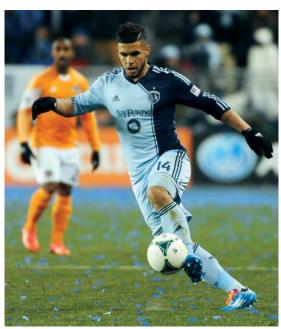


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#### 94 Days of Summer Fun

Looking for something to do this summer? See a sampling of some of the activities you can do in Kansas City, KS

Family Fun

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People of all ages will have fun exploring the area's attractions

#### Sports Fanatics

Kansas City, KS, is home to many options for fans and participants

#### Extreme Adventures

Hold on to your seat and get ready for a thrill of a lifetime

#### Lodging

There's no shortage of places to stay in Kansas City, KS



Days of Summer Fun

> It's hard to believe there are only 94 days of summer. From the summer solstice (June 21) to when fall begins (Sept. 23), you only have 94 days to soak up the summer sun, spend time with family when life's a little less hectic, and get away from your everyday routines. Maximize this limited amount of time and squeeze in a vacation to create memories that will last a lifetime. We've created a list of 94 fun experiences in Kansas City, KS, to help you get going. It could take you 94 days to get through them all! Or if you only have a few vacation days (like most people do), challenge yourself to see how many of the activities you can accomplish during your Kansas City, KS, trip with the help of the checklist on Page 6. Share your experiences with us on social media using #KCK94Days. Welcome to Kansas City, KS, and enjoy!



Plunge down the world's tallest waterside Verrückt at **Schlitterbahn Kansas City Waterpark** — Schlitterbahn is also home to the Boogie Bahn surf ride and other fun attractions. **Checklist No. 8** 



Live your dream of being a NASCAR driver at the **Richard Petty Driving Experience** at Kansas Speedway — or ride along shotgun with a professional driver at speeds up to 165 mph. **Checklist No. 32** 



Get your sizzle on with Sizzle at a **Kansas City T-Bones** game — Enjoy dollar hot dogs, the children's play area and good old-fashioned baseball. **Checklist No. 16** 



Skip down the yellow brick road at Legends Outlets Kansas City — Find bargains, unique eateries and live entertainment all summer long. Checklist No. 40



Kick it with the 2013 MLS Champs **Sporting Kansas City** at Sporting Park — This stateof-the-art stadium was built with fans in mind. **Checklist No. 24** 



Ramp up your Friday nights at Lakeside Speedway — Enjoy heartpounding excitement as you watch racing on a half-mile dirt track or put yourself in the driver's seat at the Kenny Wallace Dirt Racing Experience. Checklist No. 48

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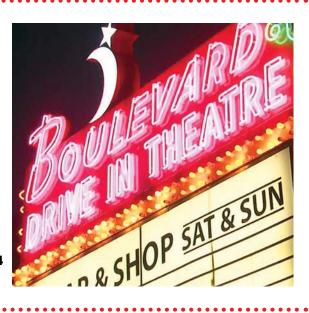


Let the kids roam free on the largest playground in Kansas City, KS, at **Wyandotte County Lake** — Pack a picnic, see wildlife up close and personal, catch a fish, or make some waves on a boat ride. **Checklist No. 56** 



Play old-time marble games at **Moon Marble Company** — Watch a live marble-making demonstration and delight in the timeless toys and games. **Checklist No. 79** 

Enjoy a movie under the stars at **Boulevard Drive-In** — Experience the world's first 4K drive-in digital cinema projection system, double feature specials and snack bar goodies. **Checklist No. 64** 





Chow down on the world's famous Z-Man barbecue sandwich at Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Que — This nationally recognized barbecue joint has been featured on TV and is frequently visited by celebrities. Checklist No. 71



Snap a selfie with John Brown — Visit the John Brown Statue and Quindaro Overlook, and see the ruins of Quindaro Town, an important stop on the Underground Railroad. Checklist No. 87



Take an **audio tour** of Kansas City, KS — Use your phone to listen to fascinating facts about historic sites and attractions in Kansas City, KS. Checklist No. 94

## 94 Days of Summer Fun Checklist

1. Stop by the Kansas City Kansas Convention & Visitors Bureau office for maps and brochures

2. See a free summer movie at Legends 14 Theatre

3. Bowl two free games daily at **KC Bowl** 

4. Dine with a dinosaur at T-Rex Café

**5**. Have good clean fun at the **Bubble Run** on July 25 at Kansas Speedway

■ 6. Race in a real Ferrari or Lamborghini at the Exotic Driving Experience at Kansas Speedway

