



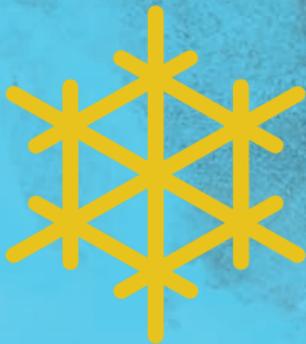
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# Winter Excitement Guide







# WELCOME TO WINTER 2015/2016!



This guide gets bigger and better every year! We've packed this year's Winter Excitement Guide with even more events and festivals. But keep your toque-covered ear to the ground for the spontaneous events that happen, like last year's awesome *#yegsnowfight*

We're all working together, as a community, to think differently, to embrace the beauty of our snowy season, and to make Edmonton a great winter city. Edmonton's community-led, award-winning WinterCity Strategy is our roadmap for reaching greatness. We are truly proud to say that we are on our way to realizing all the great potential our winters have to offer.

New for this winter, we've got a blog for sharing ideas and experiences! Check it out at [www.wintercityedmonton.ca](http://www.wintercityedmonton.ca)

If you haven't joined us on Facebook and Twitter yet, we invite you to join the conversation. Let us know how you celebrate winter and be a part of the growing community that's making Edmonton a great place to live, work and play in the wintertime.

Now get out there and have some wintry fun!

[www.edmonton.ca/wintercitystrategy](http://www.edmonton.ca/wintercitystrategy)

 [Facebook.com/WinterCityEdmonton](https://www.facebook.com/WinterCityEdmonton)

 [#WinterCityYEG / #wintercityyeg](https://twitter.com/WinterCityYEG)

# Edmonton Ski Club Winter Warm-up Fundraiser

**Saturday, Oct 3, 2015**

**Edmonton Ski Club (9613 – 96 Avenue)**

**[www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)**

Start winter with the ESC Winter Warm-up Fundraiser! Join us for a pig roast and family games. Visit our website for more details.

# International Walk to School Week (iWALK)

**Oct 5 – 9, 2015**

**[www.shapeab.com](http://www.shapeab.com)**

iWALK is part of the Active & Safe Routes to School Program, promoting active travel to school! You can register online.

# Ski Swap & Sale at Snow Valley

**Oct 17 – 18, 2015**

**Snow Valley Ski Club, [www.snowvalley.ca](http://www.snowvalley.ca)**

Bring gently used ski & snowboard equipment on Saturday, and get ready to pick up something new-to-you for sale on Sunday!

# Boo at the Zoo!

**Sunday, Oct 18, 2015 / 11am – 4pm**

**Edmonton Valley Zoo, [www.valleyzoo.ca](http://www.valleyzoo.ca)**

Get Closer, Be Not Afraid! Science experiments, crafts, extinct animal graveyards, a Witch's Den – make Boo at the Zoo your Halloween tradition!



# Edmonton Ski & Snowboard Show

**Saturday, Oct 24, 2015 / 10am – 5pm**

**Sunday, Oct 25, 2015 / 11am – 5pm**

**Edmonton EXPO Centre, [www.PowderFest.com](http://www.PowderFest.com)**

Come get your stoke on for the ski/snowboard season – find fellow snow bums, destinations, and deals on gear. Celebrate the return of winter!

## Edmonton Ski Club Winter Equipment Sale @ Edmonton Ski & Snowboard Show

**Oct 24 – 25, 2015**

**Edmonton EXPO Centre, [www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)**

Find new-to-you equipment at unbeatable prices – everything from skis and snowboards to helmets and jackets at the ESC's Winter Equipment Sale!





## Wild Things in Winter!

**Saturdays & Sundays in November**

**John Janzen Nature Centre, [www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen](http://www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen)**

Experience the wonders of winter in the River Valley! May include snowshoeing, winterscaping & other winter-themed activities. Please call ahead for snowshoeing.

## Show Your Spots!

**Sunday, Nov 1, 2015 / noon – 4pm**

**Edmonton Valley Zoo, [www.valleyzoo.ca](http://www.valleyzoo.ca)**

The zoo is home to mountain species: Snow Leopards, Lynx, and Takin! Free photo booth, crafts to make and take home, and airbrushed tattoos!

## MEC SnowFest

**Sunday, Nov 1, 2015**

**Mountain Equipment Co-op (12328 – 102 Avenue), [www.mec.ca](http://www.mec.ca)**

Check out the latest snow sports gear, attend one of our clinics, and find deals at the MEC Snow Swap. Prizes, hot chocolate, popcorn & more.



## Wildlife Photography Workshop

**Sunday, Nov 8, 2015 / 9:30am – 4:30pm**

**Edmonton Valley Zoo, [www.valleyzoo.ca](http://www.valleyzoo.ca)**

Join us for a one-day wildlife photography workshop where you will be surrounded by exotic animals and outdoor photographic opportunities!

## Snow Valley Opening Day!

**Saturday, Nov 14, 2015 (Tentative)**

**Snow Valley Ski Club, [www.snowvalley.ca](http://www.snowvalley.ca)**

Snow Valley Ski Club launches into its 62nd season on the snow! Will you be on the first chair?

## The DBA Christmas on the Square Holiday Light-Up

**Saturday, Nov 14, 2015 / 4 – 7pm**

**Sir Winston Churchill Square, [www.edmontondowntown.com](http://www.edmontondowntown.com)**

Kick off the holiday season with family entertainment, a visit from Santa, lighting of the giant Xmas Tree, and an amazing fireworks show!

