

Parks/ Playgrounds and Kid-Friendly Activities

Loudon:

Liberty Park: Mulberry Street next to Loudon HS on Rte. 11.
playground equip, tennis courts, (pool is for residents only), basketball court, jogging track, softball field

Legion Park: Ferry St. at Grove St, next to ball field across from JiffyMart.
playground equipment, ballfield, paved walking trail (.43 mi), skate park

Loudon Municipal Park: Rte. 72 & Robinson Rd, 1.2 mi west of Rte. 11 intersection.
disc golf course, shelter, nature trail, two playgrounds, Tate & Lyle amphitheater, soccer fields, softball fields, dog park

Lions Club Park: Robinson Springs Rd, road is opposite entrance to Loudon Muni Park. Paved basketball court, 2 pavilions, playground equipment, stream nearby, picnic tables and BBQ grills.

Riverside Park: Main St. restrooms, picnic shelter-seats 40, fishing piers, boat launch, BBQ grills.

Madisonville:

Kefauver Park: south on Rte 411 about ½ mile past Rte 68.
walking trail, playground

Vonore:

Vonore Town Park: Old Slag Road, across from Town Hall.
beach, playground equipment, ball fields.

Lenoir City

Lenoir City Park: Once over dam in Lenoir City on Rte 321, turn into Lenoir City Park, turn left at stop sign and follow signs to recreation area. Shortly after passing marina, there will be another sign for rec area, turn right. Road ends in a "T" with playgrounds in both directions.

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Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Rd. 865-577-4717; www.ijams.org
nature trails, nature playscape featuring playhouse, marble caterpillars, adult seating areas, tree stump balancing path, several twig huts. May cost to non-members.

Farragut
McFee Park, 917 McFee Road.
splashpad, playground

Other interesting kid-friendly activities

Sweetwater

Flea Market, exit 60, I-75.

Bouncing play area. It is on the far left and is several rooms (indoors) of inflatable slides, bouncy castles, inflatable obstacle courses, etc. It is open for play on Saturday and Sunday. It costs \$5 for ½ hour, \$7 for 1 hour, and \$10 for all day for general admission.

Petting Zoo in Sweetwater

120 Plemons Road, Sweetwater TN 423-295-5156

A petting zoo where kids can get close to many different types of animals—camel, kangaroo, zebra etc. Other activities (fee) available include gem mining, pony rides, pond fishing, birthday parties. Check web site: <http://www.purdyspettingzoo.com/> for hours. Reopens April 14.

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U-T star gazing from “the roof” at 401 Nielson Physics Bldg. in 1st and 3rd Fridays every month, weather permitting. Info: 865-974-7815. Free