150 Things to Do in and Around Manhattan

Find Out Why We Call it Manhappiness!

1. Invite Friends and Family to Visit Manhattan for the Weekend!
2. Walk the Konza Prairie trails
3. Visit the Little Cabin in City Park
4. Architectural Scavenger Hunt-*visit the Library for details!*
5. Pick up a Book, CD, or Movie from the Library's Collection
6. Walk the dog at Warner Park-look for the statue
7. Volunteer
8. Read with a child, visit an older friend, send a care package to your folks!
9. Craft Festivals for arts, crafts, food, & entertainment
10. Sunset Zoo-any season!
11. Pillsbury Crossing with a good book, lawn chair, & cool drink
12. Library Book Sale/School Book Fairs
13. School Carnivals
14. Farmer's Market
15. Blaine Thomas' collection of classic signs
16. Library Story Times and TALK program
17. Noon Hour Basketball at City Auditorium or Ahearn
18. Visit local bakeries for goodies
19. Check out the Butterfield and Wolf Houses
20. Play Miniature Golf
21. Horseshoes or sand volleyball in City Park
22. Stargazing at the Top of the World
23. SLEDDING!
24. Fishing at Anneberg Park
25. Watch the Little Apple Ball Drop on New Year's Eve
26. Purple Power Play on Poyntz
27. **Game Days in Manhattan**
28. Attend a Play or Concert
29. Go Rodeo-ing
30. Frisbee Golf a Tuttle Creek River Pond Area
31. Look for Bald Eagles at Tuttle Creek in Winter
32. Snowball fight, make tracks in the snow, build a Snow Fort
33. Ice Cream cones or Slushies during Parks and Rec Games
34. Build a float and join the Parade (There are at least 6 per year!)
35. Adventure Races
36. Get involved in a Parks and Rec Sport, Class, or Trip
37. Wear your Seat Belt-your mum would be proud
38. Bike the Linear Trail-Wear your Helmet!
39. VOTE.
40. Sing Karaoke-go for it!
41. Picnic in one of the City's 26 Parks
42. Rent a cabin at the lake
43. BBQ with Friends
44. SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP
45. Audition for a play or chorale
46. Take in Jazz at a local Club or the MAC
47. Arts in the Park (visit www.ci.manhattan.ks.us for schedule)
48. Off-Roading in a Jeep (how about that seatbelt?)
49. Take your ATV to the Spillway Cycle Area
50. Visit Isaac Goodnow's home
51. Local Artists featured at the Strecker Gallery
52. Take in a movie-either at home or at the movieplex
53. Adopt your next pet from the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter
54. Bicycle to the Small Towns Around Manhattan
55. Navigate the Corn Maze
56. K-State Gardens and Insect Zoo
57. Play Rugby or soccer at the Old Stadium (Under the Lights!)
58. Visit the Riley County Historical Museum
59. Morel Mushroom Hunting-go with an expert!
60. Have we mentioned the Library Reading Room?
61. Gold/Silver Orchestra Concerts
62. Get to know your neighbors
63. Host a neighborhood open house
64. Ride your bike around campus-look out for Butters the squirrel!
65. Do a little beach combing at Tuttle Creek
66. Lou Douglas and Landon Lectures
67. Juneteenth Celebration
68. Host an International Student-Make an International Friend
69. Train for the Flint Hills Triathlon
70. Eat, drink, and be merry at local restaurants-call a cab.
71. Call Hall ice cream-KSU's Homemade dairy confection
72. Dig for a favorite book at local bookstores
73. Grab a cup of coffee with a pal or two
74. Learn a new skill or improve an old one
75. Tune into one of the many local radio stations
76. Check out the "buffalo" at the Plumlee Ranch
77. Coach a little league football, baseball, or soccer team
78. Swim-get your season pass!
79. Go dancing with your best friends or meet new ones
80. Great Manhattan Mystery Conclave in the fall
81. Watch the prairie fires in spring
82. Fall Festival of Wines to benefit Homecare and Hospice
83. Unique Bed and Breakfast facilities
84. Exercise on any of Manhattan's 11+ trails
85. Get to know someone new
86. Climb to the "Top of the World"
87. Challenge yourself; take a college class
88. Go Bowling
89. Road trip to Manhattan's neighbor communities
90. Visit Historic Fort Riley
91. Take campus sights: student union, sculptures, squirrels…
92. Enjoy the many Museum installations
93. Check out Manhattan's many shopping districts
94. Carriage Rides on Poyntz
95. Ice Skating in City Park-get your season pass!
96. Golf (many options!)
97. Linger longer in all of the area Antique Shops
98. High School football, basketball, volleyball games
99. Play Tennis-indoors and outdoors
100. Watch the early morning fog roll over the Randolph bridge
101. Miniature Golf
102. Sand Volleyball in City Park
103. Skate Park in CiCo park
104. Go to an area lake to look at the stars or Meteor showers
105. Sunday KSU baseball
106. Stroll down Poyntz during the Holidays
107. Holiday lights and hot chocolate
108. Walk through the older neighborhoods
109. Run through campus at 6:00 a.m.
110. View the fall colors from **KS** Hill or Bluemont Hill
111. Sail or Kayak at Tuttle Creek
112. Learn how to fly at the Manhattan Regional Airport
113. KSU Tailgating
114. Meet your friends for fine wine and dinner
115. Go camping at Tuttle Creek, State Parks, or in your yard
116. RECYCLE
117. Visit historic churches in town
118. UFM Winter Gardening Class
119. Off-Road Bike or Hike the Fancy Creek (wear your helmet!)
120. Pull an all-nighter and go out for breakfast at 3:00 am
121. Read about local history
122. Bird Watching (visit *www.k-state.edu/audubon/falcon.html*)
123. Find the oldest gravesite, home, road in Manhattan
124. Ride over Juliette Avenue's cobblestones
125. Visit Carnahan Creek-on a horse
126. Paddle boat at Tuttle Creek's River Pond
127. K-State Gardens and Insect Zoo
128. Attend a City Commission Meeting
129. Enter the Celebrate 150 Poetry Contest, May 16 Deadline
130. Visit the City of the web at www.ci.manhattan.ks.us
131. Enjoy the Fireworks from the Top of the World
132. Author visits at the Library
133. Drumming Circles
134. Storytelling events
137. Underground Railroad Tour
138. Participate in Walk Kansas!
139. Make a Clean Sweep during the annual Spring Clean-Up
140. Visit Manhattan's Historic Residences, Districts, & Depot
141. Check out the local music talent
142. Register for the Award Winning Citizen's Academy
143. Join the Youth in Government program!
144. Find Johnny Kaw and learn more about him!
145. Create a video game tourney for your friends
146. Listen to the Municipal Band each Tuesday summer night
147. Try something new: Wiffleball, the Cello, Painting
148. Plant a garden
149. Pick up Manhattan's current *One Book, One Community*
150. Create your own To Do list -share it with your friends!