## Animal Photo Safari

**Sunday, Nov 15, 2015 / 9:30 – 11:30am**

**Edmonton Valley Zoo, [www.valleyzoo.ca](http://www.valleyzoo.ca)**

Join us for a special tour of the Edmonton Valley Zoo, filled with many photo opportunities and a chance to go behind the scenes!

# Sip and Learn All About Owls!

**Friday, Nov 20, 2015**

**Edmonton Valley Zoo, [www.valleyzoo.ca](http://www.valleyzoo.ca)**

Are all owls nocturnal? Can owls turn their heads around fully? Sip some wine, snack on appetizers, and listen to an amazing guest speaker!

# All is Bright on 124 Street

**Saturday, Nov 21, 2015 / 3 – 8pm**

**High Street Area (124 Street, between 102 & 108 Avenues),  
[www.allisbright124.ca](http://www.allisbright124.ca)**

Join us as we light up the night with illumination, winter activities, and live entertainment staged in the High Street and 124 Street areas.



# Santa's Parade of Lights

**Saturday, Nov 21, 2015 / 4:30pm**

**Downtown – see map on our website,  
[www.edmontonsantaparade.com](http://www.edmontonsantaparade.com)**

Glisten. Sparkle. Glow. Join us for Santa's Parade of Lights, a magical event where every entry is lit to twinkle in the dark. Free fun for the whole family.

# Let's Get Ready for Winter!

**Tuesday, Nov 24, 2015 / 9:30 – 11am**

**John Janzen Nature Centre, [www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen](http://www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen)**

Dance like snowflakes, hop like rabbits, make a winter-themed craft, and search for signs of winter animals. Ages 1 - 4 & parent. Must pre-register through 311.

# Froestival in McCauley – Froestival Market



**Friday, Nov 27, 2015 / 5 – 9pm**

**Saturday, Nov 28, 2015 / 10am – 3pm**

**McCauley School (9538 – 107 Avenue), [www.mccauleycl.com](http://www.mccauleycl.com)**

Come for a wide variety of soups and multicultural vendors who will have a multitude of Christmas gifts at a low price.

# Carrot Christmas Arts Bazaar

**Friday, Nov 27, 2015 / 7 – 9pm**

**Saturday, Nov 28, 2015 / 10am – 4pm**

**Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse (9351 – 118 Avenue),  
[www.thecarrot.ca](http://www.thecarrot.ca)**

Be distinctive, buy original, support local. Find great original gifts for those 'hard to shop for' loved ones.

# Shop the Neighbourhood

**Saturday, Nov 28, 2015**

**Check website for a neighbourhood near you,  
[www.shoptheneighbourhood.ca](http://www.shoptheneighbourhood.ca)**

The Yellow Pages reminds us to support local. We invite you to Shop the Neighbourhood and support #yeg #shopthehood!



# Winterfest

**Nov 28 – 30, 2015**

**Snow Valley Ski Club, [www.snowvalley.ca](http://www.snowvalley.ca)**

A weekend to kick off winter in a winter city! Refreshments, activities, games and displays on Saturday and Sunday!

# Celebrate the Season at the Alberta Legislature

**Month-long December annual event**

**Alberta Legislature Grounds, [www.assembly.ab.ca](http://www.assembly.ab.ca)**

Light-Up begins with a choir performance in the rotunda & the Premier's ceremonial lighting of the outdoor lights. Choir performances most noon hours and evenings.



# Horse Drawn Sleigh Shuttle in Old Strathcona

**Saturdays in December until Christmas / 1 – 5pm**

**Five pick-up locations throughout Old Strathcona,  
[www.oldstrathcona.ca](http://www.oldstrathcona.ca)**

The annual horse drawn sleigh shuttle is a great way to get around #OldStrath and support a local charity (rides by donation).





## Froestival in McCauley – Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire

**Saturdays & Sundays in December until Christmas /  
11am – 2pm**

**Italian Grocery Centre (10878 – 95 Street), [www.mccauleycl.com](http://www.mccauleycl.com)**

Come and try a taste of winter at the Italian Grocery Centre with hot chestnuts roasted on an open fire.

## Wild Things in Winter!

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## Seniors' Candy Cane Tea

**Dec 1 – 2, 2015**

**Edmonton Valley Zoo, [www.valleyzoo.ca](http://www.valleyzoo.ca)**

A celebration just for seniors – the perfect way to relax on a cold day! Warm beverages, animal encounters, and live musical performances!

# Servus Free Ski Friday

**Friday, Dec 4, 2015 / 5 – 9pm**

**Edmonton Ski Club (9613 – 96 Avenue),  
[www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)**



Free skiing and snowboarding first Friday of every month, sponsored by Servus Credit Union. Rentals and group lessons \$10 each.

# Festival of Light

**Dec 4 – 13, 2015**

**Edmonton Valley Zoo, [www.buildingourzoo.com](http://www.buildingourzoo.com)**

Light is Energizing, Light is Revitalizing! Bring the family down and stroll through the zoo after dark and experience one artistic installation after another!

# Santa Shuffle Fun Run and Elf Walk

**Saturday, Dec 5, 2015**

**William Hawrelak Park, [www.santashuffle.ca](http://www.santashuffle.ca)**

This merry event helps The Salvation Army assist families and individuals in need during the Christmas season and throughout the year. 5K Santa Shuffle & 1K Elf Walk.



