

What's left of summer.

Six weekends. Almost no money.

I gave AI one line: two kids under four, a postal code, and a budget of basically nothing. It came back with a weekend-by-weekend plan, a rain backup for every single one, and the one thing to skip.

WEEKEND 01

AUG 1-2

Splash pad rotation

Work through the town's free splash pads. Open daily, no booking, no admission. Toddler water play that costs nothing.

FREE

RAIN: LIBRARY STORY TIME

WEEKEND 02

AUG 8-9

Community music festival

Outdoor festival in the main park. Live music, dance, a kids activity tent. Bring a blanket and your own snacks.

FREE ENTRY

RAIN: INDOOR PLAY CENTRE

WEEKEND 03

AUG 15-16

Beach day on a library pass

Borrow the conservation park pass from your library like a book. Covers the whole car at the gate. Put a hold on it now.

FREE WITH PASS

RAIN: DROP-IN SWIM

WEEKEND 04

AUG 22-23

Drum circle in the park

Music and dance workshops with a children's corner. Loud, joyful, and the kind of thing a one-year-old can nap through.

FREE

RAIN: COVERED SPLASH PAD

WEEKEND 05

AUG 29-30

Botanical gardens walk

Outdoor sculpture trail through the gardens. Kids get in free on the summer pass. Stroller-friendly paths the whole way.

KIDS FREE

RAIN: INDOOR ATRIUM

WEEKEND 06

SEP 5-6

Last splash, then market

One final splash pad morning, then the Saturday farmers market for fruit and a free-sample lunch. A soft goodbye to summer.

FREE

RAIN: PUBLIC LIBRARY

PAYS FOR ITSELF

The library park pass. One hold request covers full car admission for a family of four at the gate. It's the single biggest saving in the whole plan and almost nobody knows it exists.

CUT THIS ONE

The ticketed food festival. Entry plus food adds up fast for a one- and three-year-old who won't eat any of it.