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CHEAP THINGS TO DO IN WASHINGTON DURING SUMMER

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As the school year is drawing to a close, we are all looking forward to the sunny days of summer. At a loss of how to fill your weeks of freedom? Here's a list of fun and cheap activities for all the penny-counting college students.

- Lighthouses:** Browns Point Lighthouse in Tacoma has free tours every Saturday. Point Robinson Lighthouse and Mukilteo Lighthouse Park are also local lighthouses in the area that offer free admission.
- Local YMCAs:** If you ask the Y for a guest pass, they will give you a couple free passes to use their facility. Besides using their gym area, they also usually have great swimming pools, basketball courts, and rock climbing. You can find YMCAs located all over Washington State.
- SAM:** The Seattle Art Museum is known for their free "Summer at SAM" season. They have a plethora of events for free right in downtown Seattle – such as music, art activities, and outdoor yoga.
- Berry Picking:** **Bolles Organic Farm** (Monroe) and **Biringer Farm** (Arlington) are some local farms that offer "U-Pick;" which means you can choose how much money you want to dole out. Don't forget to pick up whipped cream on your way home, if you want to transform your harvest into strawberry shortcake!
- Crest Cinema Centre:** Movies are always \$3.00 at this Shoreline theater – so if you're looking for a quick movie date or just missed a movie's run, this is your place.
- Outdoor Concerts:** Washington is known for being a powerhouse state for all kinds of music, so over summer there are always lots of free outdoor concerts. ZooTunes is a specific event hosted almost weekly at the Woodland Park Zoo. They are less expensive than regular concerts. You can find more free concerts around Seattle at: <https://www.downtownseattle.com/Summer/otl>
- Farmers Markets:** From Seattle to Fremont, Ballard to Lake Forest Park there are farmers markets happening all around the PNW over summer. You can view all of the WA locations at: <http://wafarmersmarkets.org/washingtonfarmersmarketdirectory/>
- Folklife Festival:** Every Memorial Day weekend, Seattle Center becomes home to a festival that celebrates 100+ cultural communities. You'll find food, free music and performances, and tents set up with local artisans' crafts. <http://www.nwfoklife.org/about-the-festival/>
- Outdoor Movie Nights:** Bellevue offers free outdoor family-friendly movies during the summer, at Crossroads Mall and Downtown Park. Other cities are also beginning to host free or low-priced movies in the park, such as Marymoor Park (Redmond), Magnuson Park (Seattle), and Lake Tye Park (Monroe).
- Walks:** Kerry Park, Myrtle Edwards Park, and Green Lake Park are all quick and easy locations near the city to enjoy nature. Grab your Starbucks and soak in some Vitamin D as you stroll.
- Shakespeare in the Park:** GreenStage and Wood O are two "troupe" that offer Shakespeare plays in parks throughout Seattle and the surrounding area – bring your own picnic blanket and refreshments and settle in for free entertainment! More info at <http://greenstage.org/shakespeare-in-the-park/> and <http://www.seattleshakespeare.org/woodeno/>.