# Luminaria

**Dec 5 – 6, 2015**

**Devonian Botanic Garden, [www.devonian.ualberta.ca](http://www.devonian.ualberta.ca)**

Thousands of candles light the paths of the Kurimoto Japanese Garden in a breathtaking display. Snow sprites, singers, food and drink.

# David Sedaris' Santaland Diaries

**Dec 10 – 21, 2015 / 7:30pm**

**Nina Haggerty Centre for the Arts (9225 – 118 Avenue),  
[www.yuleave.ca](http://www.yuleave.ca)**

Escape the saccharine sentiment of the season! Adult-only play about the life of a Santaland dept store elf & other wildly inappropriate North Pole personalities.

# Candy Cane Lane

**Dec 11, 2015 – Jan 3, 2016 (tentative)**

**148 Street, between 92 & 100 Avenues,  
[www.candycanelane.trav-graphics.com](http://www.candycanelane.trav-graphics.com)**

Christmas in Edmonton is not complete without visiting Candy Cane Lane! Walk, take a sleigh ride, enjoy lights and decorations, and bring a donation for the Food Bank.



# Christmas Reflections

**Dec 11 - 30, 2015 / 5 – 9pm weekdays /  
2 – 6pm weekends / 3 – 7pm post-Christmas**

**Fort Edmonton Park, [www.fortedmontonpark.ca](http://www.fortedmontonpark.ca)**

Step back in time to a Christmas past. Celebrate winter the way it was a century ago. Discover how people hosted one another, what they did for recreation, and more.

# South-East Edmonton Winter Fun Fest

**Saturday, Dec 12, 2015 / 11am – 4pm**

**Ottewell Community League (5920 – 93A Avenue)**

**For more information, contact Lynn Ferguson at 780-496-5926**

Join in the all fun that winter offers in South-East Edmonton! Try new outdoor winter activities for the whole family: ski, slide, skate, snowshoe, sleigh rides, crafts and more.



# Jingle Jammin' Christmas Caroling

**Friday, Dec 18, 2015 / 6pm chili / 7pm carolling**

**Meet at the Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse  
(9351 – 118 Avenue), [www.thecarrot.ca](http://www.thecarrot.ca)**

Meet at the Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse for chili (veggie or meat) and dress for the weather! Bring lanterns and flashlights.

# Frostival in McCauley – Church Street Concert

**Friday, Dec 18, 2015 / 7 – 10pm**

**Studio 96 (Old St. Stephen Church 10900 – 96 Street),  
[www.mccauleycl.com](http://www.mccauleycl.com)**

Come for an old fashioned evening of carols and great music. A feel-good evening of songs.

# Yule Ave: A Merry Christmas

**Dec 18 – 20, 2015**

**In and around Alberta Avenue Community League  
(9210 – 118 Avenue), [www.yuleave.ca](http://www.yuleave.ca)**

Free concert, feast & lighting the Giving Tree! Winter clothing donations accepted & given. Decoration creation station, Santa's Northlands Village & sleigh rides.



# Rumor's Board Shop Saturday in the Terrain Park

**Saturday, Dec 19, 2015**

**Edmonton Ski Club (9613 – 96 Avenue),  
[www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)**

Show off your moves on the rails and jumps. No matter what your age or ability, we invite you to come and compete or watch!

# Unsilent Night @ Yule Ave

**Sunday, Dec 20, 2015**

**Meet at Alberta Avenue Community League  
(9210 – 118 Avenue), [www.yuleave.ca](http://www.yuleave.ca)**

A luminous soundscape played by the audience on boomboxes carried through city streets.

# #YEGlongnight 2015

**Sunset Sunday, Dec 20 – Sunset Monday, Dec 21, 2015**

**[www.yeglong.edmontonpipelines.org](http://www.yeglong.edmontonpipelines.org)**

Shed light on the longest night by joining Edmonton's favourite online storytelling event. Submit tweets, images, videos and posts using the hashtag #YEGlongnight.

# Winter Solstice

**Monday, Dec 21, 2015 / 9:49 pm**

It's the official start of winter! How will you celebrate?



# Christmas Ski Camp 1

**Dec 21 – 24, 2015**

**Edmonton Ski Club (9613 – 96 Avenue),  
[www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)**

Looking for something for the kids to do during the Christmas break? Let us teach them how to ski or snowboard! We're offering camps for ages 7 – 16.

# Christmas Ski Camp 2

**Dec 27 – 31, 2015**

**Edmonton Ski Club (9613 – 96 Avenue),  
[www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)**

Looking for something for the kids to do during the Christmas break? Let us teach them how to ski or snowboard! We're offering camps for ages 7 – 16.





## New Year's Eve Downtown

**Thursday, Dec 31, 2015**

**Sir Winston Churchill Square & City Hall,  
[www.edmonton.ca/newyearsve](http://www.edmonton.ca/newyearsve)**

This fun-filled family event will include live entertainment, crafts, ice skating, fireworks and much more!

## Snowshoe Through Time

**Evenings in January (check website for dates and times)**

**Fort Edmonton Park, [www.fortedmontonpark.ca](http://www.fortedmontonpark.ca)**

Snowshoe by moonlight through Edmonton's river valley. Explore our 1846 Fort and discover what life was like, then savour a hot apple cider & go on a horse-drawn wagon.