7. Explore where Lewis & Clark camped at Kaw Point Riverfront Park

8. Plunge down the world's tallest waterside, Verrückt, at Schlitterbahn Kansas City Waterpark

9. Crowd surf at the Vans Warped Tour at Cricket Wireless Amphitheater on July 30

10. Get a bird's eye view of Kansas City at **Adventure Zip KC** 

11. Jam out at **Buzz Beachball** on July 25 at Sporting Park

**12**. View life-size mule deer at **Cabela's** 

□ 13. Hear some of the biggest country artists perform at Cricket Wireless Amphitheater

■ 14. Find deals and unique items at the Boulevard Drive-In Swap 'N' Shop Flea Market

15. Eat a GenDare at Fritz's Railroad Restaurant

16. Attend a Kansas City T-Bones game

 17. Ride the Ferris wheel and enjoy the fair food frenzy at the **Wyandotte County Fair** July 21-25

18. Honor America's farmers at the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame

19. Shake paws with Wiley the Wolf at Great Wolf Lodge

20. Learn about famous Kansans with a free audio tour at Legends Outlets Kansas City

21. Eat alligator at Jazz,
 A Louisiana Kitchen

22. Go nuts for your favorite team at **Sports Nutz** 

23. Hang with the locals at Danny's Bar & Grill

24. Watch a **Sporting Kansas City** game at Sporting Park

**25**. See old shackles on display at **Old Quindaro Museum** 

26. Hear the famous "Hi, may I help you?" at Gates BBQ

27. Get a taste of Southwest Italy at Chiusano's Brick Oven Pizzeria

28. See Dorothy's ruby slippers at Hollywood Casino

29. Discover the piano that "saw" President Abraham Lincoln assassinated at the Piano Technicians Guild Museum

30. Eat at a local favorite, **Italian** Delight, featuring the best New York-style
 pizza in town

31. View the work of local artists at SavArt

32. Live your dream of being a NASCAR driver at the Richard Petty Driving Experience

**33**. Enjoy family bonding time at the **Sunflower Hills Junior Golf Course** 

34. Gamble on a good time at **7th** Street Casino

□ 35. Win on the Million Dollar Midway at Dave & Busters

36. Find home-grown produce and goods at the Kansas City Kansas Farmers Markets

37. Cool down at one of three free spray parks — Eisenhower, Heathwood and Pierson parks

38. Feast at taquerias in downtown Kansas City, KS

39. Enjoy Cosmic Bowling at Ranch Bowl 🔲 65. See the iconic Winkler's Clock, a

40. Skip down the yellow brick road at Legends Outlets Kansas City

41. Go on an African safari at Cabela's

42. Take on the Ultimate Destroyer Challenge at **Papa Bob's Bar-B-Que** 

43. Sleep in a shipwreck at Chateau Avalon Hotel & Spa

44. Go on a nature walk at F.L. Schlagle Environmental Library

45. Eat at Arthur Bryant's, a pioneer of KC BBQ

☐ 46. See the only street in Kansas that is made of stairs at 13th & Ruby in Argentine

□ 47. Participate in KC's largest wine party at the Village West Wine Fest on Sept. 19

48. Spend a Friday night at Lakeside Speedway

49. Enjoy u-pick apples, hayrides and bonfire fun at Cider Hill Family Orchard

**50.** Disc golf at **Wyandotte County Park** 

51. Satisfy your doughnut craving at the 1,000th **Krispy Kreme** store

**52.** Taste award-winning Kansasgrown wines at **Wine Barn Winery** 

**53**. Create a decadent yogurt dessert at **Sweet Frog** 

□ 54. Catch a flick on the largest screen in the Midwest at Legends 14 Theatres

55. Slurp up a bowl of Pho at Vietnam Café

□ 56. Let the kids play on the largest playground in Kansas City, KS, at Wyandotte County Lake

57. Tour the state's oldest farmhouse at Grinter Place

58. Drink a half yard of beer at Yard House

**59**. Shop till you drop at **Nebraska Furniture Mart** 

□ 60. Celebrate with a king and queen at the **Kansas City Renaissance Festival** Sept. 5-Oct. 18

