

Detroit Lakes' first snowfall heralds an exciting season of winter recreation for the entire family, transforming the area into a winter playground for outdoor enthusiasts.

Join the variety of winter activities and scheduled events such as skiing, tubing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, ice-fishing, snowmobile races, hockey tournaments, curling and the 21st Annual Polar Fest Plunge.

Plan your winter adventure in Minnesota's premier winter destination — Detroit Lakes!

Here are some exciting winter activities available in the Detroit Lakes area:

❖ **Detroit Mountain Recreation Area:** Opened in November 2014 with an all new lodge, lifts, skiing, tubing and snowboarding terrain park. Expanded tubing hill in 2016.

❖ **Ice-Fishing:** 412 lakes in the Detroit Lakes area offer excellent fishing opportunities for the wily walleye and many other species. Call our Fishing Hotline at 1-800-433-1888 or 218-847-5743.

❖ **Snowmobiling:** More than 250 miles of groomed trails wind through hardwood and conifer forests as well as rolling prairie with wildlife. Free maps available at the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce office.

❖ **Explore Outdoors:** Tamarac and Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuges, state, county and city parks in the area have natural beauty and wildlife. Ask for a Pine to Prairie Birding Trail brochure or a Lake Country Scenic Byway map for specific sites to visit by calling the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-542-3992.

❖ **Skating:** Detroit Lakes has outdoor ice skating and hockey rinks in Peoples Park. Kent Freeman Sports Arena has two indoor rinks.

❖ **Cross-Country Skiing:** Enjoy a peaceful retreat on several kilometers of groomed and ungroomed trails.

❖ **Sleigh Rides:** Relax while you enjoy the view of frost-covered trees and ice covered lakes from a horse-drawn sleigh.

❖ **Polar Fest and Polar Fest Plunge:** Detroit Lakes celebrates winter with the 21st Annual Polar Fest Plunge where people brave the 32 degree water of Detroit Lake. The week is packed with events such as golf, fireworks, 5K run and a fishing derby!

DETROIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA...

Detroit Mountain Recreation Area is back with an all new lodge, lifts, ski hills, terrain park, tubing hill, cross country skiing and snowshoeing! The 200 acre four-season recreation destination is open Thursday-

Monday. Rental equipment, lessons, season passes and night skiing are offered. The lodge features a cafeteria and, for adults, Horses Neck Saloon. NEW in 2016, expanded tubing hill with 200+ tubes, 1000+ feet of sliding fun and tubing lodge. Group rates available. After the snow melts, return for mountain biking and hiking trails.

More info at www.detroitmountain.com or 218-844-7669 (SNOW).

SNOWMOBILE THE WINTER WONDERLAND TRAILS...

Snowmobiling in the Detroit Lakes area means fresh white snow, crisp, clean air and more than 250 miles of groomed trails that thread throughout mature forests and gently rolling prairie.

Detroit Lakes is the hub of the Winter Wonderland Trail System. These trails radiate in all directions and offer accessibility to lodging, fuel, food and entertainment. It is permissible to use city streets to directly access the trails, with the exception of the downtown business district. Sledders may safely cross Highway 10 by using the underpass for snowmobiles East of Country Inn and Suites.

The trail system allows for short trips or all day rides. Trails are marked with directional signs to reach dozens of resorts, restaurants and nightspots along the way. They connect with neighboring trails in all directions.

Whether you are looking for an easy afternoon ride or a weekend adventure, the Winter Wonderland Trails are winter fun!

Free snowmobile trail maps are available from the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce in the outdoor brochure holder.

POLAR FEST AND 21ST ANNUAL POLAR FEST PLUNGE...

Enjoy a getaway to Detroit Lakes for a week full of fun winter activities during Polar Fest, February 9-20! The highlight is Saturday, February 18th with the Freeze Your Buns Run, Frozen Fireworks and 21st Annual Polar Fest Plunge!

The Boys & Girls Club hosts the Polar Fest Plunge. Heat up in the warming house on the lake and then plunge into the frigid waters of Detroit Lake. For information, call 218-847-5700.

Bring the whole family. Adults, young and not as young, can brave the elements and enter the Freeze Your Buns 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, February 18th. Take in events such as the Ice Tee Golf Tourney, the Polaritaville Dance, fireworks at the city beach and keep an eye out for an appearance by Polar Pete!

Who needs to escape winter...embrace it! Winter is fun at the Detroit Lakes Polar Fest, February 9-20. **For more information, go to www.VisitDetroitLakes.com or call the Chamber at 218-847-9202.**

FISHING DERBY...