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## Swing 'n' Skate Sundays at City Hall

**Most Sundays in January / 1 – 4pm**

**City Hall, City Room & Plaza, [www.edmontonarts.ca](http://www.edmontonarts.ca)**

Join the Sugar Swing Dance Club and local bands at City Hall for Swing 'n' Skate! Boogie-woogie inside or skate on the plaza. Check website for details.



## Servus Free Ski Friday

**Friday, Jan 8, 2016 / 5 – 9pm**

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[www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)**

Free skiing and snowboarding first Friday of every month, sponsored by Servus Credit Union. Rentals and group lessons \$10 each.

## Deep Freeze: A Byzantine Winter Festival

**Jan 9 – 10, 2016**

**118 Avenue, between 90 & 94 Streets, [www.deepfreezefest.ca](http://www.deepfreezefest.ca)**

Deep Freeze brings the Olde New Year to Alberta Ave: skating, curling, snow carving, street hockey, theatre, live music... a winter wonderland!

# Bocce Blast @ Deep Freeze

Jan 9 – 10, 2016

118 Avenue, between 90 & 94 Streets, [www.deepfreezefest.ca](http://www.deepfreezefest.ca)

Blast away winter with a summer fave: bocce! No teams or experience required – just a desire to have fun and meet new friends.

# Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes

Jan 11 – Feb 21, 2016

Edmonton-wide, [www.edmonton.ca/winterscapes](http://www.edmonton.ca/winterscapes)

#FYIBwinterscapes invites you to play with winter in your yard, school or building! Create a winter wonderland with lights, plants or ice, and embrace #yegwinter



# Do You Want To Build A Snowman?

**Thursday, Jan 21, 2016 / 2 – 3:30pm**

**John Janzen Nature Centre, [www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen](http://www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen)**

Do you want to build a snowman? Winter family fun!  
Pre-registered program for all ages. Register through 311.

# Ice on Whyte Festival

**Jan 21 – 24 & 28 – 31, 2016 / 10am – 10pm**

**End of Steel Park (Gateway Boulevard & Tommy Banks Way),  
[www.iceonwhyte.ca](http://www.iceonwhyte.ca)**

Experience 8 days of outdoor winter fun including an ice carving competition, snow carving art, music, giant ice slide, kids' zone, music, crafts, games and more!

# Hot Chocolate on the Hill

**Saturday, Jan 23, 2016 / 1 – 3pm**

**Charlesworth Park Hill (59 Street & 3 Avenue SW),  
[www.ellersliecommunityleague.com](http://www.ellersliecommunityleague.com)**

Bring your toboggan and we will bring the hot chocolate!

# The Rubaboo Aboriginal Arts Festival

**Jan 27 – Feb 7, 2016 (tentative dates – please check website)**

**La Cité Francophone (please check website for additional locations), [www.rubaboo.ca](http://www.rubaboo.ca) / [www.albertaaboriginalarts.com](http://www.albertaaboriginalarts.com)**

Feed your spirit in the dark of winter with a Métis-Michif Rubaboo – an artistic stew of workshops and performances by professional and emerging Aboriginal artists.



# Southwest Community Ski Festival

**Saturday, Jan 30, 2016 / 11:30am – 3:30pm**

**Blue Quill Community Hall (11304 – 25 Avenue)**

Celebrate cross-country skiing in the SW communities! Ski to the festival, or try it for free with the River Valley Program Team. Free chili, hot chocolate & more.

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## Sip & Slide Sundays

**Sunday Afternoons in February**

**Toboggan hills around Edmonton, [www.exploreedmonton.ca](http://www.exploreedmonton.ca)**

Every Sunday in Feb, grab your toboggan, head to the hills, and sip a free hot chocolate courtesy of the City of Edmonton! Check website for times and locations.

## Winter Walk Day – 10th Anniversary!

**Wednesday, Feb 3, 2016**

**City Hall, Provincial Legislature, many schools & other venues  
around Edmonton, [www.shapeab.com](http://www.shapeab.com)**

Join fellow Albertans to celebrate winter and walking! Schools, work places, seniors' centres, individuals and families can register. Incentives will be distributed!

# Servus Free Ski Friday

**Friday, Feb 5, 2016 / 5 – 9pm**

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[www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)**



Free skiing and snowboarding first Friday of every month, sponsored by Servus Credit Union. Rentals and group lessons \$10 each.

# Flying Canoë Volant

**Feb 5 – 6, 2016**

**Mill Creek Ravine & La Cité Francophone (8627 rue Marie-Anne-Gaboury), [www.flyingcanoeadventure.ca](http://www.flyingcanoeadventure.ca) / [www.canoevolant.ca](http://www.canoevolant.ca)**

Discover French Canadian, First Nations and Métis magic through light, music and dance.... Celebrate your inner voyageur. A nighttime adventure!

# Hypothermic Half Marathon 1

**Sunday, Feb 7, 2016**

**Highlands Golf Club (6603 Ada Boulevard),  
[www.hypothermichalf.com](http://www.hypothermichalf.com)**

The Running Room is proud to present the Hypothermic Half! Participants also receive a unique finisher's medal and complimentary brunch!



# Lunar New Year

**Monday, Feb 8, 2016**

Welcome the Year of the Monkey!

