

WINTER IN EDMONTON

YOU GOTTA GIVE IT TO US- EDMONTONIANS KNOW HOW TO DO WINTER RIGHT!

Our winters are snowy, so dive on in and play around. Edmonton's expansive river valley and park systems run right through the heart of the city with over 150 km of fresh trails. Pack your cross-country skis or snowshoes and find the best trails to explore. The real fun starts when temperatures drop below zero, so start exploring some of Edmonton's snowy festivities!



Ice on Whyte:

Jan 24-Feb 3, 2019 • Jan 23-Feb 2, 2020

Every year, the Ice on Whyte festival grabs winter by the snowballs and carves it into a wicked combo of ice and art. Just imagine, 155,000 pounds of ice is dumped to prep for this week-long party!

More info: iceonwhyte.ca



Silver Skate Festival:

Feb 8-18, 2019 • Feb 7-17, 2020

This festival is an extravaganza of art, culture, recreation and sport! Edmonton's oldest winter festival is rooted in Dutch winter traditions and involves various skate races, live entertainment and a snow sculpture garden.

More info: silverskatefestival.org



Deep Freeze:

Jan 12-13, 2019 • Jan 18-19, 2020 • Jan 16-17, 2021

This two-day festival brings together Ukrainian, Franco-Albertan, Franco-African, First Nations and South American communities to celebrate their diverse cultures, and revel in the magic and beauty of winter.

More info: deepfreezefest.ca



Flying Canoë Volant:

Feb 1-2, 2019 • Feb 7-8, 2020 • Feb 5-6, 2021

Experience and celebrate music, storytelling, local history, and dance at the Flying Canoe Volant. This event celebrates Edmonton's beautiful Mill Creek Ravine with French, First Nations and Métis traditions.

More info: flyingcanoevolant.ca



Luminaria:

Dec 7-9, 2018

At Luminaria, stroll through candle-lit pathways of the Kurimoto Japanese Garden, sipping hot apple cider beside a bonfire, enjoying seasonal sounds of strolling a capella singers and spotting magical "snow sprites" within glittering ice sculptures.

More info: luminaria.ualberta.ca



Haskin Canoe at Elk Island National Park:

Strap on a pair of snowshoes and explore over 80 kilometres of trails. Elk Island National Park is home to free roaming Plains and Wood bison, moose, deer and over 250 species of birds. If you're lucky, you may even catch a glimpse of the aurora borealis.

More info: haskincanoe.ca



Segway:

Hop on your own Segway for a remarkable winter tour through Edmonton's world famous river valley. This urban gem has over 150 km of trails perfect for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. River Valley Adventure also offers a Legislative Lights Segway tour through the Alberta Legislature grounds.

More info: rivervalleyadventure.com



Cross-Country Skiing:

Cross-country skiing enthusiasts don't have to venture far to find the perfect place to strap on their skis. Edmonton is the perfect spot for a peaceful, snowy wilderness escape. All skiers are welcome as lessons and equipment are provided through River Valley Programs.

More info: edmonton.ca



Fat Biking:

Winter transforms Edmonton's river valley into a cyclist's version of the TV series Ice Road Truckers-but without the drama. Essentially, by slapping monster truck tires on a widened mountain bike frame, you get an abominable snowmobile that can chew through ice and snow!

More info: michael@revolutioncycle.com



ICE District/Rogers Place:

Canada's largest mixed-use sports and entertainment district is in the heart of Edmonton's Ice District. Rogers Place is one of the best arenas in North America and is home to our Edmonton Oilers & Oil Kings! Edmonton has some of the loudest fans, so bring your voice and help cheer on our epic teams.

More info: icedistrict.com



Prairie Gardens:

Join Farmer Tam on a Winter Adventure! Start with a Polar Express ride to the crackling bonfire where you will learn the art of sippin' moonshine, enjoy fire-roasted appies and for dessert, pull maple syrup taffy from the sparkling snow. Later, strap on a pair of snow shoes & try your hand at pond curling.

More info: prairiegardens.org