

## Family Fun

### Climb:

Kids will be wowed by Central Park Playground, featuring a 120-foot-long climbing wall, four slides, and seven play zones. 12000 Central Park Way, Maple Grove, 763-494-6474, [maplegovemn.gov](http://maplegovemn.gov)



### Bump:

Basketball + hockey + lacrosse + bumper cars = WhirlyBall. Bonus: The space features private party rooms, a restaurant/bar, and the largest laser tag arena in Minnesota. 13644 80th Circle N., Maple Grove, 763-657-1555, [whirlyballtwincities.com](http://whirlyballtwincities.com)



### Splash:

Holiday Inn & Suites at Arbor Lakes' Venetian Waterpark has four-story slides, a whirlpool, and more, all under a starry ceiling. 11801 Fountains Way N., Maple Grove, 763-425-3800, [venetianwaterpark.com](http://venetianwaterpark.com)

### Park:

Wagner's Drive-In has been a Brooklyn Park staple for decades. Order a hand-pattied cheeseburger and crinkle-cut fries. 7000 Broadway Ave. W., Brooklyn Park, 763-533-8262, [wagnersdrivein.com](http://wagnersdrivein.com)



### Learn:

The Historic Eidem Farm is a 19-acre living history farm that highlights the city's agricultural heritage. Experience how the Eidem family lived by touring the Victorian house and nearby barn, visiting farm animals, pumping water, and making crisp apple cider (in the fall). 4345 101st Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, 763-493-4604, [brooklynpark.org](http://brooklynpark.org)

### Draw:

Chalkfest at Arbor Lakes is a street art festival like no other. The free event on Main Street in Maple Grove (June 8-9) features huge works of sidewalk chalk art by 50 pro and amateur artists. Snap selfies with giant 3D creations or contribute your own creativity! 12730 Main St., Maple Grove, [chalkfestarborlakes.com](http://chalkfestarborlakes.com)



## Foodie Finds

### Feast:

At Claddagh Irish Pub, try the shepherd's pie with a pint of Smithwick's, and stay for the live music on Friday and Saturday nights. 7890 N. Main St., Maple Grove, 763-773-7400, [claddaghirishpubs.com](http://claddaghirishpubs.com)



### Taste:

Locally owned Sweet Taste of Italy serves American favorites like pizza and wings, and doesn't disappoint on delicious, authentic dishes like the cheesy mostaccioli or homemade lasagna. 9576 Noble Pkwy. N., Brooklyn Park, 763-493-4733, [sweettasteofitaly.com](http://sweettasteofitaly.com)

### Spice It Up:

Try Ten Sushi's Maple Grove Roll with spicy tuna, king crab, avocado, and spicy mayo (16362 Co. Rd. 30, Maple Grove, 763-710-5522, [tensushimn.com](http://tensushimn.com)), or India House's hot chicken vindaloo (11611 Fountains Dr., Maple Grove, 763-432-2241, [indiahousemn.com](http://indiahousemn.com)).



### Indulge:

Wonders Ice Cream uses an ice grill to chill ice cream to -20 degrees before rolling thin layers of perfection. Cookie Monster is a must-try with its bright-blue ice cream and mini cookies on top. 11630 Fountains Dr., Maple Grove, 661-493-2254, [wondersicecream.com](http://wondersicecream.com)

### Nosh:

Roll over to Roasted Pear for happy hour and order the chicken egg rolls. For dinner, try the blackenedahi tuna with avocado cream sauce. 9690 Colorado Ln., Brooklyn Park, 763-400-7677, [roastedpear.com](http://roastedpear.com)

### Brew:

Get quality coffee—including edible photos and personalized messages on top of any latte!—at Daily Dose Café and Espresso. 15517 Grove Circle N., Maple Grove, 763-657-0919, and 9578 Noble Pkwy., Brooklyn Park, 763-762-8104, [dailydosemn.com](http://dailydosemn.com)

## Grownup Getaways

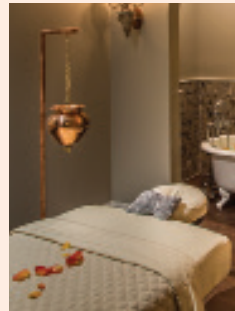
### Hop Dream:

Comfort is alpha at neighborhood fave Blue Wolf Brewing. Try the Wolf Cry Rye Ale, an easy drinker (8515 Edinburgh Centre Dr., Brooklyn Park, 763-390-6700, [bluewolfbrew.com](http://bluewolfbrew.com)). Enjoy a craft brew on the patio at OMNI Brewing Co. Lake Day Pale Ale is a supreme summer sipper (9462 Deerwood Ln., Maple Grove, 763-424-6664, [omnibrewing.com](http://omnibrewing.com)).