# Canadian Birkebeiner Ski Festival

**Feb 12 – 13, 2016**

**East of Edmonton, in the areas of Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area, the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village & Elk Island National Park, [www.canadianbirkie.com](http://www.canadianbirkie.com)**

The Canadian Birkie, the greatest adventure on snow, has fun and challenging Nordic ski events for people of all ages and abilities.

# Silver Skate Festival

**Feb 12 – 21, 2016**

**William Hawrelak Park, [www.silverskatefestival.org](http://www.silverskatefestival.org)**

A winter extravaganza of free art, culture, recreation and sports programming. Play for the day and stay for a night of magic!  
#yegarts





## Lunar New Year and Chinatown Celebration

**Saturday, Feb 13, 2016 / noon – 3pm**

**97 Street, between 105 & 107 Avenues,  
[www.chinatownlittleitaly.com](http://www.chinatownlittleitaly.com)**

Come and celebrate the Year of the Monkey in Edmonton's Chinatown! Outdoor parade with a lion dance, firecrackers, and a dragon dance.

## Reading Week Special for Students

**Feb 13 – 21, 2016**

**Edmonton Ski Club (9613 – 96 Avenue),  
[www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)**

Big student discounts for private and group lessons. Reading week special: 4-day learning program with graduation BBQ at the end!

## Snowshoe Races @ Silverskate

**Sunday, Feb 14, 2016**

**William Hawrelak Park, [www.silverskatefestival.org](http://www.silverskatefestival.org)**

Canada's fastest growing #winter sport! @silverskate partners with @SnowshoeCanada to host 1 km & 5 km races for all ages & abilities.



## Winterfest @ McKernan

**Sunday, Feb 14, 2016 / 1 – 6pm**

**McKernan Community Centre (11341 - 78 Avenue),  
[www.mckernancommunity.org](http://www.mckernancommunity.org)**

Join us for children's games, snowshoeing, taffy and bannock making, marshmallow roasting, music, hot chocolate, hot dogs, and other goodies.

## Valentine's Day Disco Skate

**Sunday, Feb 14, 2015 / 5 – 9pm**

**City Hall Plaza Rink, [www.exploredmonton.ca](http://www.exploredmonton.ca)**

Shake your groove thing at the City Hall Rink. Everybody dance, skate, roast bannock & sip hot chocolate. Free skate & helmet use available first-come, first-served. Brought to you by Edmonton City Centre, owned by Oxford Properties.

## Dead Cold Run @ Silverskate

**Monday, Feb 15, 2016**

**William Hawrelak Park, [www.deadcoldrun.ca](http://www.deadcoldrun.ca)**

5 km #DeadColdRun in #Hawrelak @silverskate on Feb 15 offers both a beautiful winter run & solid training for the zombie apocalypse. #yegfun

# Family Day in Churchill Square & City Hall

**Monday, Feb 15, 2016 / noon – 4pm**

**City Hall & Sir Winston Churchill Square,  
[www.edmonton.ca/FamilyDay](http://www.edmonton.ca/FamilyDay)**

Skate on the City Hall ice rink, go for a hay ride, roast bannock, and check out the games & activities on the Square. Come inside for live entertainment, crafts & more.

## Family Day Fun!

**Monday, Feb 15, 2016**

**Edmonton Valley Zoo, [www.valleyzoo.ca](http://www.valleyzoo.ca)**

Looking to beat the winter blues? Polar bear crafts, science experiments, and a free photobooth! Bring a reusable mug for some hot cocoa!



# Family Day at the Alberta Legislature



**Monday, Feb 15, 2016**

**Alberta Legislature Grounds, [www.assembly.ab.ca](http://www.assembly.ab.ca)**

Spend Family Day at the Legislature where an afternoon of spectacle and song awaits. Plenty of cool outdoor activities and warm indoor adventures for all to enjoy.

# Coldest Night of the Year

**Saturday, Feb 20, 2015**

**Start at Hope Mission (9908 – 106 Avenue), [www.coldestnightoftheyear.org](http://www.coldestnightoftheyear.org)**

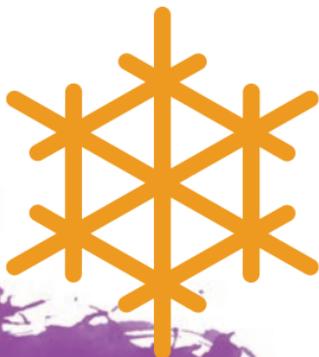
Fun, family-friendly walking fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless and hurting in 80+ communities across Canada. Walk to help Edmonton's Hope Mission.

# Northgate Skate Races @ Silverskate

**Feb 20 – 21, 2016**

**William Hawrelak Park, [www.silverskatefestival.org](http://www.silverskatefestival.org)**

Our 25 km, 10 km & 1 km #skateraces attract local, national & international athletes of all abilities. In partnership with @edspdk8





## Mammoet Edmonton Winter Triathlon @ Silverskate

**Sunday, Feb 21, 2016**

**William Hawrelak Park, [www.silverskatefestival.org](http://www.silverskatefestival.org)**

Three common winter pursuits – running, skating & cross-country skiing – are hosted in 10 km & 25 km formats. A favourite event of weekend warriors.

## Angus Watt Advisory Group Kortebaar @ Silverskate

**Sunday, Feb 21, 2016**

**William Hawrelak Park, [www.silverskatefestival.org](http://www.silverskatefestival.org)**

Who is the fastest of them all? Grab your #skates, head to #Hawrelak & show us your stuff. Find out your best time for a 140m skate sprint.

