

# Open Adoption Visit Ideas in Rochester

Adoption STAR is a not-for-profit adoption agency in New York, Ohio and Florida. The agency firmly believes that post adoption contact (open adoption), when appropriate, is what's best for all parties involved, especially the children.

Open adoption visits between adoptive families and birth families should be a time to celebrate the adoption journey and create relationships. These visits can be as simple as a picnic in the park or going swimming at a local pool, to theme parks and adventures. Below you will find an extensive list of open adoption visit ideas that have been suggested by Adoption STAR clients and staff members in the Rochester area.

This list can be updated regularly, so if you have any suggestions that you do not see on the list, please email [michael@adoptionstar.com](mailto:michael@adoptionstar.com) with the subject "Open Adoption Visit Project" and we will work to add your idea.

## Outdoor

- Corbett's Glen
  - Has museums, bakeries/local restaurants, minor league sports and theater/entertainment district
  - Location: Rochester, NY
  - Website: [www.nyfalls.com/corvettsglen](http://www.nyfalls.com/corvettsglen)
- Mendon Pond Park
  - Largest park in Monroe County, has over 2,500 acres of woodlands, ponds and wetlands.
  - Has several lodges and shelters
  - Location:
    - Park office: 95 Douglas Road, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472.
    - 10 miles southeast of Rochester
  - website: [www.monroecounty.gov/parks-mendonponds](http://www.monroecounty.gov/parks-mendonponds)
- Bill Wahl's Microcreamery
  - Take your ice cream from Bill Wahl's Microcreamery and go for walk around the Erie Canal.
  - Northfield Common, Adjacent to Schoen Place. Pitsford, NY
- Ice skate outside in Manhattan Sq. Park
  - Opened November 20 – March 17
  - Skate rentals available
  - Phone: (585)428-7541
  - Location: 353 Court St. Rochester, NY
  - Website: [www.cityofrochester.gov/manhattansquare/](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/manhattansquare/)

## Outdoor Festival

- Lilac Festival
  - Friday, May 11 – Sunday, May 20

- Lot's of great events and concerts, including the Michael Jackson Experience. Open daily from 10:30 am – 8:30 pm
- Location: Rochester, NY
- Website: <http://www.lilacfestival.com>

## **Museum**

- Jell-o Gallery
  - April 1 – December 31
  - Museum displays the history of “Jell-O.” New exhibit displays comedian Bill Cosby’s influence on the company as a spokesperson.
  - LeRoy, NY (just outside of Rochester)
  - (585)768-7433
  - Website: <http://www.jellogallery.org>
- George Eastman House: Sweet Creations Gingerbread House Display
  - A Display of 70 gingerbread houses from professional bakers, families and community groups.
  - Phone: (585)271-3361
  - Location: 900 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607
  - Website: <http://www.eastmanhouse.org>
- Strong Museum of Play
  - Lots of interactive fun activities and exhibits for children
  - Phone: (585)263-2700
  - Location: One Manhattan Sq. Rochester, NY 14607
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- Rochester Science and Museum Center ( Probably better for kids age five and up)
  - “An Interactive museum/science center with 3 floors of hands-on, interactive, exhibits in science, technology, natural science and regional cultural heritage.” – website
  - Phone: (585)271-1880
  - Location: 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607
  - Website: <http://www.rmsc.org>

## **Shopping**

- Greece Ridge Mall
- Marketplace Mall
  - Middle area at Starbucks has comfy chairs and couches in a sitting area