

////////////////////////////////////
WWW Starting Points - Point Your World Wide Web Browsers and start surfin'
////////////////////////////////////
Gopher users can find starting points within this section also
Telnet users can find a great start point towards the end of this section
////////////////////////////////////

A Fantastic Starting point for WWW surfers!

Yahoo Web site (new address!)
<http://www.yahoo.com/>

Holy Cow! You'll be surfing for years from this one site alone! Very cool!
Another GREAT place to start your net surfing adventure(s)! This Home page
is one of the most popular in the WWW and also offers a superb searchable
database of over 40,000 Web pages and the database continues to grow. The
search index is free and if you don't visit this page - then you can't say
you've been surfing on the web. A must see for all WWW travellers. By the
way - an aside note: YAHOO is an acronym that stands for... get this...
Yet Another Hierarchically Official Oracle. No... I'm not fooling.

Yahoo Random Link
<http://www.cen.uiuc.edu/cgi-bin/ryl>
<http://www.mit.edu:8001/cgi/random>

Random selections from the great Yahoo list of sites. Fun because you never
know where it will take you. Be adventuresome and try this out!

URouLette
<http://kuhttp.cc.ukans.edu/cwis/organizations/kucia/uroulette/uroulette.html>

Web "Roulette wheel" You never know where you might go. Sends you to random
URLs and from there you're off surfin' again! Take a spin on the wheel!

Uncle Bob's Kids' Page
<http://gagme.wwa.com/~boba/kids.html>

Tons of links to fun and interesting stuff all over the web. For kids of
all ages (especially the younger ones). This will keep 'em occupied and
engaged for hours on end. Maybe you too. This site has been thoroughly
checked by Bob Allison (Uncle Bob) and contains nothing offensive or
obscene. Just good clean fun! Besides games links there is lots of neat
links educational pages and links to virtual travel in many different
countries. This is one of the best all around starting points on the Web
for kids (and adults too). This site even had me busy for hours and I
really recommend this site highly and without any reservations. Now just
try and get your kids to put down the mouse and relinquish the browser!

Great web site "chock full-o-nuts"
<http://www.mecklerweb.com>

Yes there are better sites but this one is hard to beat for a good general starting point for ALL types of users. Check it out - you'll like it!

Netscape Escapes Page
<http://home.mcom.com/escapes/index.html>

From Netscape comes a great place to start your Internet Explorations!

Josh Hillman's Home Page (Josh's Junkyard)
<http://gold.acns.fsu.edu/~jph9502>

Many informative links, Web search engine links and places to go! One of the best "personal" web pages that offer a fine starting point and many links to search engines to find what you want. A good general surf page.

Yanoff Internet List WWW URLs:
Yanoff special internet connections
<http://www.uwm.edu/Mirror/inet.services.html>
<http://www.w3.org/hyper-text/DataSources/Yanoff.html>

These are the "premier" lists for internet travel. Always has the new mixed in with the old. Great if you need Mac places to visit or just want to find out what's new on the net. Get this once a month. The TV guide of the Internet!

Spider's Web + Fun and Games on the Spider's Web
<http://gagme.wwa.com/~boba/fun.html> (for fun and games)
<http://gagme.wwa.com/~boba/spider.html> (The Spider's Web)

"The Spider's Web" and Fun and Games. You'll get lost in this one for hours on end. Try to start your surfing excursion on a weekend - you won't be to bed for a long, long time. It's hard to find a better surf site than this.

The Keepers of Lists
<http://www.dtd.com/cgi-bin/topall>

A "list of lists" that is not to be missed. Updated daily. User enhanced for it encourages you to enter new sites and vote for your favorite sites. Everyone should surf here regularly and browse away. A truly great place!

The Whole Internet Catalog
<http://nearnet.gnn.com/wic/index.html>

Definitely check out the "Top 25" list of sites. Also includes tons of cool and interesting sites to visit. So much to surf... so little time...

O'Reilly's Global Network Navigator and Catalog
<http://nearnet.gnn.com>
<http://nearnet.gnn.com/gnn/wic/alpha.toc.html>

Index of Net resources. Travel info, financial, weather and a host of other links and info make this a good place to surf to.

InfiNet Cool Site of the Day
<http://www.infi.net/cool.html>

Another great place to start that always has new and fresh links ready for you to surf to. It will be a wonder if you ever leave beyond this section of BIGSURF because just these starting points can keep you surfing forever.

Point
<http://www.pointcom.com>

A new web service that is planning to have 1000 new reviews compiled each month of various web pages found across the globe. Each site is rated and this could prove to become a very potent and powerful resource for web surfers. Give it a try!

GNN Best of the Net
<http://nearnet.gnn.com/wic/best.toc.html>

List of sites that could be considered not only fun but useful as well. Almost all of the sites here are very well laid out and worth visiting.

Planet Earth Home Page Virtual Library
http://godric.nosc.mil/planet_earth/info.html

A great linked list of fun and educational places to surf to. Includes a lot of science related and Earth environment links

Listserv of Top-Ten URLs
To get the listserv documents follow this format:
Subject line: Subscribe top-ten
Message body: subscribe top-ten <your email address>

mail the message off to: listserv@clark.net

You'll get constant updates and new URLs that the keepers of the listserv deem as worthy of top-ten status. Always something new and interesting.

