



A Family Midweek Summer Escape

HERE'S WHAT'S IN STORE





Bowling, mini-golf & pinball at the world's largest arcade

2 p.m. | Weirs Beach
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With more than 600 games (including 300 classic arcade games that are sure to make mom and dad feel like kids again), Funspot is hailed as the biggest arcade in the world by the “Guinness Book of World Records.” Along with its never-ending pinball options, this Weirs Beach landmark since 1952 boasts 20 lanes of 10-pin or candlepin bowling, as well as an indoor mini-golf course. Expect to spend an entire afternoon.



Set in the [Mill Falls Marketplace](#) among brick and exposed wooden beams, [Giuseppe's](#) offers a range of menu options from PB&J for the pickiest of eaters to kid-sized versions of Italian classics, like four-cheese ravioli and fettuccine alfredo. Of course, there is always a build-your-own-pizza option that is sure to please everyone. Just make sure to save room for one of their eight desserts and stick around for their nightly entertainment.

Located right next to a 40-foot waterfall and set in an old mill building, the nine distinctive shops at [Mill Falls Marketplace](#) feature a wide variety of clothing, crafts, souvenirs and home decor inspired by lake living.

Hike West Rattlesnake

10 a.m. | Holderness
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With parking provided right at the trailhead off of Route 113, the [Old Bridle Trail](#) that snakes up West Rattlesnake is one of the best family-friendly hikes in the Lakes Region. That's because it's short (under a mile in length), well-maintained with sturdy stairway sections, and home to an amazing summit vantage overlooking the entirety of Squam Lake and its many islands.



More than 200 acres of fields, forests and wetlands are occupied by 20 different types of animals at the [Squam Lakes Natural Science Center](#). But unlike a typical zoo setting, where wildlife from all over the world is contained in settings constructed to simulate their natural habitats, these animals are all native to New Hampshire (actually rescued and deemed unable to return to the wild); therefore, their homes are created within the natural environment. See such species as bears, bobcats, foxes and mountain lions up-close via the three-quarter-mile Live Animal Exhibit Trail.

To see the area's natural beauty from the water, join Captain Bill at [Lake Winnepesaukee Boat Tours](#) on a cruise around the lake for close-up views of its many islands, wildlife and vegetation.

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Have A Ball With the Dolls

4:30 p.m. | Meredith
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Annalee's has been known for decades as a magical place where smiles and traditions are made. Guests from all over the world are treated to a vast assortment of dolls and other sentimental gifts, and if you're lucky, you can even watch the shop's designer elves at work on their exclusive collection.



Even if the family isn't camping, it isn't a trip to Lake Winnepesaukee without some classic fireside favorites. And that you will find plenty of at Camp, housed within the [Chase House Inn](#) overlooking the northern edge of Meredith Bay. Expect an atmosphere evoking summer camp days of yore with pennants and deer heads on the walls and counselor uniforms worn by waiters, and a menu serving steak chili, burgers, ribs and, of course, a plate full of s'mores for dessert.

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Old-fashioned ice cream at Kellerhaus

6:30 p.m. | Laconia
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After dinner, treat the crew to their preferred flavor at [Kellerhaus](#), a 117-year-old candy shop that looks like it came straight out of Bavaria, thanks to a half-timbered architectural style and an interior that gives way to multiple rooms stocked with homemade chocolates, Christmas ornaments, cuckoo clocks, and other trinkets and treasures. But the main draw, undeniably, is what's known as the "ice cream smorgasbord," a buffet-style sundae bar, which allows you to make your own from the selection of toppings that run the gamut from strawberries and pineapple to nuts and sprinkles to coconut and candy.

An honest country breakfast

9 a.m. | New Hampton
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Enjoy homestyle cooking in a 50s–style roadside dinner setting at the [Route 104 Diner](#), where you can choose from breakfast all day or the comfiest of comfort foods, including Mac ‘n Cheese, Shepherds Pie, or even a yummy dessert. The diner’s 1950s-era decor will take you back to the era of sock hops and soda fountains, and the flavors will take you home.



Created during the last Ice Age when glaciers dropped granite boulders along what is now known as Hawk's Cliff, the interconnected series of nine caves — with names like The Lemon Squeeze and Devil's Turnpike — may be the featured highlight at [Polar Caves Park](#), but it's certainly not the only one. Two rock-climbing experiences and a mining sluice that allow kids to uncover gems, minerals and fossils make this the ultimate family adventure.