Rides for all ages!
Get an Unlimited Ride Band and let the kids ride & ride!

Carousel time!
The only remaining antique wooden Carousel in LA & one of fewer than 100 in the nation.

Celebrate a birthday.
Hands-down, the most unique place in New Orleans to have your child's birthday party.

Putt a hole in one.
City Putt is New Orleans only mini golf complex! With two 18-hole courses (36 holes in all!) the kids will play & learn about LA and NOLA history.

Snack on beignets & chocolate milk at Morning Call.

Give your kids their first taste of fine art: the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA) is home to works by Renoir, Matisse, Monet, and Georgia O'Keefe. Or check out the five-acre Besthoff Sculpture Garden. NOMA offers activities specifically for kids.

There's always something going on in City Park for kids – from what's in bloom at the Botanical Garden to fun, family-friendly festivals like the Big Bass Rodeo & Fishtival or the Spring Garden Show. Save the date on your calendar for City Park's most popular annual events for kids: Ghosts in the Oaks, a two-night not-scary (but spook-tacular!) party with unlimited rides at the amusement park, trick-or-treating in Storyland, a pumpkin patch and more.

From Thanksgiving thru the New Year, Celebration in the Oaks lights up City Park with the South's most spectacular holiday light displays – a New Orleans holiday tradition like no other. (Don't miss the Celebration in the Oaks Family Preview Party, an exclusive preview of the lights before the celebration officially opens.)
Explore the great outdoors.
Blow their little minds with a day of educational exploration around City Park’s awesome natural wonders.

* Plan a scavenger hunt in Couturie Forest with a list of common plants, insects, animals and objects to identify.

* Visit Laborde Lookout in the forest, the highest elevation point in New Orleans.

* Take the kids birding with our downloadable Birds of City Park guide. On the Park’s website.

* Explore the Botanical Garden seeing fossils, orchids, and a vegetable garden.

* Wander the Conservatory, a simulated tropical rainforest filled with indigenous flora and fauna of a tropical rainforest, including educational displays with geckos, tree frogs and snakes.

* Drop by the Botanical Garden’s Butterfly Garden – see how many colorful butterflies the kids can count!

Get on track at the New Orleans Historic Train Garden. The kids will ooh and aah over miniature streetcars and freight trains as they chug around a scale model of New Orleans.

Recreation
Discover Storyland: Your kids’ favorite fairytale characters are here! Filled with more than 25 larger-than-life whimsical sculptures, this storybook-themed playground is the perfect place to play.

Take a fun ride at Carousel Gardens Amusement Park: City Park’s Amusement Park has more than 15 fun rides for kids of all ages, including our historic carousel & mini train.

Trek around Big Lake: This area of the Park is BIG on fun for the kids. You can rent boats or bikes at the boathouse, roam around the track that circles the lake or hit the Louisiana Nature Trail. Don’t miss the Singing Oak, a tree filled with wind chimes tuned to the Pentatonic scale.

Find furry, feathered and finned friends: Make a game of it – how many animals can your child spot during a day in City Park? Turtles, fish, insects, frogs, hundreds of species of birds and more are here! Download our guides from our website: Birds in City Park and Fish in City Park. You can also feed the ducks, geese, and swans around the park. TIP: they’re always hungriest before noon.

Wear down the batteries
City Park is home to two fun-equipped, wheelchair-accessible playgrounds. The Stanley Ray playground, located on Dreyfous Avenue between the Peristyle and Morning Call, has swings, slides, bridges and tunnels designed for children ages 2 to 5 yrs old. The Starbucks/Blue playground near Shelter 1 on Victory Avenue is geared up for older kids, ages 5 to 12.

Take your active kids to Goldring Woldenberg Great Lawn or the Festival Grounds – areas with wide-open spaces to run, play, tumble, skip, fly a kite, you name it! The Great Lawn is a lush, open green space flanked by benches and four arbors featuring giant “porch” swings. You’ll find several shady spots and a one-mile paved track around the sprawling Festival Grounds, along with bathroom facilities nearby at the Reunion Shelter. Until we can tap into their energy source, we can at least help you wear it down and guarantee a good night’s sleep.

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