



Play Area at Danville's Hap Magee Park

DANVILLE FOR THE KIDS

Elementary School Picks

MORNING

Take advantage of Danville's beautiful, crisp morning weather and head to one of the town's six parks. Sycamore Valley Park (2101 Holbrook Dr., (925) 314-3400) boasts expansive rolling hills and a new play area complete with vibrantly colored swings, slides, and play structures. Sometimes you can even catch an early morning baseball or soccer tournament as you walk around the park's jogging path. Take the dogs for some early morning much needed exercise to Hap Magee Ranch Park (1025 La Gonda Way, (925) 314-3400) or let them play with other dogs in the Canine Corral while your children play in the rustically-themed, wooden play area. Now that you've worked up an appetite, have breakfast at dog-friendly Vally Medlyns Fountain and Coffee Shop (330 Hartz Ave., (925) 552-6449). They specialize in hearty, home-cooked breakfasts. For quicker—but no less delicious—fare, pick up some decadent breakfast pastries at Danville Old Town Bakery (221 Hartz Ave., www.danvillebakery.info) or purchase some of their colorful, frosted sugar cookies for later.

MIDDAY

If your troop are sports fanatics, make a trip to Talkin' Baseball (103 Town & Country Dr., Ste. H, (925) 743-9922), where you'll find a treasure trove of collectible sports cards and memorabilia. Or explore an exciting range of classic board games and puzzles at Games Unlimited (800 W Sycamore Valley Rd., (925) 838-6358) for your kids to pick the perfect game for "Family Game Night." While in the Livery, stop by G.R. Doodlebug (700 W Sycamore Valley Rd., www.grdoodlebug.com), a homey children's shop with a unique array of toys and gifts that you won't find at larger toy store chains. Your children can easily shop for birthday presents here—and the store gift-wraps free of charge. Stroll over to The 202 Grill (202 W. Sycamore Valley Rd., www.the202grill.com) for a laid-back lunch on the patio. Explore their range of classic burgers and salads, or if your family is more adventurous, try their Indian fare, like the juicy lamb burger.



Hap Magee Dog Park



At the Candy Shop

AFTERNOON

To amp up the educational experience, view the permanent and rotating exhibits at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley (205 Railroad Ave., www.museumsvr.org) and learn more about Danville's rich history. Although your children may become glassy-eyed at the typical museum, their eyes will light up when they view the train car along the deck—perfect for those who prefer larger than life-size exhibits. Make time for mother-daughter bonding at Pinkies Nail Salon (508 W. Sycamore Valley Rd., www.pinkiesnailsalons.com). This salon offers a special Princess Manicure or Pedicure, which includes a choice of a princess crown or two flower designs, for ages five to twelve. For an energy boost, visit At the Candy Shop (301 Hartz Ave., www.atthecandyshop.com), known for its bright display of quirky candies and toys guaranteed to give anyone a sugar rush. The store also hosts birthday parties upon request.

EVENING

For dinner, Primo's Pizza (298 Hartz Ave., www.primosdanville.com) is a good bet for piping-hot food and entertaining arcade games your kids can play while waiting for your order. Just across the street is a Baskin Robbins (9000 Crow Canyon Rd., Ste. M, www.baskinrobbins.com), so you can also grab a classic ice cream cone and stroll down Hartz Avenue under a gorgeous setting sun. For a more health-conscious alternative to pizza and ice cream, try family-friendly Chow (455 Railroad Ave., www.chowfoodbar.com), which offers a seasonally rotating menu of fresh, organic food. For dessert, head to Tutti Frutti (37 Railroad Ave., www.tfyogurt.com) for an after-dinner treat of fruity, self-serve frozen yogurt in flavors like pomegranate and green apple, complete with your choice of a wide selection of toppings.



Pinkies Nail Salon



Chow Restaurant



At the Candy Shop