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## Teachers' Convention @ Snow Valley

**Feb 25 – 26, 2016**

**Snow Valley Ski Club, [www.snowvalley.ca](http://www.snowvalley.ca)**

Give your child something fun and productive to do during Teachers' Convention. 2-day package includes two 1-hour lessons broken up by an unsupervised lunch break.



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**Saturdays & Sundays in March**

**John Janzen Nature Centre, [www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen](http://www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen)**

Experience the wonders of winter in the River Valley! May include snowshoeing, winterscaping & other winter-themed activities. Please call ahead for snowshoeing.

## Servus Free Ski Friday

**Friday, Mar 4, 2016 / 5 – 9pm**

**Edmonton Ski Club (9613 – 96 Avenue),  
[www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)**

Free skiing and snowboarding first Friday of every month, sponsored by Servus Credit Union. Rentals and group lessons \$10 each.

# 2016 Winter Warrior Challenge

**Saturday, Mar 12, 2016**

**The Ranch Golf and Country Club (52516 Range Road 252, Acheson), [www.winterwarriorchallenge.ca](http://www.winterwarriorchallenge.ca)**

Conquer a uniquely Canadian obstacle course challenge. 10+ obstacles, 5 kms & sub-zero temps as you crawl, climb and scramble through snow and ice.

## Parka Patio

**Saturday, Mar 12, 2016**

**Latitude 53 (10242 – 106 street), [www.latitude53.org/parka](http://www.latitude53.org/parka)**

Parka Patio – Edmonton's original outdoor patio party. Signature cocktails, music, food, art auction, and, of course, a winter patio.



# Finding Peter Rabbit - Spring Break Daycamp for ages 4-5

**Mar 29 – Apr 1, 2016 / 9am - noon**

**John Janzen Nature Centre, [www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen](http://www.edmonton.ca/johnjanzen)**

Peter Rabbit is missing! Explore the seasons to see where Peter is hiding! Pre-registered program, with a maximum of 16 participants. Register through 311.

# Spring Break @ Snow Valley

**Mar 28 – Apr 1, 2016 (Conditions Permitting)**

**Snow Valley Ski Club, [www.snowvalley.ca](http://www.snowvalley.ca)**

Re-designed for this season! Our Spring Break programs now include two 1-hour lessons broken up by an unsupervised lunch break. Junior Ski or Snowboard (Ages 6 - 12).

# Farewell to Winter Patio Party!

**Apr 1 – 3, 2016**

**Restaurants, pubs, coffee shops and bars across the city, [www.exploredmonton.com](http://www.exploredmonton.com)**

Celebrate the official end of winter with Edmonton's 3rd Annual Farewell to Winter Patio Party. Check the website for patio locations near you.

**If you have a winter event you'd like us to know about, please contact the WinterCity Office at [wintercity@edmonton.ca](mailto:wintercity@edmonton.ca) or 780-496-3664.**



# Other Things to Watch For

## Group Wagon Rides with Hot Chocolate

**Select Tuesday Evenings**

**Fort Edmonton Park, Book online at [www.fortedmontonpark.ca](http://www.fortedmontonpark.ca)**

Celebrate the winter and festive season with a Christmas wagon ride. Perfect for community and corporate groups. Cost per wagon: \$253 + GST

## 3rd Annual Winter Signature Drink Contest

**[www.facebook.com/WinterCityEdmonton](http://www.facebook.com/WinterCityEdmonton)**

Get your creative spirits flowing! Hot, cold, with or without alcohol, we want your winter drink recipes. Final judging will be held at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald.

## Winter Party Toolkit

**[www.edmonton.ca/wintercitystrategy](http://www.edmonton.ca/wintercitystrategy)**

We're creating a winter party toolkit for Edmontonians – ideas, tips, games and more! Watch for more information on the WinterCity Edmonton website and social media.





## Winter Patios

@WitnerCityYEG / #wintercityyeg / #yegpatio

Edmonton's winter patio culture is growing! Be sure to share your favourite winter patio with us on Twitter. Here are a few we know about – and some of them even have blankets if you need one.

**Café Bicyclette** / 8627 – 91 St

**Urban Green Café** / Louise McKinney Park

**Wild Earth Zoo** / Valley Zoo

**Bistro Tables** / Sir Winston Churchill Square

**Latitude 53** / Parka Party in March

## The Long John Index Service of Canada

[www.longjohnindex.ca](http://www.longjohnindex.ca) / [www.facebook.com/longjohnindex](https://www.facebook.com/longjohnindex) /  
@longjohnindex

Be prepared! Check this fun, non-scientific service before you get dressed. Reports range from Level 1 - long johns not needed – to Level 5 – wear them indoors!



# Community Leagues

[www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org)

Community leagues across Edmonton are run by dedicated volunteers who work hard to bring affordable recreation, sports and social activities to your community. They also advocate for your community on city-wide issues. Check with your league to see how you can get involved.

Did you know that representatives from the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues (EFCL) have been involved with the WinterCity Strategy from day one? That's right, they're also working to improve how you play, live and work in our great winter city. Toques off to the EFCL winter champions!



## Community League Winter Festivals

Looking for a winter festival? Look no further than your own backyard. Community leagues across Edmonton host 50 – 60 winter festivals, most of them around Family Day. Here's a list of some we know about. Check with your local league for other winter events. And if you can't find one, maybe it's time to start one!

