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### Favorite Trips with Kids



We have all been on them, some a success and some a disappointment! We are looking to hear about your favorite trips with your kids. They can be in Newport, across a bridge, or across the country. Take a moment to tell other moms about it! After all, what better way to learn about a new place than from another mom!!

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**8 Comments Posted** [Leave a comment](#) Guest Here is something fun for the whole family....my favorite "Staycation" - Residence Inn Newport / Middletown! For \$89 your family gets an experience at a little expense. Your rate includes a suite, hot full breakfast buffet for everyone, light dinner on M,T, and Th. Of course there is no charge for parking, or Internet.

Load up the kids, head down the street, check in early if you want to, splash and play in the heated indoor pool, and jacuzzi tub, play Wii, and practice your BBall skills on the sportcourt. Your suite has a king size bed, living room with a sofa pullout, and a fully equipped kitchen. What a fun sleep over. We even clean up the mess!

The social hour on Thursday includes hamburgers, hot dogs, desert, and drinks. Dinner for the whole family! To book, please visit [www.marriott.com/pvdnm](http://www.marriott.com/pvdnm) . Enter promo / corporate code C77. Or call Jim Paulon at (401) 608-6708. I've been know to hand out some free drink coupons for our beer/wine bar. Have fun!  
Guest When kids were younger, Jeff loved going to the whaling museum in New Bedford...i think he loved

it more than them...a lot to learn and hands on viewing of things..great place, day trip. Robyn      Guest  
Last summer, we had planned a day trip to Block Island with our 8 year old grandson & 9 year old nephew, but a forecast of rain soon changed our mind. What to do with 2 active boys for an entire day? We decided to change our agenda and visit the newly constructed Connecticut Science Center at 250 Columbus Boulevard in Hartford, CT. Although it took us a little over 2 hours, it was well worth the ride.

There were well over 100 exhibits, most of them hands on. There is also a 3D theater with an extra cost. There are three different movies to choose from. The two boys decided on the dinosaurs. No surprise there! Both boys as well as the four adults in our group had a ball! We raced cars & boats in the energy exhibit, checked out our diet & fitness levels in the health exhibit & created Rube Goldberg like machines in the Invention Dimension.

We ate lunch in the museum's caf  which was not your typical museum fare. The caf  served locally grown meats & produce & was yummy. The only downside was a very small seating area, very crowded at lunchtime. There are other restaurants nearby, and your wristband allows you to leave & reenter the building during your visit. The center does allow you to bring food into the lobby area but again, there is limited seating.

There was plenty of parking in the underground garage but there was a fee. The building is fully handicapped accessible. Strollers are allowed but I would recommend bringing a smaller one as the museum is very interactive and elevators are not that large.

While there is something for just about all ages, I don't know if I would bring a two or three year old. While there are some exhibits geared to them, they would not enjoy the majority of activities.

For more information, times & prices, check out the museum website: <http://www.ctsciencecenter.org/>

Guest    I second Robyn's suggestion of a day trip to New Bedford to visit the Whaling Museum. We went after Christmas with our 6-year old and his young cousins and they all loved it. All those whale bones! Like going to the Museum of Natural History in NYC, but without the dino bones. Free Whaling Museum passes from the local public libraries too. Patrick's Mom in Newport      Guest    I enjoy taking my children 3 and 5 to Buttonwood Zoo in New Bedford. It is small enough that I do not need a stroller and my daughter can walk the entire time. The kids love to ride the small train around the zoo and the pony rides in the summer. (Both cost extra!) We sometimes try to go on Mondays to see the Toe Jam Puppet Band. They are there every week! It only takes a little more than an hour to see the entire zoo. We usually pack a snack or lunch and eat it there!      Guest    My favorite thing to do is right in Newport. On a Sunday afternoon, we love to pack a picnic and head to Brenton Point to fly kites. There are always tons other people with kites and even some "kite clubs!" Some of them are huge and amazing. I think it is almost impossible to fail at flying a kite here. There is always wind. The kids love it! There is usually someone there selling kites and the Del's truck is often nearby for a treat.      Guest    I love to pack a picnic and ride bikes at Colt State Park! Even with youngest who is 3, I can let her ride her bike while I walk and my husband rides ahead with the other kids. We also always stop at Grey's Ice Cream in Bristol on the way home!      Guest    My kids 8 and 10 love Boston. We usually head to the Museum of Science and then for a walk along the Charles River. We have gone on the Duck Tour Boats which they both love! We always stop at Fanuel Hall for lunch and a short walk to Mike's Pastries in the North End for dessert! Sometimes we will look for a cheap hotel with a pool nearby and make it an overnight.

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