

WINTER IN EDMONTON



SNOWSHOEING

Channel your inner Bigfoot when you strap on a pair of snowshoes to trek through Edmonton's river valley, or under the stars (and maybe even the Northern Lights) at Elk Island National Park. Snowshoeing was a traditional mode of transportation for Indigenous People in Canada, and it's a unique and exciting way to explore Edmonton today!



THE ODR IS CALLING

Discover the adrenaline rush of skating at one of Edmonton's renowned outdoor rinks, surrounded by gorgeous snow-covered winter scenery. Bring a thermos of hot chocolate and spend an afternoon with loved ones who laugh along with you as you attempt a figure eight. You can enjoy free admission at many legendary ODRs (outdoor rinks) around Edmonton!

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ELK ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Elk Island National Park is part of the Beaver Hills Dark Sky Preserve, meaning it's a stellar location for stargazing. Gaze up at the starry sky and observe star clusters, nebulae, and galaxies. Winter is also the perfect time to spot the pulsating chorus of lights known as Aurora Borealis.



SEGWAY THE DAY AWAY

Visiting Edmonton's river valley but only brought your walking shoes? Cross a SEGWAY adventure off your bucket list! There's no better place to glide through North America's largest stretch of urban parkland. River Valley Adventure Co. is found in the heart of the river valley and offers SEGWAY tours year round!

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WINTER FESTIVALS



INTERNATIONAL ICE CARVING COMPETITION

What's cooler than being cool? Ice cold! Chiseled: Edmonton's International Ice Carving Competition – formally Ice on Whyte – takes place in the heart of the ICE District! See the work of some of the world's elite carvers and be dazzled as you watch the teams create 15 block sculptures. Then, vote for your favorite sculpture!



SILVER SKATE

Celebrating over 30 years, Silver Skate is an extravaganza of arts, culture, recreation, sport, and culinary delights! Marvel at the artistic talent on display in the Snow Sculpture Garden, explore the Folk Trail, listen to local Indigenous elders' oral histories via Night Sky ᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱ ᐱᐱᐱᐱ story telling, and more.

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FLYING CANOE VOLANT

This creative, interactive, and cultural event celebrates local history and everything that's great about a long winter's night. Loosely based on the legend of the Flying Canoe and on French-Canadian, First Nation, and Métis traditions, the Flying Canoe Volant invites you for a nighttime adventure in Edmonton's French Quarter and along the illuminated trails of the Mill Creek Ravine.



DEEP FREEZE FESTIVAL

Enjoy delicious food, captivating art, vibrant culture, and exciting activities, including races inside real deep freezers at Deep Freeze! Stroll through Alberta Avenue district to marvel at beautiful ice sculptures, dance to lively music, and indulge in the diverse cuisines of Canada's Ukrainian, French-Canadian, and Indigenous communities.

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