Find your spot on Detroit Lake and let the fishing fun begin! DL Breakfast Rotary hosts the 7th Annual Poles n' Holes Fishing Derby noon to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2017. The event is held near the Rossman Avenue public access on Detroit Lake. **For more information, go to www.icefishingdetroitlakes.org.**

CURLING BONSPIELS...

The Lakes Curling Club hosts several Curling Bonspiels, or tournaments, each year at the facility located on Highway 59 north of Detroit Lakes. The Vern Turner Memorial Bonspiel is set for February 10-12, 2017.

The Lakes Curling Club draws participants for these events from Canada, North Dakota and throughout Minnesota. For additional information on the bonspiels or the sport of curling, contact Roger Lee at 218-847-7324.

SLEIGH RIDES...

You're invited for free holiday sleigh rides through downtown Detroit Lakes on Saturday, December 3, 10 and 17 from noon to 3:00 p.m., leaving from the Washington Square Mall.

For more information contact the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce at 218-847-9202.

ANNUAL CLASSIC OLD TIMERS SNOWMOBILE RUN...

Old and young join the fun of the Midnite Riders Snowmobile Club antique snowmobile run. The event is held February 4, 2017.

The show begins at 8:00 a.m. Trophies will be awarded by category at 10:00 a.m. in Lake Park. New and old sleds are welcome ("old" sleds are defined as 25 years or more).

The run begins at 10:30 a.m. There will be prizes at each of the stops.

For more information, call Bud at 218-532-7255 (evenings) or Tom at 218-532-7734.

HOLIDAY TRAIN...

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train stops in Detroit Lakes at 2:30 pm on Monday, December 12th at the Holmes Street Crossing. Enjoy live holiday music from the box car stage. Bring the family to see the train decked out in holiday lights, and Santa, too. To help the Holiday Train's goal of fundraising for food banks, please bring non-perishable food items or cash donations for the local food pantry.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI FUN...

Cross-country skiers enjoy nature at its best on wooded and sheltered trails in the Detroit Lakes area. Groomed trails and crisp, clear days provide the perfect ingredients for winter cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Dunton Locks County Park has 6.1 kilometers of trails south of Detroit Lakes on Hwy. 59 to County Road 6, then south on Hwy. 19. Pickerel Hills Ski Trail, east of Detroit Lakes on Hwy. 34, then four miles north on Hwy. 25, has 6.4 km of occasionally groomed trails. Mountain View Recreation area has 4.8 km of groomed classic and skate ski trails east of Detroit Lakes on Hwy. 10 to 54, then east on Tower Road for 1.5 miles. The East Frazee System has approximately 16 kilometers of trails.

Free trail maps are available from the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce.

INDOOR & OUTDOOR SKATING RINKS...

The entire family will enjoy the outdoor ice skating rinks in Detroit Lakes.

Peoples Park on Rossman Avenue features a warming house, two outdoor hockey rinks and one rink for open ice skating. Free ice skate use is available with a limited number of sizes. Check on warming house hours at www.ci-detroit-lakes.mn.us.

The Freeman Sports Arena at 1300 Rossman Avenue, in Detroit Lakes has two sheets of ice that host youth hockey, figure skating and open skating sessions.

Check the website for a weekly schedule: www.dlyouthhockey.com or call 218-846-7105.

HOT SPOTS FOR OUTDOOR FAMILY FUN...

Maplewood State Park offers ice fishing, 5 miles of groomed and 5 miles of ungroomed cross-country ski trails, ½ mile of snowshoe trails and 21 miles of groomed snowmobile trails that thread through mature hardwood forests. The park is located one

half hour south of Detroit Lakes near Pelican Rapids.

The main office is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

For more information, call 218-863-8383.

Itasca State Park features 13 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, snowshoe trails, 31 miles of snowmobile trails, ice fishing and a warming shelter. Snowshoe rentals available. Itasca State Park is located one hour northeast of Detroit Lakes near Park Rapids. Vehicle permit required. **Jacob Brower Visitor Center hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. For more information, call 218-699-7251.**

Buffalo River State Park has snowshoe trails open to the public. The park has a warming house for candlelight events. The park is located 30 miles West of Detroit Lakes on Highway 10. **For more information call 218-498-2124.**

Winter is a great time to visit **Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge**. Eight miles of occasionally groomed cross-country ski trails and more than 20 miles of ungroomed trails provide ample opportunity to observe wildlife. Bird watching is plentiful, as more than 30 species make the Refuge their winter home. Anglers may fish on North Tamarac, Two Islands, Pine and Waboose Lakes. **The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 218-847-2641 for more information on special winter programs.**

Maplelag Resort skiing begins right out the door of the cabins and is available to the public for a fee. They offer 57 km of groomed trails on a 70 km trail system winding through the woods and along Little Sugar Bush, Twin, Dry, Bullhead and Island Lakes and also groomed trails for skate skiing. Cross-country ski/snowshoe rentals are available weekdays. **For more information, see www.maplelag.com or call 218-375-4466.**

BECKER COUNTY MUSEUM...