**Belvedere**

**McKernan**

**Beverly Heights**

**McLeod**

**Blackmud Creek**

**Montrose**

**Callingwood-Lymburn**

**North Glenora**

**Empire Park**

**Riverbend**

**Hairsine**

**Royal Gardens**

**Highlands**

**Twin Parks**

**Jasper Park**

**Westmount**

**Lessard**

**Willowby**

You can register your winter festival at [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org) by selecting the **Events & Projects** tab and clicking on **Winter Events** in the drop-down menu.

If you're in the South-East area, make sure you check out the South-East Edmonton **Winter Fun Fest** on **Saturday, Dec 12, 2015**, from **11am – 4pm** at **Ottewell Community League** (5920-93 A Avenue). See the main list of activities for more details.

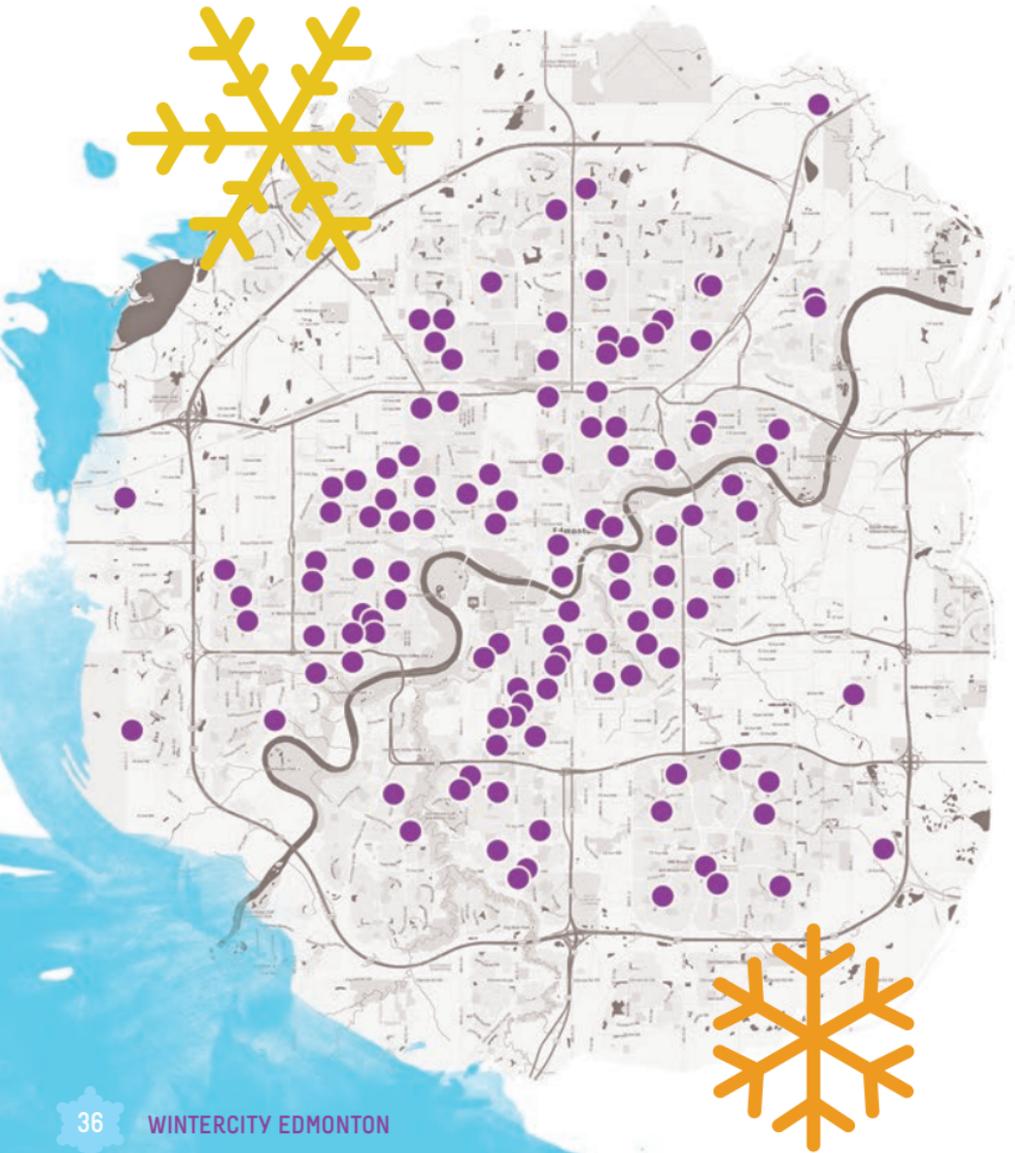


# Community League Skating Rinks

Did you know that volunteers maintain over 100 community skating rinks? Many of the leagues have skate rental programs, too, so get out there and play on the ice!

To find a rink near you, go to [www.efcl.org](http://www.efcl.org) and click on **Find a Facility/League** tab. Under **Facility Amenities**, select **Rink**. You will need a community league membership to use most rinks.

