



You can go fishing at Mary Jo Peckham Park



LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch

Fun Family Outings

Your go-to guide for having fantastic family time in Katy

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If there's one thing Katy is not short of, it's fun family activities. For an enjoyable outing with your loved ones of all ages, try these local venues on for size.

Santikos Palladium AVX

7301 Grand Pkwy. | 281-239-4200

Best for ages 3 and up

Sharing a tub of popcorn while catching a heartwarming family flick can create pleasant memories for all members of your crew. This theater complex has it all, from IMAX and 3D screens, to special mommy and me matinees where crying babies and rambunctious toddlers are welcome. They also offer movie showings with brighter lights and lower volume for parents of small and special needs children. After your movie, head to the in-house bowling alley to hit some strikes. Check out the Santikos website for program details and movie times. *See ad on page 14*

santikos.com

LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch

23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. | 281-395-5533

All ages can participate

Shop 'til you drop at LaCenterra at Cinco Ranch, an upscale venue that features clothing and specialty stores and restaurants such as Fish City Grill, Grimaldi's Pizzeria, and Las Alamedas Mexican Grill and Bar. Spa and beauty services are also offered for those who want to relax. LaCenterra also hosts family-friendly community activities throughout the year, such as Mondays with Mommy sponsored by Texas Children's Hospital. *See ad on page 59*
lacenterra.com

Learn roping techniques at the Katy Prairie Conservancy



Mary Jo Peckham Park offers free swimming

Katy Prairie Conservancy

31950 Hebert Rd. | 713-523-6135

All ages can participate

The Katy Prairie Conservancy is one of the most biologically rich conservations in Texas. With a mission to preserve an ecologically vital tallgrass prairie and associated wetlands area, the prairie provides a fun and educational adventure to families. The Katy Prairie is alive with colorful wildflowers, amazing mammals, migratory bird life, beautiful butterflies, and much more. Visit them at the Matt Cook Wildlife Viewing Platform at Warren Lake daily from 7 a.m. to dusk, or at the Indian Grass Preserve Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until the afternoon.

katyprairie.org

Main Event

24401 Katy Fwy. | 281-394-4800

Best for ages 5 and up

Pool tables, gravity ropes, video games, bowling, and laser tag make up the fun at this indoor activity center. With specialty pizzas, salads, chicken and waffles, baby back ribs, desserts, a full-service bar, and more - the family can play through the dinner hour and beyond. Be sure to check out Monday Night Madness after 4 p.m. with unlimited activities for \$9.95 per person.

mainevent.com

Mary Jo Peckham Park

5597 Gardenia Ln. | 281-496-2177

All ages can participate

Mary Jo Peckham Park is a treasure trove of free fun that all family members can enjoy. With activities like indoor swimming, hiking, fishing, and swinging on the playground, there's something for everyone. Fitness classes like Zumba and yoga are offered at the indoor recreation center. Since everything is free of charge, make sure you schedule your pool and indoor activities well in advance.

pct3.com/parks/peckham-park

Family Entertainment Complex

2482 S. Mason Rd. | 281-574-3045

All ages can participate

The Family Entertainment Complex includes Katy Miniature Golf, batting cages, Inflatable Katy, and Katy Go-Carts. Practice your baseball or softball swing in batting cages, putt on the mini golf course, or jump for joy in the indoor inflatables. This facility should get even more exciting in 2016 when a go-kart track is scheduled to be completed. There will be a minimum height requirement to drive.

katyminiaturegolf.com

Tilt Studio at Katy Mills

5000 Katy Mills Cir. | 281-644-2340

Best for ages 5 and up

Get dizzy on the tilt-a-whirl, try your hand at mini golf, mini bowling, laser tag, or compete on video arcade games at Tilt Studio, a place for indoor family fun. Finish up the good time with a tasty snack before heading home, or visit your favorite stores in Katy Mills Mall to shop 'til you drop.

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tiltstudio.com

Topgolf

1030 Memorial Brook Blvd. | 281-406-3176

Best for ages 7 and up

Whether you've never picked up a golf club, or consider yourself a pro, you're sure to have a great time at Topgolf, a golf simulation game that posts your score on a bay screen after each shot. No clubs? No problem. All necessary equipment will be provided for you. **KM**

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Parents' Night Out

If you're interested in heading out without your little ones in tow, here are some places for kids to have their own fun while you enjoy date night.

The Athletic Performance Lab

Kiddos can use up their extra energy with fun workouts and games for children ages 5 and up on select Fridays from 7 to 11 p.m. Call 281-394-9494. *See ad on page 10*

Katy Family YMCA

Parents' Night Out is held the third Saturday of every month from 6 to 10 p.m. for kids ages 3 and up. Call 281-392-5055. *See ad on page 78*

Katy Kips Gymnastics Club

Holds open gym with supervised and instructional activities from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on select Fridays for kids ages 5 and up. Call 281-578-5477. *See ad on page 158*

The Little Gym of Katy

Parents' Survival Night is held on select Friday and Saturday evenings with structured activities for kids ages 3 to 12. Call 281-347-1400. *See ad on page 113*

Safari Kids Learning Center

Offers hourly drop-ins from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For kids ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Call 832-583-9700. *See ad on page 41*

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