

LEISURE: Surviving the dogs days of summer

Low-cost day trips can keep the kids happy

York Region has a number of attractions that make for a fun, low-cost day trip. Among them:

Outdoors

■ **Kortright Centre for Conservation** — Pine Valley Drive south of Major Mackenzie Drive in Vaughan. Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$5 adults, \$3 children (children 4 years and under free). Guided family programs weekdays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Special weekend activities year round. (905) 832-2289.

■ **Boyd Conservation Area** — Islington Avenue and Rutherford Road in Vaughan. Admission \$3.50 to \$4 adults, \$2 children age 5 to 14, children under 5 admitted free. (416) 661-6600.

■ **Bruce's Mill Conservation Area** — Stouffville Road between Kennedy Road and Warden Avenue in Stouffville. Admission: \$3.50 to \$4 adults, \$2 children age 5 to 14, children under 5 admitted free. (416) 661-6600.

■ **Lionel's Pony Farm and Petting Zoo** — McCowan Road north of Major Mackenzie Drive in Stouffville. Weekdays and Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. Book ahead for pony rides. Donations are accepted as admission. (905) 640-7669.

■ **Puck's Farm** — King Concession 11, south of Hwy. 9 in Schomberg. Weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weekends and holidays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$7 per person. Children under 2 admitted free. (905) 939-7036.

■ **Forsythe's Family Farms** — Kennedy Road north of Major Mackenzie Drive in



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With proper supervision, a nearby creek is a great place for young children to escape.

Unionville. Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekends, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to Enchanted Forest (weekends) \$2. Free admission to farm activities. (905) 887-1087.

■ **Round the Bend Farm** — 16225 Jane Street at Aurora Road in Kettleby. Weekdays, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Farm market with access to farm animals and gardens for children. (905) 727-0023.

■ **Sibbald Point Provincial Park** — York Road 18 north of Hwy. 48 in Sutton. 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Weekday admission, \$8; weekends \$10. (905) 722-8061.

■ **Claredon Beach** — Metro Road in Keswick. Playground, washrooms, parking. Free admission. (905) 476-4423.

■ **Franklin Beach** — Metro Road in Keswick. Playground, washrooms, limited parking. Free admission. (905) 476-4423.

■ **De La Salle Beach Park** — Metro Road in Jackson's Point. Large park, playground equipment, washrooms, parking. Admission \$4/hour or \$15/day. (905) 476-4423.

■ **Maple Leaf Park** — Metro Road in Roche's Point. Playground equipment, washrooms, parking. \$12/day. (905) 476-4423.

Pools

■ **Lois Hancey Wave Pool** — Yonge Street at Major Mackenzie Drive in Richmond Hill. Weekdays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. Weekends, 1 to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission \$5.50 adults, \$3 children age 3 to 15. Family admission \$12.75 (2 adults, 3 children or 1 adult, 4 children). (905) 508-9283.

■ **Georgina Leisure Pool** — Black River Road in Jackson's Point. Weekdays, 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Weekends 1 to 4 p.m. Admission \$2.50 adults, \$2 children under 17; \$7.50 family. (905) 722-1429.

Indoor

■ **David Dunlap Observatory** — Hillsview Drive west of Bayview Avenue in Richmond Hill. Friday and Saturday evenings, two showings at sunset — approximately 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. Admission, \$4 adults, \$2 children ages 8 to 12. No children under 8 admitted. (905) 884-2112.

Parent-child resource centres

Call for schedule and location in your area

Markham	Milliken	
Stouffville		471-1620
Richmond Hill		780-9622
Thornhill	Woodbridge	
Maple		764-9722
Aurora		713-6030
Newmarket		853-0754
Georgina		989-1636

Parks and recreation

Most municipalities have a network of park pathways waiting to be explored. To find out more, call the municipality.