Located at the corner of Summit Avenue and Front Street in Detroit Lakes, the museum has a large collection of authentic Native American items, displays on military history, logging industry and a one-room early settler log cabin. Have you seen old 3 Legs? Access their free Becker County research library. The museum hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Free admission. **For more information, call the Becker County Museum at 218-847-2938 or www.beckercountyhistory.org.**

DETROIT LAKES COMMUNITY & CULTURAL CENTER/HISTORIC HOLMES THEATRE...

A full service fitness and aquatic center, the DLCCC is open Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A fun feature for youth is The Backyard - the largest indoor playland in the region. Call 218-844-4221 or check their website at: www.dlccc.org. The Theatre Box Office at Historic Holmes Theatre is open Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (additional hours during show days). The theatre hosts local to international artists providing theatre, music, dance and comedy. The facility is available for a wide variety of events. Call 218-844-SHOW for information. Located at 826 Summit Avenue, Detroit Lakes.

FREE 24 HOUR TRAIL CONDITIONS HOTLINE...

Get the latest snow conditions information for Detroit Lakes Area Winter Wonderland Snowmobile Trails 24 hours a day when you call **800-433-1888** or **218-847-5743**. Online go to VisitDetroitLakes.com/trail-report.

AREA RENTALS...

ICE FISHING HOUSES

Cedar Crest Resort	
White Earth Lake	218-473-2116
Lakecrest Resort	
Long Lake, Detroit Lakes	218-847-5459
Outlet Recreation	
Hwy 59 South, Detroit Lakes.....	218-844-6969
Wicks Fishhouses	
Little Detroit Lake	218-849-4638

SLED DOG RIDES

Ed Streeper	
Osage	218-573-3993

SLEIGH RIDES,

J&F Stables	
Rural Detroit Lakes	218-849-9545

LODGING...

America's Best Value Inn & Suites	847-1651/888-315-2378
AmericInn Lodge & Suites	847-8795/800-634-3444
Best Western Plus Holland House	847-4483
Budget Host Inn	847-4454/800-888-2124
Country Inn & Suites	847-2000/800-456-4000
Holiday Inn on the Lake.....	847-2121/877-251-9348
Best Western Premier	
The Lodge on Lake Detroit.....	847-8439
Lakecrest Resort	847-5459/800-435-5459

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2016

26	Free Sleigh Rides, Noon-3pm, Washington Square Mall, Detroit Lakes
26	Free Movie "Home Alone", 10am Cinemagic Theatre, Detroit Lakes

DECEMBER 2016

2	Phil Vassar-Holiday & Hits Show, 8pm Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen
3	Free Movie "Polar Express," with food pantry donation, 10am & 12:30pm, Cinemagic Theatre, Detroit Lakes
3	Tinsel Treats & Treasures: Arts, Crafts, & Gifts Fair, 10am The Refuge, Detroit Lakes
3	Travis LeDoyt Concert, 7:30pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
3 & 4	Christmas at The Barn in Dunvilla The Barn at Dunvilla, Pelican Rapids
3 & 4	Christmas Open House, 11am-5pm Forest Edge Gallery, Vergas
3, 10 & 17	Free Photo & Wishes with Santa, 11:30- 4pm Washington Square Mall, Detroit Lakes
3, 10 & 17	Free Sleigh Rides, Noon-3pm, Washington Square Mall, Detroit Lakes
4, 11 & 18	Free Photo & Wishes with Santa, Noon-4pm Washington Square Mall, Detroit Lakes
10	Free Movie "Elf," with food pantry donation, 10am Cinemagic Theatre, Detroit Lakes
10	An Andy & Bing Christmas Show, 2 & 7:30pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
10 & 11	Christmas Open House, 11am-5pm Forest Edge Gallery, Vergas
11	Lakes Area Community Concert Band, 4pm First Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes
11	Santa's Reindeer at the Mall, 12-4pm Washington Square Mall, Detroit Lakes
11	Kid's Craft Day, 1-3pm Washington Square Mall, Detroit Lakes
12	Canadian Pacific Holiday Train, 2:30pm Holmes Street Railroad Crossing, Detroit Lakes
15	Rock & Roll Christmas Show, 7:30pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
16	Sammy Kershaw Concert, 8pm Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen
17	Free Movie "The Grinch" with food pantry donation, 10am, Cinemagic Theatre, Detroit Lakes
17	Winterfezt 2016, 4pm, Zorbaz, Detroit Lakes
17 & 18	Christmas Open House, 11am-5pm Forest Edge Gallery, Vergas
24	Free Movie "White Christmas", 10am, 1 & 4 pm Cinemagic Theatre, Detroit Lakes
27-30	Old Fashioned Games & Puzzles, 1-3pm Becker Co. Museum, Detroit Lakes

