

A vertical photograph of a winter forest. The trees are covered in snow, and a path leads through them. The lighting is soft and golden, suggesting a low sun. The path is covered in snow and has some tracks.

WINTERING *in* Westman

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Winter time – either you love it, or not so much. For those who love it, they live for the snow and being able to bundle up in their snowsuits. If you're not a fan of winter, maybe it's because you haven't found the right activity yet. To help you out, we came up with a list of things to do across Manitoba this winter that you'll enjoy.

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There is so much to do in winter that will make you forget about the cold and enjoy the outdoors. Winter is pretty amazing. And in Manitoba, winter isn't just a mere season—for part of the year, it's a way of life. As a result, we embrace it with a host of events and activities you simply can't experience any other time of year.

SKATING | CLEAR LAKE COUNTRY

Glide down the Parks Canada skating trails and outdoor skating rink adorned with twinkly lights and adjacent to a great log cabin style warming shack – the perfect place to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate made over an open fire. Services are limited in the winter months so please call ahead to book accommodations at Elkhorn Resort or Lakehouse Boutique Hotel.

SNOWSHOEING

What was once a way for people to make their way through the snow has now turned into a favourite winter pastime. Snowshoeing is not just an excellent workout, but it is a lot of fun as well. Have the chance to explore nature's winter wonderland.

Snowshoe ungroomed neighbourhood parks, or head to Manitoba parks like Beaudry, Birds Hill, Hecla/Grindstone, Spruce Woods and Whiteshell Provincial Parks. Or if you'd rather explore in a small group, join a Parks Canada interpreter on a 1.5km round-trip snowshoe to a bear den in Riding Mountain National Park. Space is limited for dates in January and February, register at Friends of RMNP.

SNOWMOBILING & CROSS COUNTRY TRAILS

The snowmobile and cross country trails in Spruce Woods Park are considered among the most scenic in Manitoba. Winter fun for the whole family is rounded out by two toboggan hills and a winter recreation area featuring a lighted outdoor skating oval, a full size hockey rink, and jam pail curling.



SHARE IN THE ICONIC EXPERIENCE OF DOGSLEDDING

If you can't make it to Churchill to try dogsledding – fear not – Harness Adventure Mushing Co. is bringing the traditional activity to southern Manitoba. Located in Richer, 30 mins east of Winnipeg. To make the experience even better, opt for an evening dogsled ride that delivers you straight to a glamorous winter camping experience complete with breakfast and a snowshoe trek back.

SKI HOLIDAY MOUNTAIN RESORT

Looking for something in the southern part of the province? Then head to Holiday Mountain Resort in La Riviere, Manitoba's first ski resort. Whether you're an alpine skier, a cross-country skier, or snowboarder, there's plenty for you at Holiday Mountain. One of Manitoba's most popular ski resorts with on-site lodging, recently came under ownership by Lake Louise. ■