

Life's A Beach

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Summer may be over, but that doesn't mean water-based activities need to dry up too. Country Child are here to help you plan your autumnal aqua adventures!

As day on the beach conjures up images of sand castles, ice creams, 'sand'wiches and boogie boards; the perfect location for a family day out. But when summer draws to a close and the autumnal weather takes hold, splashing about in the British waves doesn't have quite the same appeal as it did a month or so ago! But, of course, regardless of the time of year, the beach is still a fantastic place to explore. Rock pooling, long walks and a wintry game of rounders are just a few activities that can be enjoyed when the water is too chilly to dip a toe...

However, for those who can't bear the thought of being away from the water during the next few months, fear not, as Dorset will not disappoint. Indeed, this county is home to a host of water-based activities and, what's more, they're open all year round.

For those seeking a day of autumnal action, the Dorset Waterpark is the place to go. Overlooking Corfe Castle, this huge inflatable woodland waterpark will guarantee hours of fun for all of the family. Whilst the waterpark is suitable for children aged six and up, being a confident swimmer is paramount and all those partaking in the fun must be able to swim 50 metres. 70 metres of inflatable obstacles such as Gladiator Rings, Commando Ropes



and Trampolines will vye for your attention, whilst inter-family competitions are sure to get pulses racing.

Families looking for a slightly more relaxing water-based experience need look no further than New Forest Activities (www.newforestactivities.co.uk). People of all ages can head out on a 90-minute canoe trip on the stunning Beaulieu River - what better way to introducing youngsters to the water. With expert guides and plenty of wildlife to spot, this is a wonderful watery pastime to enjoy at any time of the year. Those with older children can take to the water in single seater kayaks and explore the fantastic Beaulieu River Nature Reserve. Over a two-hour period, expert guides will teach the basics of this addictive sport.

For the county's thrill seekers, a day spent at the New Forest water park (www.newforestwaterpark.co.uk) will be money well spent. Here you can experience the thrill of cable wakeboarding, the first of its kind in the South. Having no wake to contend with helps fill beginners with confidence as they stand up for the first time on glassy flat water. Those new to the sport will learn to wakeboard across a 150m stretch of lake, whilst the more advanced can hone their skills and tricks year round.

Whilst having fun out on the water during the colder months may appeal to some, there are those of us who prefer to keep our feet tucked up in warm socks on terra firma, watching from the side lines. The Powerboat P1 'Grand Prix of the Sea' is the fastest growing marine motorsport series in the world and the grand finale is taking place in Bournemouth on the 3rd and 4th September 2016. Races are held close to the shore meaning it's an exciting opportunity to see these powerful boats in action. The event is free to watch with the beach or the pier offering the best viewing points.

So, whether it's sea or shore, kayaks or cables, there's so much out there to keep you and yours entertained over the next few months. Enjoy!



YippieYo offer parents freedom and exercise with young children, by providing a wider range of choice to spending time outside.

With busy family lifestyles, it's so easy to occupy the kids with an iPad, or the TV, but YippieYo aim to change that and encourage exercise; asking families to engage with nature and enjoy the freedom of being outside. Little legs will walk for a little while, but at some point they will need a rest while mum and dad walk a little further over and through the rough terrain. The YippieYo Crossbuggy could be

Here's your families chance to WIN a YippieYo Crossbuggy, worth £490, to get out and about with ease at the beach, festival or cross country.

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your answer to a scenario such as this.

This new, completely safe and high-quality off-road buggy for two children aged from one to six is specially designed for off-road usage away from paved roads. While parents can benefit from the immensely enhanced mobility compared to other pushchairs, children can also enjoy the "hop-on, hop-off" roadster feeling.

Some standard buggies, can reach their limits when pushed however the YippieYo when pulled can continue to take you over fields, along tracks, across stones, over sand and through shallow river beds. There would seem to be no limitations.

With an aluminium construction, a single axle, special suspension system and off road - no maintenance tyres, it is a great vehicle for active families and it's easy to collapse and fit in your car, with three easy steps.

The YippieYo is very light, weighing in at 12kg when it's empty; carrying a maximum weight of 40kgs (including luggage) and can fit through all standard doorways. With five point safety harness system, solid disc wheels and guard elements on the armrests, safety and protection against wandering little fingers has all been thought through.

Creator Dr. Tanja Ripperger said: "When designing the YippieYo, we not only looked at creating a functional, purpose built vehicle, but we wanted it to be aesthetically pleasing; therefore we offer the ability to personalise your YippieYo Crossbuggy by having a wide range of colours to choose from. With the ample luggage space, the ease of manoeuvrability, the assurance of safety and the unique design; the YippieYo raises the bar on innovative kid transportation." @yippieyo

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To enter this fantastic giveaway competition from YippieYo, just simply answer the following questions and email your answers to info@countrychild.co.uk by no later than the 7th October 2016.

1. How much does the YippieYo weigh?
2. How many children does the YippieYo fit?



TERMS & CONDITIONS: This draw is open to UK residents (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland) and residents of the Channel Islands, aged 18 or over excluding employees (and their immediate families) of YippieYo and Country Child Playcare, its agents and anyone else professionally connected with this promotion. No purchase necessary. The closing date for entries is 7th October 2016. One entry per family. Multiple entries will be disqualified. Entries deemed inappropriate, rude or abusive by the Promoter will not be entered into the prize draw. No responsibility can be taken for entries that are not seen or taken into account by the Promoter for technical reasons. The colour can be chosen by the winner. There are no further cash or other prize alternatives available in whole or in part. The prize will only be awarded directly to the winner. The winner will be selected at random and notified as Country Child should a server not acknowledge receipt of their email within 7 days of receiving email notice of the prize. YippieYo reserves the right to re-assign the prize to a winner where selected at the same time. The Promoter's decision is final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into in regard to the awarding of prizes. Owing to exceptional circumstances outside its reasonable control and any where circumstances make this unavoidable the Promoter reserves the right to cancel or amend the promotion or these terms and conditions at any stage but will always endeavour to minimise the effect to participants in order to avoid undue disappointment. Entries that do not comply with the Terms and Conditions or entries found to be abusing the promotion in any way will have all entries disqualified. By entering the promotion, entrants agree to be bound by and are deemed to have read, understood and accepted, these Terms and Conditions.