

Go show the kids where Microsoft got its start – 115 California St. NE, right next to the state fair grounds. There is a plaque with information on it.

Visit the free Meteorite Museum at UNM's Norththrop Hall - there's dozens of space rocks on display, including a one-ton specimen that crashed into Kansas in 1948. You can touch many of them!

Give kids \$5 and tell 'em to make the most of it at Thrift Town's color tag sale. This could be your 5 year old's chance to aquire a fancy tray for teatime, 6 hardcover kids books and disco light.

Make melted muffin tin cryaons (or just peel the wrapper off your fattest crayons), grab big paper, and make texture rubbings of cool signs and art – our favorites include the tile mosaic ont he ground behind the Albuquerque Museum, the etched stone walls near the Girard police substation, and the Tricentennial city manhole covers.

Classics: ride the Biopark railroad, visit Tinkertown, go to the Balloon Museum, visit Explora, and gawk at the Natural History Museum.

Visit [A Park Above](#) in Rio Rancho — it's accessible to kids (and adults) with all sorts of ability levels. It's creative and FREE! 2441 Westside Ct SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124

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Markets! The Farmer's Markets, Railyard Market, Flea Market... Most don't charge a fee to just wander and check it out, many host free activities and any \$ you spend stays hyperlocal.

Best park for flying a kite: Netherwood Park at Indian School and Princeton

Visit the map and globe collection in the basement of the Centennial Science and Engineering Library at UNM.

Make a fort out of cardboard boxes. Call Baillio's or Conns and ask if they have any appliance boxes - that's some next level fort building.

Print out a list of children's books that have won Caldecott Medals. Visit the local library and try to read as many as you can.