Global Network Navigator Help Desk (GNN Help Desk)
<http://nearnet.gnn.com/gnn/helpdesk/index.html>

This is one of the premier and best surfing start points for finding out and understanding all about how the Internet works. Easy and breezy, this page is clear and concise and contains many links to other great help sites. In fact, this page is so good I've listed it as a start point in the other section of this BIGSurf Net-List. Every 'netter should get here at least once to check up on how the 'net works. It's a good idea to have an understanding of the waters you'll be surfing in - get here soon!

Understanding The Internet - WWW Site & Video For Beginners
<http://www.screen.com/start>

"Understanding the Internet" is a new WWW site which provides over 200 references for beginners, including links to the latest Internet software, background guides, and several lists of online resources.

It was developed as an online companion to a television documentary about the history and growth of the Internet, produced by Andrew Cochran Associates in association with The Discovery Channel (Canada). The documentary features interviews with pioneers of the Internet and WWW sites of significance. A full list of the people interviewed, together with corresponding links, is included in the site. Copies of the video are available for sale.

Strange Things Out There on the Web
<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~joe/strange-things.html>

Features links to (you guessed it) strange things and places on the web. Actually this site is very entertaining and if it continues will be put on BIGSURF's "General Starting Points" section. This is a great place to start out your web surfing adventures when you're in a fun mood and want to get a little silly. Even the kids will love this one. Try it! There are so many unusual and neat links that I decided not to list all the links available through this page as separate sites. The Weird Zone and Mr. Potato Head and many more sites are to be found as links here. As you can see, I really enjoy this site and it is constantly growing. Surf here! >>> OK - so I *did* put it in the general starting points section. Yes! <<<

Justin's Links from the Underground
<http://raptor.swarthmore.edu/jahall>
<http://sccs.swarthmore.edu/jahal/index.html>

Unusual sites from around the world! Who else has links to the Ollie North page. An unbelievable collection. You could surf through this for months.

Starting points for Gopher users
////////////////////

Gopher to: liberty.uc.wlu.edu
Washington and Lee University in Virginia, US
- a fantastic alternative to "boom-box". Includes a WAIS-indexed database and provides a list of new gophers updated daily.

Gopher to: boombox.micro.umn.edu
University of Minnesota "Home" gopher
- the "mother" of all gophers still maintains an impressive site. This has become a true Internet standard in the world of gophering. A must see.

Gopher Jewels

gopher to: cwis.usc.edu
then select /Other Gophers and Information Resources/Gopher-Jewels

Or use this URL:
GOPHER://cwis.usc.edu:70/11/Other_Gophers_and_Information_Resources
/Gopher-Jewels

- as it says... neat places to gopher - constantly updated and changing.

Too much to list here. This is *the best* single gopher URL I could ever give to you. Mountains of info available here with pointers and gopher links to elsewhere. Nearly every topic is covered - even WWW access via Telnet is possible through here. Also includes search engines to find your way around gopher-space. It just doesn't get any better than this. For "burrowers" everywhere - give this Gopher Jewels URL a workout - you'll come back here time after time after time....

Yanoff Internet list
gopher to: gopher.uwm.edu
then select /Remote Information Servers/Special Internet Connections
- a selection of great burrowing sites for your gopher client. Point your gopher here for great places to go. Updated frequently. A must see.

Starting Points for Telnet users
////////////////////////////////////

Suncoast Free-Net
telnet ns1.thpl.lib.fl.us -or use- 204.198.80.2
login: visitor

Here is a wonderful "free" free-net site for all those who have access to telnet or have the ability to create a telnet session. This site provides a wide and varied array of information that is accessible (once you log in via telnet) through a numbered menu list. Rather than attempt to explain all the topics available I thought I would show you what the Menu looks like when you log in. Take a look! This site was listed here because not everyone has WWW access. However, most folks on the Internet on limited dialup unix connections or limited email/newsread connections still have access to telnet sessions. I hope this Freenet site helps some people.

- | | | |
|-----|--|------------|
| 1. | About Suncoast Free-Net (Administration) | (admin) |
| 2. | Around the Network (INDEX) | (index) |
| 3. | Arts & Entertainment | (arts) |
| 4. | Business & Employment | (business) |
| 5. | Clubs & Organizations | (clubs) |
| 6. | Cyberspace Gateway (Mail,Teleport,News) | (cg) |
| 7. | Education | (school) |
| 8. | Government & Law | (govern) |
| 9. | Home, Garden & Automobile | (home) |
| 10. | Informacion en Espanol | (spanish) |
| 11. | Libraries | (library) |
| 12. | Medicine & Health | (health) |
| 13. | Multicultural Heritage & History | (heritage) |
| 14. | Religion & Philosophy | (religion) |

- | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------|
| 15. | Science & Technology | (science) |
| 16. | Social & Human Services | (sochum) |
| 17. | Sports & Recreation | (sports) |
-

FreeNets Home Page

<http://herald.usask.ca/~scottp/free.html>

Various helpful links to freenet providers. Has links to regional public access nets with Web sites. A good resource for free-net searchers.
