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It will be spring soon. Time for Sunday drives with the family. Here are a couple of places I LOVE to go. they are cheap and fun for all.

KELLY PARK

In San Jose. It is a great place for quiet family fun. Just an hours drive away in San Jose. At 1300 Senter Road. Parking is usually free as is use of the picnic grounds, history museum and koi ponds. the San Jose Historic park, has a working trolley car you can take rides on. Bill and I spend hours there it is a wonderful place. Hope you can all go visit soon.

ELEPHANT SEALS

This is my favorite, and it is free. The Piedras Blancas elephant seal rookery is located north of Cambria and San Simeon along scenic Coast Highway One. The vista point has a number of excellent educational and interpretive signs. Humans stand on the low bluffs as the seals are right below them on the beach... You are very close to the animals here. By March all the adults have left and the young pups (weaniers) are left on the beach to play and learn on their own. It is like a big Elephant seal pup party, and your invited. Look for Friends of the Elephant Seal docents in their blue jackets to answer your questions. Ask for a complimentary copy of the E-Seal News. We bring a picnic lunch and stop at one of the many state parks along the way to eat. Remember once you pay to get into a state park, that admission fee covers all over state parks for the whole day, with the receipt. And to top off our trip we stop in near by Cambria for an ice cream cone or funge before starting home.

CHILDREN'S FAIRYLAND

Just imagine: a ten-acre park on the shores of Oakland's Lake Merritt where children's literature comes to life and kids can be kids. Since 1950, Children's Fairyland has been delighting children and their parents with whimsical storybook sets, gentle rides, friendly animals, wonder-filled puppet shows, and inspired live entertainment. One modest admission fee covers a whole day of imaginative fun. You must have a child to get into fairyland... so enjoy while you can check them out at www.fairyland.org



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