



Tulip farmers show off their blooms at the Agassiz Tulips of the Valley Festival.

5 weekend events in B.C.'s Lower Mainland, April 3-6

If you've got the long weekend off and you're looking for fun, hop to these family-friendly events

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Many people are celebrating Passover and the Easter long weekend with family and friends. Here are a few suggestions for kid-friendly events in Metro Vancouver and beyond.

1) Capture Photography Festival

Hundreds of photos by seasoned and emerging artists will be on display throughout Vancouver in the month of April. From photos exploring life in the oil patch, to images of the city that explore the character and history of Vancouver, this festival offers diverse perspectives on our world.

2) Fan Expo Vancouver

If you love anime, sci-fi, comics and gaming, you'll know the Fan Expo is the place to be this weekend. Attractions include the Back to the Future time machine, autograph and photography sessions with celebrities, and your favourite comic artists in drawing duels. Dress up as your favourite character (Chewbacca anyone?) and head over to join fellow fans.

- April 3-5
- Vancouver Convention Centre

3) Chilliwack Corn Maze Easter Egg Hunt

This is just one of many Easter egg hunts going on this weekend. Who wants to search for eggs in their own home when you've got a five-acre corn maze to explore?

- April 3 and 4
- Chilliwack Corn Maze and Pumpkin Farm

4) Stop and admire the flowers

The Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival gets under way this weekend. Organizers have put together a wide selection of events, from picnics and walks, to a project that encourages people to share a mat with strangers to ooh and ahh at the blossoms.

And out in Agassiz, the tulips are blooming for the Tulips of the Valley Festival. Cycle or walk among rows and rows of colourful flowers, and nibble on fresh snacks from local vendors.

- **Cherry Blossom Festival**
- April 2-29
- Various venues

- **Tulips of the Valley Festival**
- April 1-12

5) Learn sitting volleyball

Volleyball Canada brings teams across the country to the Richmond Olympic Oval for two weekends of training. You can watch, learn and play sitting volleyball, a fast-growing Paralympic sport. People of all ages and abilities can try the sport and get coaching.

- April 3-5
- Richmond Oval

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