30	Comedy Show-David Harris and others, 8pm Holiday Inn on the Lake, Detroit Lakes
31	Annual New Year's Eve Bash, 9am-Noon Detroit Lakes Community Center
31	New Year's Eve Party, 8pm Holiday Inn on the Lake, Detroit Lakes
31	Vergas Lions New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance, 4:30-10pm,Vergas Event Center, Vergas

JANUARY 2017

1	Snowshoe Hike, 12:30pm, Itasca State Park
6	Neal McCoy Concert, 8pm, Shooting Star Casino, Mahnomen
7	ULTRA 80's N Older Classic Cruise Ride (North) M State Parking Lot, Detroit Lakes
7	Free Movie "Hotel Transylvania 2", 10am Cinemagic Theatre, Detroit Lakes
7 & 8	Ice Drag Races, Holiday Inn on the Lake, Detroit Lakes
13	"Pump Boys & Dinettes" Musical, 7:30pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
13-15	6th Annual Pinehurst Bonspiel Pinehurst Resort, Naytawasch
13 & 14	Novice Bonspiel, Lakes Curling Club, Detroit Lakes
14	Winter Trails Day, 1pm, Maplelag Resort, Callaway
14	Indoor Triathlon, Detroit Lakes Community Center
19	"I AM, HE SAID" Musical, 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
20-22	Minnesota State Senior Men's Bonspiel Lakes Curling Club, Detroit Lakes
21	ULTRA 80'S N Older Classic Cruise Ride (South) Becker County Fairgrounds, Detroit Lakes
21	Chris Koza Concert, 7:30pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
22-24	Canadian Carefree Senior Ladies Bonspiel Lakes Curling Club, Detroit Lakes
31	Classical Music Night at the Holmes, 7pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes

FEBRUARY 2017

4	Free Movie "Boxtrolls", 10am, Cinemagic Theatre, Detroit Lakes
4	Midnite Rider's Old Timer's Snowmobile Run Lake Park
4	Winter at the Barn, The Barn at Dunvilla, Pelican Rapids
5-7	Canadian "Why Not?" Bonspiel, Lakes Curling Club, Detroit Lakes
9-20	21st Annual Polar Fest Community Celebration Detroit Lakes
10	Daddy's Little Sweetheart Dance, 6pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
10-12	Vern Turner Memorial Bonspiel, Lakes Curling Club, Detroit Lakes

11	Learn to Snowshoe/Hok Ski, 9am, Detroit Mountain Recreation Area
11	7th Annual Poles N Holes Fishing Derby Little Detroit Lake
11	Flash Point Snow Bike Race, Becker County Fairgrounds, Detroit Lakes
16	"Alice in Wonderland" Play, 10am & 6:30pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
17	Ice Tee Golf, Detroit Lake
17	"What a Wonderful World" Musical, 2pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
17	Deuces Wild Comedy, 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
18	Polar Fest Plunge, Little Detroit Lake
18	ULTRA DL Vintage Snowmobile Rally & Swap Meet Little Detroit Lake
18	Freeze Your Buns 5K Run, 9am Detroit Lakes Community Center
18 & 19	Canadian Manitoba Hydro Bonspiel Lakes Curling Club, Detroit Lakes

MARCH 2017

3	Copper Street Brass Concert, 7:30pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
4	Snowshoe in Tamarac, 1pm Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, Rochert
4 & 5	47th Annual SnoDeo, Pinehurst Resort, Naytawasch
9 & 10	"Blithe Spirit", 7:30pm, Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
11	"Blithe Spirit", 2pm, Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
18-19	Lake Region Builder's Association Home & Sport Show, Kent Freeman Sports Arena, Detroit Lakes
28	Classical Music Night at the Holmes, 7pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes

APRIL 2017

1	Heart O'Lakes Harmony, 7pm, Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
3	"Tonic Sol-Fa" Concert, 7pm, Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
7	"Suessical" Musical, 10am, Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
8	"Suessical" Musical 11am, Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
8	Maple Syrup Day, Vergas
23	Lakes Area Community Concert Band, 4pm Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
28	MOTION with Post Traumatic Funk Syndrome 6:30pm, Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes
29	Itasca To Hubbel Pond Series Hike, 12:30pm Itasca State Park

For more events, see www.VisitDetroitLakes.com/Events

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See You at the Lakes!

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