

Winter is long gone, Spring is in full bloom and Summer is just around the corner. The weather is improving, the sun is shining more, and with the days getting longer, it's time to start enjoying the fresh air, the garden and the British countryside.

There are lots of ways to enjoy the outdoors this summer, be it in your own garden, at the park, camping or paid days out. We have been busy trying out a range of products to help you get the best from the weather, however you enjoy the outdoors.

We have road tested outdoor speakers, ways for your kids to get their arts and crafts fix in the sunshine, sports equipment, toys that you can take to the park as well as travel games for en-route to visit family and friends and even an activity tracker to help your four-legged friend keep active. One of the best things about summer is eating al-fresco, so we will try out outdoor cooking equipment and picnic products as well as party games so your nearest and dearest can enjoy special time together.

We will (hopefully) have a few months of good weather so new reviews will be added all the time. So stay indoors for a short while and keep checking [here](#) for new ways to make the most of the outdoors this year, be it with your partner, your kids or the family pet.

## For the Garden

For most of us, our garden is the easiest way to get outdoors. Check out these ideas for great ways of enjoying yours with the kids...



We all remember water balloons from when we were kids, and the problem of spending more time filling the balloons with water than soaking our friends! **Bunch O Balloons** is the perfect solution, allowing you to fill 100 balloons in 60 seconds and spend less time filling and more time launching!

*"They allow the kids to get on with what kids do best – playing – without having to stop constantly to refill their arsenal ★★★★★"*

RRP: £9.99. Read our full review [here](#)



If your kids are looking for something just as much fun but a little less energetic, look no further than **Headsplat!** Competitors take it in turns to try to land a water balloon safely in a basket on their head without bursting it in a high-risk version of the classic Cup and Ball game.

*"This game is such good fun and it's ideal for getting the kids having fun outside if you have a small outdoor space. ★★★★★"*

RRP: £12.99. Read our full review [here](#)



Finally, being outdoors doesn't mean that the little artists in your life can't show off their creative flair! **Little Brian Paint Sticks** are perfect for using outdoors as well as indoors, and their mess-free design makes them perfect for taking out and about too.

*"They are ideal for taking out and about, or for using in the garden on a summer day ★★★★★"*

RRP: £9.99. Read our full review [here](#)

# What's the good to do

## Guide to Enjoying the Outdoors This Summer

### For taking out

Unless you're really lucky and have a huge garden, you might just need to go a bit further afield to try out some of these fabulous toys...



The **Rollplay Nighthawk** has to be the most fun we have had for ages! With a top speed of 12KMPH, and a 12v battery, the Nighthawk is perfect for the older little thrill-seekers in your life. Steered by leaning into corners, being so close to the ground makes this nifty little cart feel even faster!

*"I only wish they made an adult-sized one as I would love to have a try at something like this! ★★★★★"*

RRP: £169.99. Read our full review [here](#)



How about something to get the kids (and big kids) outdoors when the weather isn't glorious and sunny? I think we probably all remember playing with kites when we were kids, and the **Kitedrone** is an updated and fantastic way to make going out in the wind seem an attractive option.

*"the great British summer is rarely consistently glorious so having something to do on the less beautiful days is important too ★★★★★"*

RRP: £24.99. Read our full review [here](#)



A fun toy that leaves absolutely no mess behind, that can't break anything and will be loved by all ages, all whilst being portable enough to take anywhere is a tall order. But that's exactly what Incredibubble is! Blow bubbles as big as a beachball and the kids had smiles just as wide!

*"They are brilliant for throwing into the car for when you're out and about with the kids and create absolutely no waste ★★★★★"*

RRP: 9.99. Read our full review [here](#)

### For out & about

There's no doubt about it—the sunny weather makes us want to get out for longer. Check out these ways of making the most of those longer days...



One of the kids' favourite things to do in the summer holidays is a visit to a theme park. With **Alton Towers Stargazing Pods**, the magic can last even longer with a free second day in the park and a night sleeping under the stars.

*"We have had the most wonderful weekend and the kids haven't stopped raving about the park, the rides and the pods ★★★★★"*

From £88. Read our full review [here](#)



London is quite simply one of the most vibrant and history-rich cities in the world. **Foxtrail** allows you and your friends to embark on an interactive treasure hunt of the city, learning more than you ever thought you could.

*"an amazing experience from start to finish and I highly recommend you take part on your next visit to London ★★★★★"*

From £17 Read our full review [here](#)



Getting out and about isn't just for humans—our four-legged-friends love being outside too. With **PitPat**, you can monitor your pooch's activity and exercise and even reward their hard work with a doggy treat!

*"We have had lots of fun with them and it really has made a difference to us ★★★★★"*

RRP: £39 Read our full review [here](#)

## For Sleeping out

Just because you're sleeping under the stars, it doesn't mean you have to leave the little home comforts behind...



When you're at a festival or camping, space is at a premium, which is why a single device that can do three things is a boon! The **Lava Brightsounds 2** is a Bluetooth speaker, a lantern and a power bank in one handy and attractive package.

*"It looks fantastic, the build quality is superb and everything it does, it does to a fantastic standard ★★★★★"*

RRP: £39.99. Read our full review [here](#)



A comfortable night's sleep is always important, but often when you're camping, it's hard to get. The **Wolfden Outdoor Sleeping Pad** could just be the thing you've been looking for, and it even has an integral foot pump.

*"The verdict was unanimous, it was definitely the most comfortable one out of the four we were using*

*★★★★★"*

RRP: £29.99. Read our full review [here](#)



Entertaining the kids whilst you're camping and have no internet access, in the pouring rain is never fun! Take a look at our **Travel Games Roundup** for ideas that will fit in a rucksack and fill a few minutes or a whole afternoon!

*"We thoroughly enjoyed trying all of these games out, and we have been lucky enough to have been given a selection that really can please the whole family ★★★★★"*

From £9.99. Read our full review [here](#)

## For Eating out

One of the best bits of the summer is being able to dine al-fresco. Check out these options for making eating outdoors even more fun...



The Great British BBQ is one of the best ways to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon, and with the **Weber Smokey Joe BBQ**, you can cook your burgers and bangers in real style. Just crack open the beer and relax...

*"fantastic quality, cooks the food perfectly and means that even in a small outdoor space, you can spend more time enjoying the outdoors this summer ★★★★★"*

RRP: £67.49. Read our full review [here](#)



Picnics are a wonderful way to fill a sunny day—the kids will think it's a real treat to just pack up some sandwiches and pop to the local park. **Sistema** make this even easier with their fabulous range of picnic essentials.

*"We're delighted with them and would absolutely recommend them for getting the family eating al-fresco at any time this summer! ★★★★★"*

from: £7.99. Read our full review [here](#)



Taking very small children on a picnic can seem like a great idea, but the fun can easily evaporate if they're not entertained. Try taking along the **Leapfrog Shapes & Sharing Picnic Basket** to keep the little ones entertained and still feel involved in the picnic fun!

*"The appearance and sound quality are excellent, and it is great for encouraging positive character traits in young children ★★★★★"*

RRP: £22.99. Read our full review [here](#)