

WINTER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Starved Rock State Park

- Guided Winter Hikes \$15/person
- Eagle Watch Weekend(last weekend in January)

Du Page Forest Preserve in Winter

- Tubing, Blackwell Forest Preserve
- Ice Fishing
- Cross Country Skiing

Snowshoeing in Du Page Forest Preserves

- **Snowshoeing**
- Explore the preserves by snowshoes! If you don't have a pair, you can rent some December – February at three forest preserves when there's plenty of snow on the trails. Rentals are \$10 for two hours or \$15 for the day.
- **At [Blackwell Forest Preserve](#)**
When Mount Hoy's open for snow tubing, rent snowshoes at the base until 2 p.m.
- **At [Forest Preserve District Headquarters Visitor Services](#)**
Rent snowshoes Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call [630-933-7200](tel:630-933-7200) for availability.
- **At [Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center](#)**
Rent snowshoes Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Sundays 1 – 2 p.m. at Fullersburg Woods Nature Education Center. Call [630-850-8110](tel:630-850-8110) for availability.

Will County Forest Preserve Snowshoeing

- [Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve](#) in Crete Township features five miles of trails on which to snowshoe. The nature preserve's Plum Creek Nature Center offers snowshoes for rental. Check snowshoeing conditions by calling Plum Creek Nature Center at 708.946.2216.
- Those who have their own snowshoes can utilize the trails listed on this page.
- **ACTIVITY FEES**
- **SNOWSHOE RENTAL**
- Snowshoes are available for rental at [Plum Creek Nature Center](#). A \$10 cash deposit is required for snowshoe rental. Renters must be 18 years old and bring a valid driver's license or state ID.
- **Activity Fee:** \$10/day

Will County Forest Preserve Snow Tubing

- **INNER TUBE RENTAL**

- Inner tubes for sledding are available for rental at Plum Creek Nature Center for use on the sled hill at Goodenow Grove Nature Preserve when conditions allow after December 1. Renters must be 18 years old and bring a valid driver's license or state ID. Tubes may be limited to one tube per license/ID. Tubes are rented until 3 p.m. and must be returned to the Nature Center by 4 p.m.
- Activity Fee: \$2/tube

Morton Arboretum Ski & Snowshoe

- **Schedule and Location**

- The rental season runs November 29, 2019 through March 13, 2020. You can rent equipment at the Visitor Center during the following hours:
- Weekdays: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Last rental is at 3:00 p.m.
Weekends: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Last rental is at 3:00 p.m.

- **Rental Rates**

- **Adults' Snowshoes:**

Two Hours	\$11 (\$13/Nonmember)
All Day	\$15 (\$17/Nonmember)

- Poles available for additional \$2

- **Children's Snowshoes** (10 years and younger):

Two Hours	\$9 (\$11/Nonmember)
All Day	\$13 (\$15/Nonmember)

- **Cross-Country Skis** (includes boots and poles):

Two Hours	\$16 (\$18/Nonmember)
All Day	\$21(\$23/Nonmember)

- *On most days, snowshoe & ski rentals will be available, when four inches or more of snow has accumulated on the Arboretum grounds. On such days, designated trails are groomed with classic-style skiing in mind. Even with plenty of snow, conditions vary and can affect rental hours. Please call the Visitor Center Information Desk at 630-968-0074 before your visit to confirm rental availability.*
- *Rentals are handled by an outside contractor who is not able to accept Arboretum gift cards or cash as payment - credit card payments only.*

Snowshoeing

- The [Lincoln Marsh](#) in Wheaton features snowshoe rentals weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and at the adjacent Northside Park Shelter House on weekends and days off school. (The snowshoes are sometimes used for programs at the facility, so call ahead to check for availability before you go). The cost is \$5/hour. The Wheaton Park district also hosts moonlight snowshoe hikes at night, which can be a lot of fun.

Northerly Island Snowshoeing

- The cost is \$5 to check out a pair of snowshoes for two hours on a first-come, first-served basis with a valid I.D. If you have your own equipment, it is free to trek around Northerly Island! There must be at least three inches of snow for us to host Snowtrekking.
-
- Snowtrekking is scheduled for the following dates:
 - Saturday, January 4, 2020
 - Saturday, January 11, 2020
 - Saturday, January 18, 2020
-
- For more information and to verify if weather conditions are good for Snowtrekking, please call Northerly Island Park at (312) 745.2910.

McHenry County Conservation District

- **Snow Shoes Rentals at Glacial Park!**

Once there is 5" of snow or more rent a pair of snowshoes from Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park.

\$10 all day. Drivers' license and \$20 cash deposit required.

Rental Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (last rental at 2:30 p.m.)

Men's, women's, and children sizes available; first-come, first-served.

McHenry County Conservation District

- **Hike or Ski on Solar Lighted Trails**
Nov. 3, 2019 – March 8, 2020
Trails open until 9 p.m.

With the sun going down so early, you can still get out on the trails everyday after dark. The District has two sites open late for hiking or cross-country skiing when the conditions are right. Trail etiquette: When there is snow, hikers are asked to walk on the outside of the ski tracks.

- Pleasant Valley, 13315 Pleasant Valley Rd., Woodstock. 1/2 mile loop trail on the east side of entrance drive; fairly flat terrain, perfect for beginners or shorter outings. Park in first parking area and sign in.
- Hickory Grove Highlands, 500 Hickory Nut Grove Lane, Cary. 1 mile loop trail travels through a newly restored savanna, offering a longer scenic route suitable for intermediate skiers. Visitors sign in at the trail head.

Nordic Center/Eagle Ridge, Galena

- Cross Country Skiing
- Ice Skating
- Sledding
- Snowshoeing

Downhill Skiing

- Villa Olivia, Bartlett- Downhill skiing and tubing
- Four Lakes, Lisle-Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding
- Wilmot Mt.-WI
- Devils Head-WI
- Powder Horn-WI
- Cascade Mt.-WI
- Tyrol Basin-WI
- Chestnut Mt.-Galena
- Sundown Mt.-Dubuque

Dogsledding

- Siberian Outpost-Malone, WI
- Take a seat in a sled for the ride of your life! Demonstrations and tours for all ages. Tailor made dog sled rides. Demonstrations and tours for all ages. Visit with the dogs while Jim teaches you about sledding, the history of the Iditarod and the training for winter's most interesting sport.
- <https://www.fdl.com/details/todo/Siberian-Outpost/>

Tobogganing

- Pokegon State Park-Algona, IN

Ice Climbing

- **Chicagoicetower.com**
- **Camp Manitoqua-Frankfort, IL.**
- **Fee:\$\$\$\$**
- **Book On-Line at <https://www.chicagoicetower.com/>**

Ice Skating

- Chicago's Millennium Park(Outdoor)
- Naperville Park District Ice Rinks(Riverwalk & Du Page River Park Outdoor)
- Seven Bridges Ice Arena, Naperville
- All Seasons Ice Rink, Naperville
- Rocket Ice Arena, Bolingbrook
- Fox Valley Ice Arena, Geneva