Markham	(905) 415-7535
Richmond Hill	(905) 771-8870
Vaughan	(905) 832-8577
Stouffville	(905) 640-6527
Aurora	(905) 727-1375
King	(905) 833-5321
East Gwillimbury	(905) 478-4282
Newmarket	(905) 895-5193
Georgina	(905) 476-4423

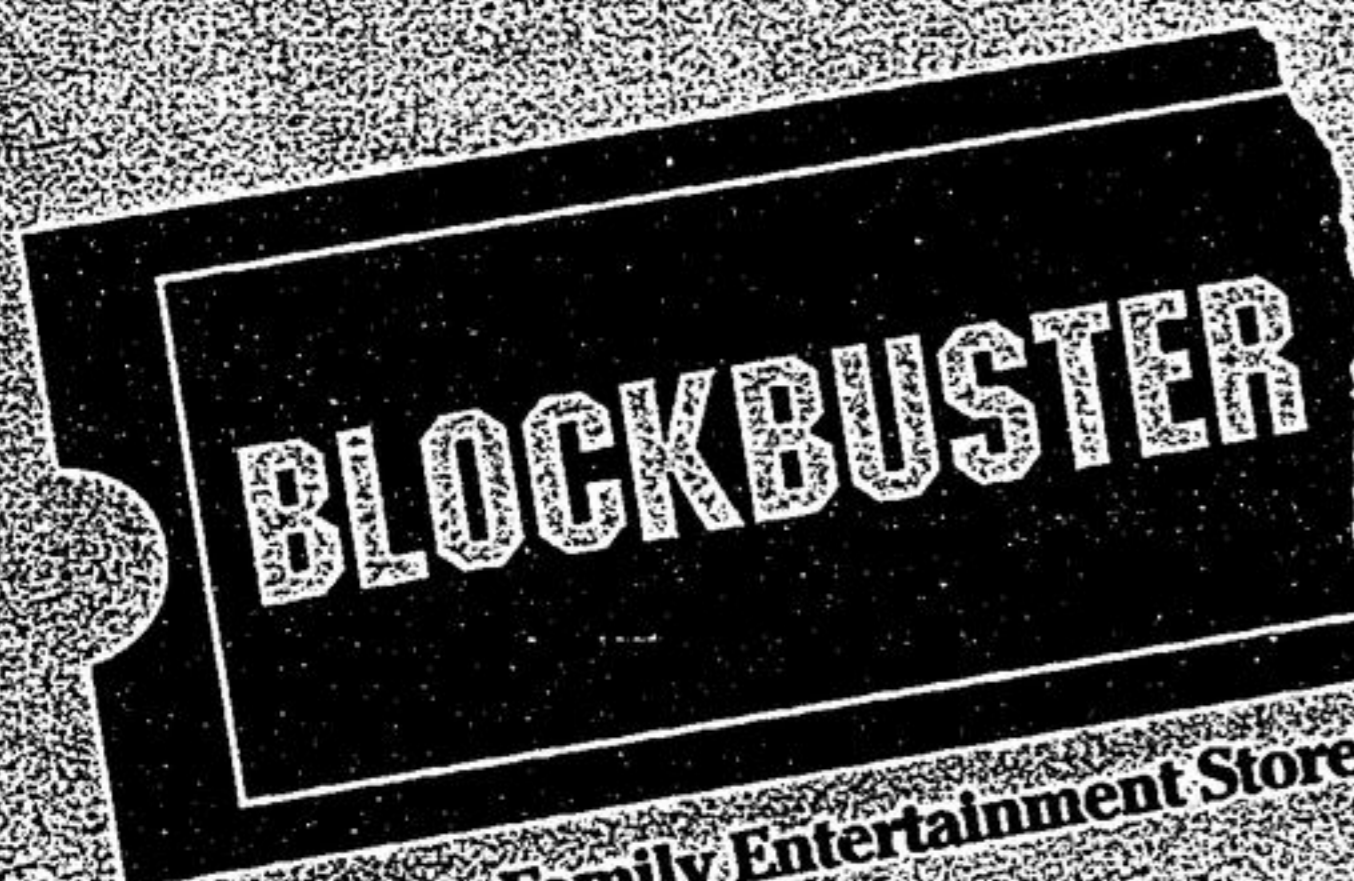
Public libraries

Municipal libraries also have plenty of activities. Call your local library.

Markham	(905) 513-7977
Richmond Hill	(905) 884-9288
Vaughan	(905) 832-8515
Stouffville	(905) 640-2395
Aurora	(905) 727-9493
King	(905) 833-5101
East Gwillimbury	(905) 836-6492
Newmarket	(905) 953-5110
Georgina	(905) 476-5762

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