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## How to Save on Summer Entertainment

This season was made for having fun. Here are five ways to have lots of it — without spending a fortune.

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**Buy a national-park pass.** The \$80 permit, good for a full year, gives you access to 58 national parks, from Acadia to Yellowstone. In addition to hiking and camping, many parks also offer white-water rafting and horseback riding. (Go to [nps.gov](http://nps.gov) for the closest park.)

**Enjoy a minor-league baseball game.** Box seats cost about \$15, which is \$30 or so less than a comparable ticket at the majors. The stadiums are smaller, so parking is a breeze and the concessions have shorter lines. (To find a nearby team, check out [milb.com](http://milb.com).)

**Go berry picking.** There's no entrance fee, the scenery is delightful, and you'll find bargains on delicious fresh fruit. (Locate a pick-your-own farm in your state at [pickyourown.org](http://pickyourown.org).)

**Be a tourist in your own town.** CityPASS, now available in 11 cities nationwide, offer discounts on admission to popular venues, like museums and aquariums. Prices range from \$44 up to \$247 for a pass to five attractions located in Southern California. (For more information, visit [citypass.com](http://citypass.com).)

**Book as a group.** Many arts organizations will give a discount of 10 to 50 percent to parties of 20 or more people (and sometimes to groups as small as 10.)