skibutternut.com/	413-528-2000
Family Friendly Restaurants				
Misty Moonlight Diner	6.7 miles	565 Dalton Ave Pittsfield	http://www.themistymoonlightdiner.com/	(413) 499-2483 ↑
The Dakota	0.75 miles	1035 South St Pittsfield	http://www.steakseafood.com/dak/	413-499-7900

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Arizona Pizza	0.5 miles	395 Pittsfield Rd, L	http://www.arizonapizza.com	(413) 442-9746
Baba Louie's	3.5 miles	34 Depot Street, Pittsfield	http://babalouiespizza.com	(413) 499-2400
Ye Ole Forge	9.0 miles	125 North Main Street Lanesboro	n/a	(413) 442-6797