



must do brass monkey winter with kids

1. Just breathe - let your children enjoy crisp mountain air. At night count the stars or sit around a log fire and toast marshmallows.
2. Grab a wicker basket and develop your hunt and gathering skills. Children can realize the joy of food in season bursting with flavour - this winter source Mushrooms, Chestnuts, Broccoli, Brussell Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery and Leeks. Every second Sunday be spoilt for choice at the Markets in the Mountains.
3. With your season produce - topped up with award winning Quart Pot Bakehouse freshly baked bread and condiments from our many gourmet producers - discover a great picnic spot. The visitor information centre can provide a list offering man-made to natural playgrounds.
4. Bring your bikes - ride easy tracks that wind around Quart Pot Creek to our back country roads that meander through the region.
5. (Hopefully) playing in the snow - it may snow during a Granite Belt winter and we definitely get frosts that blanket the land in white. So wrestle on the boots and scarf and head out for some frosty play.
6. Pack your fishing rods - teach your children to fish in one of our many creeks or a great option with picnic facilities is Storm King Dam.

7. Throw a ball. When was the last time your family went ten pin bowling? It's the perfect way to spend a few hours when the weather is not at its finest.
8. Be aMazed. Get lost in the Granite Belt maze as many times as you wish and experience the tranquillity as you wander around the gardens and frog ponds. While you're there play a game of jumbo chess or mini golf.
9. Learn how to make cheese and about the different varieties at the Granite Belt Dairy Farmhouse. Are you an early bird - children are also welcome to watch the milking at about 7am. (bookings required)
10. Tasting for the younger generation - swirl and sip apple cider @ Sutton's Juice Factory and Cidery. If it's early in the season pick your own apples or share an enormous apple pie made from 22 apples.
11. And adults - don't think that wine tasting with children in tow is out of the question; many of our wineries offer children's toy boxes, vineyard tours and there is always the resident winery dog to play with (under supervision).
12. Discover our famous granite boulders and be elevated without hours of climbing @ Donnelly's Castle. It's only a 200 metre walk to the top providing breathtaking views over the valley. Surrounded by caves, legend tells us this was a hide-out of the famous bushranger Thunderbolt!

Feeling more adventurous - visit the renowned Girraween National Park. For spectacular 360 degree views climb Castle Rock or discover the precariously balancing rock on the Pyramid. Learn more about the park's history, flora and fauna from a ranger at the information centre. Camping is available but in winter make sure you bring your woollies.
13. More than lavender - discover lavender's many uses at Crystal Ridge Lavender Farm or Aloomba Lavender Farm and also have a farm experience. Aloomba is also a 4000 acre working cattle farm and Crystal Ridge is a prime lamb raising property with an animal display including alpacas, donkeys, miniature horses, goats, ducks and chickens.
14. Step back in time at the Stanthorpe Museum and discover our connection with French battlefields and how Stanthorpe got its name from tin.
15. Sip a heavenly hot (or iced) chocolate - choose from 18 flavours @ Heavenly Chocolate - the home of sweet treats to assault all the senses.



And before you leave make sure you have your photo taken with our famous Brass Monkey - it's a ball freezing experience.