

Winter Activities in St. Clair County Parks



When most people think of parks, they think summer. However, winter is a beautiful time of year in St. Clair County Parks. The scenery is unmatched, from snow covered pines, babbling brooks and rivers, to art-like ice formations. It is also a time when outdoor activity tends to decline. The solution? **A winter park adventure!**

There are numerous adventures that are just a short distance away, found in the over 1100 acres of parks and trails operated by St. Clair County. These outdoor winter activities are inexpensive ways to shake the winter blues. Most of the activities require nothing more than warm clothing and a good pair of walking boots.


































If you are looking to go for a long distance winter walk, or love to cross-country ski, then the Wadhams to Avoca Trail is for you. The 12-mile trail is highlighted by the 640 ft. Mill Creek Trestle, the longest of its kind in the State of Michigan. It offers breathtaking views of the Mill Creek, found 60 ft. below the trestle deck.

A winter hike in St. Clair County Parks can expose you to places of winter beauty, often found a short distance from residential neighborhoods and city centers. You don't have to go up north to get that up north feel. The wooded trails at Columbus, Goodells and Woodsong County Parks will leave the impression you have traveled up north. The rolling terrain creates other outdoor opportunities for snowshoeing, cross country skiing and fat tire biking. All three County Parks have many miles of trails of different challenge levels, from flat terrain to rolling hills. So no matter your level of skill, there is a place to enjoy these winter activities.

Speaking of hills, one of the best sledding hills in the county is found at Columbus County Park. The lighted sledding hill offers two options of excitement, a bunny hill for younger children and a larger hill for the more daring. **Snowboarding is not allowed on the hill.**

If it's a flat surface you seek, then the ice rink at Goodells County Parks is for you (weather permitting). This park offers a large surface ice rink in the Arena building. It's outdoors, but covered, giving the ice a nice smooth surface. The Community Center lobby is a space to warm up and use the restroom facilities.

Whatever your age, winter can be a fun, relaxing or invigorating experience in your St. Clair County Parks. For more information or weather conditions related to park activities, call (810) 989-6960 or visit us on [Facebook](#).

Location	❄️ 2024-25 Winter Activities ❄️							Amenities	
	Ice Skating	Sledding	Hiking	Snow Shoeing	Bird Watching	Fat Tire Biking	X-Country Skiing	Warming Station	Restrooms
									
Blue Water River Walk County Park									
Columbus County Park									
Fort Gratiot County Park									
Fort Gratiot Light Station									
Goodells County Park									
North Channel County Park									
Wadhams to Avoca Trail									
Woodsong County Park									

*THE SLEDDING HILL WILL BE MONITORED BY PARK STAFF AND MAY BE CLOSED AT THEIR DISCRETION BASED ON WEATHER CONDITIONS. **WEATHER PERMITTING. ***LOCATED IN THE LOBBY AT COLUMBUS AND GOODELLS COUNTY PARKS.