### Rejuvenate:

Enjoy a four-hand massage, seaweed leaf pedicure, or *minkyti* facial at The Woodhouse Day Spa and be transported far beyond Minneapolis Northwest. 12425 Elm Creek Blvd. N., Maple Grove, 763-237-3772, [woodhousespas.com](http://woodhousespas.com)



### Entertain:

Experience date-night drama (the good kind) at Yellow Tree Theatre, an intimate venue that combines small-town charm with professional shows, ranging from famous musicals and stirring stage plays to original productions. 320 5th Ave. SE, Osseo, 763-493-8733, [yellowtree.theatre.com](http://yellowtree.theatre.com)

### Staycation:

A perfect fit for adults looking to unwind, the Embassy Suites by Hilton sets guests up right with its two-room suites with multiple TVs, refreshing whirlpool, and complimentary evening receptions with snacks and drinks. 6300 Earle Brown Dr., Brooklyn Center, 763-560-2700, [embassysuites.com](http://embassysuites.com)

### Spectate:

At Brick & Bourbon, prepare for a spectacle upon ordering the Smoking Gun maple old-fashioned, served in a cloud of smoke trapped by a glass cake dome. 7887 Elm Creek Blvd., Maple Grove, 763-208-9477, [brickandbourbon.com](http://brickandbourbon.com)



### Tour:

Though Surly's original Brooklyn Center brewery is closed to the public, you can experience the occasional Old School Surly Brewery Tour, led by founder Omar Ansari, who shows you where it all began. 4811 Dusharme Dr., Brooklyn Center, 763-535-3330, [surlybrewing.com/tours](http://surlybrewing.com/tours)

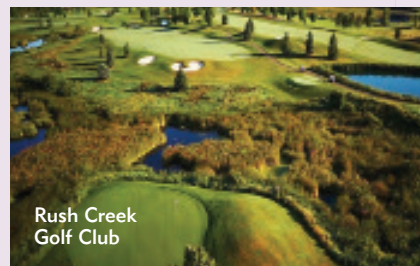
## Outdoor Adventure

### Explore:

The 4,900-acre Elm Creek Park Reserve boasts a swim pond and year-round outdoor activities, from mountain biking to snow tubing (12400 James Deane Pkwy., Maple Grove, 763-694-7894, [threeriversparks.org](http://threeriversparks.org)). Eagle Lake Regional Park has plenty of hiking, biking, skiing, and more (11000 Bass Lake Rd., Plymouth, 763-694-7695, [threeriversparks.org](http://threeriversparks.org)).

### Paddle:

Mississippi River Paddle Share lets you rent a single-person or tandem kayak and choose your route. Start in Brooklyn Park's River Park and paddle 4.5 miles to the return station at North Mississippi Regional Park. 101 83rd Ave., Brooklyn Park, 844-694-6489, [paddleshare.org](http://paddleshare.org)



### Swing:

Play championship-level courses like Edinburgh USA (8700 Edinbrook Crossing, Brooklyn Park, 763-315-8550, [edinburghusa.com](http://edinburghusa.com)) and Rush Creek Golf Club (7801 Co. Rd. 101, Maple Grove, 763-494-8844, [rushcreek.com](http://rushcreek.com)).

### Skate:

The one-of-a-kind Central Park Ice Skating Loop is an 810-foot-long trail that winds through a beautiful winter landscape. Skate rental and concessions are available at the pavilion. 12000 Central Park Way, Maple Grove, 763-494-5959, [maplegovemn.gov](http://maplegovemn.gov)



### SUP:

Not only does Fish Lake Regional Park rent out canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddleboards (SUP)—it also features a SUPsquat, which holds six to 10 paddlers for the ultimate group activity on 244 acres of water. 14900 Bass Lake Rd., Maple Grove, 763-694-7818, [threeriversparks.org](http://threeriversparks.org)



## Retail Therapy



### Shop:

Browse national favorites and local boutiques at The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes. Find the latest fashion at GoodThings and Apricot Lane Boutique. 12459 Elm Creek Blvd. N., Maple Grove, 763-424-0504, [shoppesatarborlakes.com](http://shoppesatarborlakes.com)

### Blend:

Olfactory Scent Studio puts you in charge of creating your own personal scent to infuse into candles or sprays. Sniff through more than 100 scents, pick out your favorites, and an official Scent Stylist will walk you through the fun blending process. 12113 Elm Creek Blvd. N., Maple Grove, 763-600-6052, [olfactoryscentstudio.com](http://olfactoryscentstudio.com)

### Imbibe:

At 3 Squares, every day is happy hour (\$2 off specialty cocktails, 3-6 PM and 9 PM-close), so try a blackberry poblano margarita. If you stay for dinner, go for the grilled meatloaf with chipotle ketchup. 12690 Arbor Lakes Pkwy., Maple Grove, 763-425-3330, [3squaresrestaurant.com](http://3squaresrestaurant.com)

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### Sample:

Love That Olive specializes in a variety of Italian extra virgin olive oils and balsamic vinegars. Sample the smooth tastes of Italy, and take a class to learn about pairing different flavors. 13551 Grove Dr., Maple Grove, 763-657-0857, [lovethatolive.com](http://lovethatolive.com)

### Make and Bake:

Paint your own ceramics at Color Me Mine. Choose from one of 400 unfinished pieces to paint (12155 Elm Creek Blvd., Maple Grove, 763-420-0005, [maplegrove.colormemine.com](http://maplegrove.colormemine.com)). Learn owner Abby Jimenez's sweet secrets at Nadia Cakes, featured on the Food Network and TLC (11650 Fountains Dr., #207, Maple Grove, 763-575-8885, [nadiacakes.com](http://nadiacakes.com)).



### Stay:

Located in the heart of Arbor Lakes, the Courtyard by Marriott Maple Grove/Arbor Lakes is perfect for girlfriend getaways. Book a King Whirlpool Suite, relax next to the pool, and enjoy a healthy breakfast and a Starbucks coffee at the Bistro. 11871 Fountains Way, Maple Grove, 763-425-5355, [marriott.com](http://marriott.com)