G1. Get a glimpse of Paris at the Rosedale Memorial Arch

62. See 19th- and 20th-century medical tools at the Clendening Medicine Museum

☐ 63. Learn about the only legislated African-American high school in Kansas at the **Sumner High School Alumni Room** 

64. Enjoy a movie at Boulevard Drive-In

☐ 65. See the iconic Winkler's Clock, a real working Seth Thomas Clock in down-town Kansas City, KS

☐ 66. Choose, stuff and dress your very own dinosaur at Build-a-Dino inside T-Rex Café

67. See the Charlie Parker Memorial at **Big 11 Lake** 

68. Visit the **Bomber Builders Monument** at the Wyandotte County Museum

■ 69. Learn about the history and cultures of the city with a tour of the Avenue of Murals

70. See the nation's first dual-war memorial: Korean-Vietnam War Memorial

71. Chow down on a famous Z-Man barbecue sandwich at Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Que

 72. See the largest structural fountain in Kansas City at Chateau Avalon Hotel & Spa

73. Have a picking party at Rowe Ridge Winery ☐ 74. Hit a hole-in-one at Dub's Dread, Sunflower Hills or Painted Hills

75. Soothe your soul with tea and Povitica bread at Strawberry Hill Museum

76. Learn about the history of Quindaro at the Quindaro Underground Railroad Museum

77. Stand under 1,000 gallons of water at Great Wolf Lodge

78. Drink a cup of Snickerdoodle coffee from **A Cup on the Hill** 

79. Play marble games at Moon Marble Company

80. Fill up your Growler at Granite City

 81. Take home some delicious ethnic sausages from Krizman's House of Sausage

82. Bike along the Kansas River on the levee trail

33. Take a selfie in front of City Hall

84. Ollie off a ramp at the skate park in Wyandotte County Park

85. Get a picture of the Downtown
Gateway Arch

Burgers & Fries

87. Snap a selfie with John Brown

 88. Eat smoked meat from one of KC's last outdoor brick smokers at Woodvard Bar-B-Que

89. Fire up the night with hibachi grill food and entertainment at STIX Restaurant

90. Visit one of the oldest cemeteries in Kansas at **Huron Indian Cemetery** 

91. Shop boutiques in **Downtown** Bonner Springs

92. Take an art class or catch a show at the Alcott Arts Center

93. Get your game on at Hollywood Casino at Kansas Speedway

94. Take an **audio tour** of Kansas City, KS

Print out this list and see how many of these fun activities you can check off this summer in Kansas City, KS. Share your experiences on social media: #KCK94Days





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## Bring your whole family logelher

By Heather Swan

Oh, summertime! School is out, the days are a little more relaxed and it's time for some fun family togetherness, right?

As a mom, summer is great — and a little bit of a double-edged sword. While it's good to function on a not-so-strict schedule, it can also lead to a lot of downtime.

To conquer the boredom and make the most out of your family time together, there are tons of fun attractions in Kansas City, KS. The best part is that these activities appeal to all ages (adults included).

One of my son's favorite places to go is **Moon Marble** in Bonner Springs. On a recent tour, he learned how to play marbles and how the artists make these glass spheres. The demonstrations are free; the only cost is for souvenirs.

"Their gift shop is gigantic," my son said. "It has things you can't find anywhere else. Also, they have really cool marbles."

For my daughter, one of her all-time favorite "field trips" was to **T-Rex Café**. Transported to a prehistoric world (complete with animatronic dinosaurs), visitors can eat, explore in the Discovery Dig and Discovery Creek, and take home a new stuffed dinosaur friend.

"I like T-Rex Café because I can eat with the dinosaurs," she said. "At Build-A-Dino (by Build-A-Bear Workshop), I built Tracy the Triceratops." Or take the fun outside at **Legends Outlets Kansas City**. Besides being an eclectic mix of stores, restaurants and movie theaters, it also offers a history lesson of 80 legendary Kansans.

For water sport enthusiasts, be sure to check out Schlitterbahn Kansas City Waterpark and Wyandotte County Lake & Park.

Schlitterbahn truly has activities for all ages, while families enjoy the natural beauty of Wyandotte County Lake & Park.

So, gather your family together and enjoy summer Kansas City, KS-style.

### Be sure to explore more family fun in Kansas City, KS.

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### Gel in the game

Are you tired of sitting on that sofa and being a sports spectator? If you like watching professional soccer, baseball and auto racing, you can easily go from a couch potato to a fan in the stands in Kansas City, KS.

