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Massachusetts Vacation Ideas

Who says you need to go far away to have fun? Here are some ideas for vacation fun right here in Western Massachusetts!

Spend a day with thousands of butterflies in a lush, tropical environment at [Magic Wings, Butterfly Conservatory and Gardens](#) in South Deerfield. Magic Wings focuses on butterfly-related education, recreation, entertainment and gardening needs, all showcased in an 8,000 square foot tropical conservatory that's home to nearly 4,000 exotic and domestic butterflies.

In Springfield, you will find the [Basketball Hall of Fame](#), with historical basketball related items on display. There are free movies and video highlights of famous games. An extremely popular attraction is one that allows visitors to attempt scoring a basket while on a moving sidewalk.

[The Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum](#) is the newest museum at the Quadrangle, devoted to Springfield native and author Theodor Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss. The first floor features family friendly, interactive exhibits exploring Dr. Seuss's Springfield roots and providing opportunities to experiment with new sounds and vocabulary, play rhyming games, and invent stories—all in line with Geisel's revolutionary role in changing how we learn to read. The second floor features never before publicly displayed art, family photographs and letters, and the original Geisel Grove sign which used to hang in Forest Park. You can even find Theophrastus, the toy stuffed dog Ted Geisel's mother gave to him when he was a boy in Springfield.





UNDER THE SEA CRAFT

Supplies:

- Paint, blue and green
- Paint brushes or a sponge
- Paper plate
- White card stock
- Green and yellow tissue paper
- Great white northern beans
- School glue
- One googly eye

Step-by-step:

1. Paint the paper plate. Allow it to dry completely.
2. Cut the tissue paper into strips and twist them together at one end. Glue the tissue paper bunch to the bottom of the plate. This gives it that flow-y look like a plant on the bottom of the fish tank or sea floor.
3. Spread glue a little at a time across the bottom of the plate and sprinkle the beans on top of the glue. Press down gently so they stick well.
4. Cut a fish out of the card stock and coat it with a thin layer of glue. Place the yellow tissue paper all over the fish, don't worry if it overlaps the fish, it can be trimmed later. Once the glue dries, add the googly eye.
5. Glue the fish onto the paper plate and let everything dry thoroughly.
6. Show off your Under the Sea craft!

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Fun Money Facts For Kids

One bill weighs 1 gram and 454 bills equal one pound. This means if you have \$1 million in singles, it would weigh over 1 ton! A suitcase of \$1 million in \$100 bills weighs over 20 pounds!

The typical lifespan of a \$1 bill is just 18 months. While the lifespan of a \$100 bill is close to 9 years. And you thought dogs aged fast! Here is a total breakdown: \$1 bill: 18 months; \$5 bill: 2 years; \$10 bill: 3 years; \$20 bill: 4 years; \$50 bill: 9 years; \$100 bill: 9 years; Coins: 30 years.

Money is recycled when worn out. Worn out coins are melted down and used to make new coins. Worn out bills are shredded, recycled, and then made into roof shingles or fireplace logs.

A penny costs more to manufacture than it is worth. It costs the government roughly \$0.02 to make a single penny.

Loose change really does add up. In 2015 the TSA collected \$765,759.15 in loose change at airport security checkpoints across the country.



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