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High Gas Prices Got You Down? Fun things to do Close to Home this Summer!

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22 Things Fun Things You Can Do Close to Home and Avoid the High Cost of Gas this Summer!

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Summer Fun - Beat the High Cost of Gas and Stay Close to Home

I love Springtime; it's my favorite time of the year. It's fun just to sit on the porch and d

Although my favorite part of nature is the ocean, and I often hear it calling me in a soft voi

Anyway, since I live on the outskirts of Chattanooga, Tennessee here are some of the things I

1. Take a walk along the Riverwalk or along the levee.
2. Take a trip to the aquarium.
3. Go to a great restaurant and we have quite a few (whether it be great southern B-B-Q or fr
4. If you drive to our part of the country, bring your bikes as it's a lot of fun to go to Ch
5. Go to the movie matinee and then a trip to the mall--whether it be to buy something new to
6. Join a health club with a steam room, sauna and outdoor swimming pool -- I just did and I
7. Go looking at new houses or open houses and just dream again. Even if you plan on staying
8. Go to the flea market.
9. Learn a new skill--whether it be marketing on the internet or playing the guitar.
10. Visit a new church or go to church activities outside of what you are normally accustomed
11. Volunteer--whether it be at a hospital or non-profit agency or maybe go on a mission trip
12. Have a block party and invite all your neighbors.
13. Have your toes done--with the little painted on designs.
14. If you have an elderly parent who lives alone, visit and stay for the day.
15. Work on a family tree and trace your roots; interview other family members and trace back
16. Buy your dogs a new collar and take them for a walk after getting them groomed with a new summer hairdo. When your pets feel good, it makes you feel good.
17. Go to an outdoor sporting event like drag racing or baseball.
18. Dye your hair a different color, just for the heck of it.
19. Enroll in a yoga class.

20. Go away to the mountains; here we are close to the Smokey Mountains and Gatlinburg--there
21. Take a trip to Whitewater Outdoor Water Park in Atlanta.
22. Get around people who make you laugh. My favorite person to make me laugh is my Dad.

Yes, summer can be fun, but it does take a little planning, and if the high price of gas has y

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