

Many of us start searching for new and different summer activities as July starts winding down so this month we are providing a list of ideas for free/inexpensive options. For each of these there are additional details on the website—and if you want to contribute ideas for your area please send them along and we will add them to the website. Don't forget to visit the Consortium website for more information about upcoming events—
<https://www.vtadoption.org/>



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**Courage
doesn't
always roar.
Sometimes
courage is the
quiet voice at
the end of the
day saying, "I
will try again
tomorrow."
~ Mary Anne
Radmacher ~**

*Check out your local library:

- ⇒ Find passes to museums, and local resources, many are free with the pass, others will give you a reduced rate.
- ⇒ Drop in to a story time
- ⇒ Find some new books to read together as a family!

* Not all playgrounds are created equal - check out the Thatcher Brook Primary School playground—it's called a "natural" playground designed to encourage imaginative play. You can take a look at it by [clicking here](#) to see a Youtube video. Let us know of any playgrounds you have played at that we should share with families!

* Visit a covered bridge—or [visit them all!](#) Find the longest covered bridge in Vermont, or the oldest, or the widest—or focus on Vermont's top [16 covered bridges](#). And you'll enjoy the scenery on the way & can visit a new creemee stand!

* Vermont has some wonderful bike trails that you might want to give a try—some are relatively short, others go for miles. Give the Stowe recreation path or the Burlington bike path (which goes along Lake Champlain) a try; or look up your [local rail trail](#) for a relatively level easy ride.

* And if you want to take a hike but you aren't sure of the best trail for your family check out the Backroads [Ramblers website](#) for awesome hikes for kids—it gives you descriptions of the trails and their difficulty levels. Lots of waterfall trails are featured so you may be able to grab a swim along the way!