

Broken Bow Family Travel Guide

Kid-friendly activities, cabin tips, and a stress-free family itinerary.

Why Families Love Broken Bow

Broken Bow is one of the few destinations where you can hike a forest, swim in a clean lake, ride a pontoon, and eat wood-fired pizza all in the same day — without long drives between activities.

Cabins typically include hot tubs, fire pits, and game rooms, so kids burn energy even off the trails.

Best Activities by Age

Age group	Top picks
Toddlers (1–4)	Hochatown Petting Zoo, cabin pool/hot tub, paddleboat at state park
Kids (5–10)	Mini-golf, tube ride behind pontoon, trout pond, mini-train
Tweens (11–13)	Tubing, lily pad, ATV tours, ice cream crawl
Teens	Wakeboarding, cliff areas (with caution), arcades, ziplines

Pontoon Day with Kids

- Book a half-day morning slot (cooler, calmer water, less sun)
- Bring the lily pad — kids will play on it for hours
- Pack double the snacks and water you think you need
- Reef-safe sunscreen every 90 minutes
- Bring a small first-aid kit (band-aids, motion-sickness meds)

Rainy Day Plan

- Hochatown Junction arcade + mini-golf (covered)
- Movie afternoon in the cabin with hot cocoa
- Visit the Forest Heritage Center Museum (free, indoor)
- Wine tasting for parents while kids enjoy snacks at Mountain Fork Winery

Tip: Cabins fill 4–6 months out for summer and holidays — book early and check cancellation terms.

Packing Quick-Wins

- Swim diapers and rash guards
- Water shoes (rocky shoreline)
- Bug spray (mosquitoes in shaded areas after rain)
- Headlamps for cabin walks at night
- Backup phone charger and offline maps