The city is the proud home of the **Kansas City T-Bones,** a professional baseball team in the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball. The T-Bones team caters to fans and families by making this trip to the ballpark friendly, affordable and accessible.

"I really enjoyed taking my family to see a Kansas City T-Bones game," said Jimmy Lopez of Kansas City, KS. "You can sit close enough to the action that you feel like you are a part of the game and not merely a spectator. The T-Bones make the game fun for kids and families, and the between-inning festivities are just as much fun as the game!"

Another fun sports experience is at Sporting Park, home to Major League Soccer's **Sporting Kansas City**. The soccer-specific stadium features highdefinition video boards and a canopy roof covering all sections.

Does the roar of engines send a tingle up your spine? If so, visit **Kansas Speedway** during race weekends and see some of your favorite NASCAR stars. If you would rather hunt, fish or camp, **Cabela's** is a great place to get started or fuel your passion. Cabela's is a

one-stop shop for outdoor aficionados with its 180,000-square-foot showroom.

For those who want to hit the links, Kansas City, KS, has three golf courses: **Dub's Dread, Painted Hills Golf Club** and **Sunflower Hill Golf Course**.

No matter what sport you enjoy playing or watching, Kansas City, KS, is at the center of all the action.

Be sure to explore more sports-related opportunities in Kansas City, KS.



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## Gel ready for hearl-pumping fun!

Adrenaline junkies, unite! And take a trip to Kansas City, KS!

You may not associate Kansas City, KS, with extreme sports and thrilling adventures, but several area attractions will have you on the edge of your seat.

High on your must-do list (and we really do mean high) should be Verrückt, the world's tallest water slide. Verrückt made its debut at Schlitterbahn Kansas City Waterpark in 2014 and has been thrilling visitors ever since.

"Wow, what a rush!" Tracey Stratton said. "I have never experienced anything like Verrückt. I never thought I would have the chance to ride on the world's tallest water slide, but now I can cross it off my bucket list."

If you want to experience nature-created hills, visit Adventure Zip KC. You are sure to have a blast zip lining in this 143-acre park that makes you realize Kansas is not completely flat.

Do you want to go fast? The **Richard Petty** Driving Experience and Exotic Driving **Experience** (both at Kansas Speedway) fulfill people's need for speed. Get behind the wheel or be a passenger of a race car at the Richard Petty Driving Experience. At Exotic Driving Experience, drive some of the world's most high-performance cars, such as a Ferrari, Lamborghini or Aston Martin, on a real racetrack!

While you are at the track, experience a different type of thrill at Hollywood Casino at Kansas Speedway with its 2,000 slot machines and 52 table games.

Kansas City, KS, is the perfect place to get in touch with your wild side!



Be sure to explore more extreme adventures in Kansas City, KS.





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## Unwind after a busy day

Just as there are many attractions to visit in Kansas City, KS, you will also find a wide variety of places to stay. Your options include everything from an RV park and hotels to a bed-and-breakfast and waterpark resort.

One of the unique lodging options in Kansas City, KS, is **Chateau Avalon**. Located on 28 wooded acres, Chateau Avalon offers 61 themed guest rooms and suites. During summer, the impressive fountain greets guests and visitors can spend time on the outdoor patio.

"I have had the opportunity to stay at Chateau Avalon for both business and leisure," said Liz Kietzman of North Kansas City, MO. "I was impressed at how well this hotel can handle both. Besides the concept suite accommodations (with themes like Mayan Rainforest and Colorado Frontier), Chateau Avalon is home to classic/business rooms and state-of-the-art meeting and event space."

Another unique lodging choice is **Great Wolf Lodge**. While many think of this resort as a perfect getaway during the winter months (with its 84-degree indoor waterpark), Great Wolf Lodge is just as fun for summer vacations.

The Thunder Bay Outdoor Pool area has a 122,000-gallon outdoor pool, water basketball, kids activities, floor geysers and spray features.

"My family had a blast at Great Wolf Lodge," said Kelli Hilliard of Topeka, KS. "Everyone talks about how great the waterpark is — and rightfully so. But kids have just as much fun in the room and exploring Great Wolf Lodge's other amenities. We stayed in the KidCabin Suite with a miniature log cabin that doubled as the kids' sleeping quarters. That will be an experience they will always remember."

Once you narrow down your many lodging options, book your unforgettable stay in Kansas City, KS, and enjoy!

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