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Sift - May 10, 2026, 5:14 pm

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444 - May 10, 2026, 6:21 pm

yeah i remember riding my bike to the park and being able to tell whether or not my friends were there just by looking at the bikes laying on the ground, not a single phone on site.

if you go to different countries, can't list any from the top of my head but for example vietnam, there's a lot of badminton, soccer, sports and kids playing at the park. kids there running around looking for activities to do, some areas were not affected as much as where we are living.

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Wormag - May 10, 2026, 9:25 pm

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<https://childsafety.losangelescriminallawyer.pro/missing-and-abducted-children.html>

Edmond Dantes - May 10, 2026, 11:37 pm

Yea, it was fun without phones. You want to find a friend, you go at the places where kids gather to play, or you go in front of their house and start screaming, so they can show up on the window. Priceless memories :)

Eran - May 11, 2026, 12:01 am

Yesterday while I was at my mum's for Mother's Day, she was talking with my grandma on the

phone and talking exactly about this. How she's feeling sad for newer generations because we all look like hopeless zombies, which is kind of true. I miss those times. I wish I had enough money to just go ahead and live life through a child's lens again.

The Pact - May 11, 2026, 5:09 am

There was no internet or cell phones when I was a kid but I still didn't go outside that much because I was a girly girl that liked to wear frilly dresses and read books and take drama classes and play make believe games and play with dolls and my Fisher Price castle and because of a condition I wasn't able to ride a bike or skate or any of that stuff. There fun times at pools with friends though.

I did like at my first school primary or elementary school we had a game called building huts in the bush which was really just using these strange branches that fell off the trees they had out the back of the school and when you'd sweep with them clouds of red dust would fill the air so I did like that outdoor play or going down slides etc... at parks and sometimes I'd play with friends outside but possibly more often I played with them inside.

Phantom_NiNja - May 11, 2026, 6:53 am

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I agree, but back then we had video games, we had internet and the social media was board forums. I agree with you that I don't see kids outside playing but do see them at a buss stop getting ready to go to school. So, I know there's kids in my area but never see people outside playing. The only people I see is old people talking during the day and sometimes like 30 to 40 year old women walking their dogs. That is about it.

Yin Yang - May 11, 2026, 6:57 am

I miss those days for sure. The bike racks were the meetup spots