



Door County Winter Information

Winter in Door County is the quiet hush of snow falling on villages, farms, woods and bays. It's the pristine beauty of crystal-decorated shores and snow-shrouded lighthouses standing sentinel along frozen lakes. It's an unhurried season, a time to watch through windowpanes from a cozy chair by a roaring fireplace or a chance to enjoy some of the exhilarating outdoor adventures offered in this winter wonderland.

DOOR COUNTY WINTER ACTIVITIES

- Zip along 250 miles of snowmobile trails. For weather and trail conditions, check out the Winter Snow Report on DoorCounty.com.
- Explore hundreds of miles of quiet trails, perfect for skiing or snowshoeing. Trails can be found in state or county parks and other nature preserves.
- Visit Peninsula, Whitefish Dunes, or Newport State Park that offer candlelight skiing events in late January and early February.
- Pack up the sleds and tubes and take the Hill 17 challenge at Peninsula State Park in Fish Creek, just one of the county's great sledding spots.
- Go ice fishing along the peninsula's scenic shoreline. For those who like fishing on hard water, the frozen waters of Green Bay offer great ice fishing opportunities as shanty villages sprout in the harbors. Visit the [Fishing](#) page to locate one of the many businesses that offer charter ice fishing.
- Tour and taste throughout the [Door County Wine Trail](#) featuring 8 wineries or visit one of four breweries.
- Make an art project in the comfort of a heated art barn at [Hands On Art Studio](#) in Fish Creek.
- Take a romantic Sleigh Ride with [Mayberry's Carriages](#) at Lautenbach's Orchard Country Winery.
- Jump on the [Door County Trolley](#) and explore our wintery landscape and enjoy a fireside lunch.
- Jam to live music throughout the Door. Visit DoorCounty.com for what's happening nightly.
- Take in a dinner and show at [Third Avenue Playhouse](#) on Historic Third Avenue in Sturgeon Bay.
- Explore a winter trail on horseback at [Kurtz Corral](#).
- Enjoy some pampering at one of many [spas and salons](#) located throughout the County.
- Snowshoe with a naturalist on a guided hike at the [Ridges Sanctuary](#).
- Enrich the mind by taking a class at [The Clearing Folk School](#). Classes diverse as weaving, snowshoeing, food pairing, and philosophy.
- Taste the iconic fish boil in winter every Friday night at the [White Gull Inn](#).
- Learn about the maritime history of Door County by visiting the [Door County Maritime Museum](#). Catch their Merry-Time Festival of trees during the holiday season.

For more Winter Activities check out the 2019-2020 Winter Guide at DoorCounty.com or pick it up at one of the many locations throughout the county from September - April.



WINTER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & FESTIVALS IN DOOR COUNTY

ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND MANY MORE WINTER EVENTS AT DOORCOUNTY.COM

CHRISTMAS BY THE BAY

Held annually the weekend before Thanksgiving in downtown Sturgeon Bay (Nov. 22-24, 2019)

This kickoff to the holiday season starts with a tree-lighting on Friday night. Santa parade Saturday at 10 AM followed by children's activities and hay wagon rides. Photos and brunch with Santa Sunday morning.

HOLLY DAYS

Held annually the weekend after Thanksgiving in Egg Harbor (Nov. 29-30, 2019)

An exciting old-fashioned winter weekend including breakfast with Santa, Elf Hunt for children, Mistle Dough shopping, tree lighting caroling, horse-drawn wagon rides and more.

CAPTURE THE SPIRIT

Held annually the weekend after Thanksgiving in downtown Sister Bay (Nov. 29-30, 2019)

Tree lighting, storytelling and crafts with Santa, art & craft fair at Village Hall, cookie decorating at the fire station, shopping specials throughout the village, and more.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CHERRY DROP

Held annually on New Year's Eve in Sister Bay (Dec. 31, 2019)

Festivities start at the Teresa K. Hilander Community Ice Rink at 8 PM with fireworks, ice skating and a bon fire. The party then moves to downtown Sister Bay for music, drinks and the lowering of the six-foot tall cherry.

JACKSONPORT POLAR BEAR CLUB SWIM

Held annually on New Year's Day at Lakeside Park Beach in Jacksonport (Jan. 1, 2020)

Started in 1986, this event has turned into one of the larger New Year's Day polar bear swims in the country. Each year thousands of spectators watch as hundreds of swimmers kick-off the new year by taking a refreshing dip into the icy waters of Lake Michigan. Registration begins at 10:30 AM, swim happens promptly at 12 noon.

NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE

Held annually on New Year's Day in downtown Egg Harbor (Jan. 1, 2020)

Quirky and fun New Year's Day parade starts at 1 PM and runs through downtown Egg Harbor.

DOOR COUNTY POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Held Annually on Kangaroo Lake in Baileys Harbor (Feb. 8, 2020)

Locals and teams from around Wisconsin and Illinois compete against each other to win the coveted Stanley Thermos. Spectators can enjoy ice skating, food and drinks, and can warm up by the fire.

FISH CREEK WINTER FESTIVAL

Held annually the first weekend in February based at Clark Park in Fish Creek (Feb. 2-3, 2020)

Family friendly games, live music and food under the large heated tent overlooking the frozen waters of Green Bay. Partake in the chili cook-off, minnow racing, bike toss, trolley rides, candlelight ski/hike, Fruit Loop fun run and more. Fireworks and dance Saturday evening.

FIRE AND ICE

Held annually the third weekend in February throughout Sturgeon Bay (Feb. 15, 2020)

Citywide ice and snow carving competition that features novice to professional sculptors. Public cast votes for People's Choice Award. Downtown businesses feature specials throughout the weekend. In the evening attend the Fire and Ice dinner, dance, and silent auction.

DOOR COUNTY SHORT FILM FEST

Held annually in February at the Sister Bay Village Hall (Feb. 14-15, 2020)

Amateur and professional film makers come together to showcase films as short as 2 minutes and as long as 20 minutes. Audience members vote to award the Golden Coffee Mug for best film.

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