Remember that these rinks are maintained by volunteers, so the list is subject to change. Here are the ones we know about:



**Alberta Ave** / 9210 - 118 Ave

**Aldergrove** / 8535 - 182 St

**Allendale** / 6330 - 105A St

**Argyll** / 6750 - 88 St

**Aspen Gardens** / 12015 - 39A Ave

**Athlone** / 13010 - 129 St

**Avonmore** / 7902 - 73 Ave

**Balwin** / 12904 - 74 St

**Bannerman** / 14034 - 23 St

**Baturyn** / 10505 - 172 Ave

**Beacon Heights** / 4418 - 118 Ave

**Belgravia** / 11540 - 73 Ave

**Belvedere** / 13223 - 62 St

**Beverly Heights** / 4209 - 111 Ave

**Blue Quill** / 11304 - 25 Ave

**Bonnie Doon** / 9240 - 93 St

**Britannia Youngstown** / 15927 - 105 Ave

**Brookside (Riverbend)** / 5320 - 143 St

**Brookview** / 280 Bulyea Rd

**Burnewood** / 4118 - 41 Ave

**Caernarvon** / 14830 - 118 St

**Calder** / 12721 - 120 St

**Canora** / 10425 - 152 St

**Capitano** / 10810 - 54 St

**Carlisle** / 14240 - 117 St

**Cloverdale** / 9411 - 97 Ave

**Crestwood** / 14325 - 96 Ave

**Delton** / 12325 - 88 St

**Delwood** / 7515 Delwood Rd

**Dovercourt** / 13510 Dovercourt Ave

**Duggan** / 3728 - 106 St

**Dunluce** / 11620 - 162 Ave

**Edmonton Evergreen Community Association** / 31 Evergreen Community

**EFCL Community** / 7103-105 St

**Elmwood** / 16415 - 83 Ave

**Elmwood Park** / 12505 - 75 St

**Empire Park** / 4804 - 107 St

**Ermineskin** / 10709 - 32A Ave

**Evansdale** / 9111 - 150 Ave

**Forest Terrace Heights** / 10150 - 80 St

**Fulton Place** / 6115 Fulton Rd

**Glengarry** / 13325 - 89 St

**Glenora** / 10426 - 136 St

**Glenwood** / 16430 - 97 Ave

**Gold Bar** / 4620 - 105 Ave

**Grandview Heights** / 12603 - 63 Ave

**Greenfield** / 3803 - 114 St

**Grovenor** / 14325 - 104 Ave  
**Hairsine** / 3120 - 139 Ave  
**High Park** / 11032 - 154 St  
**Highlands** / 6112 - 113 Ave  
**Holyrood** / 9411 Holyrood Rd  
**Homesteader** / 565 Hermitage Rd  
**Idylwylde** / 8631 - 81 St  
**Jasper Park** / 8751-153 St  
**Kenilworth** / 7104 - 87 Ave  
**Kensington** / 12130 - 134A Ave  
**Kilkenny** / 14910 - 72 St  
**Killarney** / 8720 - 130A Ave  
**King Edward Park** / 7708 - 85 St  
**Knottwood** / 445 Knottwood Rd W  
**La Perle** / 18611 - 97 A Ave  
**Lago Lindo** / 17123 - 95 St  
**Lakewood** / 260 Lakewood Rd E  
**Lansdowne** / 4915 - 124 St  
**Laurier Heights** / 14405 - 85 Ave  
**Leefield** / 7910 - 36 Ave  
**Lendrum** / 11335 - 57 Ave  
**Lessard** / 17404 - 57 Ave  
**Londonderry** / 4224 - 74 St  
**Lorelei-Beaumaris** / 16220 - 103 St  
**Lynnwood** / 15525 - 84 Ave  
**Malmo** / 11525 - 48 Ave  
**Mayfield** / 10941 - 161 St  
**McKernan** / 11341 - 78 Ave  
**McLeod** / 14715 - 59 St  
**McQueen** / 10825 McQueen Rd  
**Meadowlark** / 15961 - 92 Ave  
**Millhurst** / 5811 - 19A Ave  
**Montrose** / 5920 - 119 Ave  
**Newton** / 5520 - 121 Ave  
**North Glenora** / 13535 - 109 A Ave  
**North Millbourne** / 980 Millbourne Rd E  
**Northmount** / 9208 - 140 Ave  
**Ottewell** / 5920 - 93 A Ave  
**Parkallen** / 6510 - 111 St  
**Parkdale-Cromdale** / 11335 - 85 St  
**Parkview** / 9135 - 146 St  
**Pleasantview** / 10860 - 57 Ave  
**Queen Mary Park** / 10844 - 117 St  
**Ridgewood** / 3705 Millwoods Rd East  
**Rio Terrace** / 15504 - 76 Ave  
**Ritchie** / 7727 - 98 St  
**Riverbend-Brookside** / 5320 - 143 St  
**Riverdale** / 9231 - 100 Ave

**Rosslyn** / 11015 - 134 Ave  
**Royal Gardens** / 4030 - 117 St  
**Sherbrooke** / 13008 - 122 Ave  
**South Clareview** / 3250 - 132A Ave  
**Southwood** / 1880 - 37 St  
**Spruce Ave** / 10240 - 115 Ave  
**Steele Heights** / 5825 - 140 Ave  
**Strathcona Centre** / 10139 - 87 Ave  
**Strathearn** / 8777 - 96 Ave  
**Wellington Park** / 13440 - 132 St  
**West Jasper-Sherwood** / 9620 - 152 St  
**West Meadowlark** / 9311 - 165 St  
**Westmount** / 10970 - 127 St  
**Westridge Wolf Willow Country Club  
Community** / 505 Wolf Willow Rd

**Westview Village** / 1C, 10770  
Winterburn Rd  
**Willowby** / 6315 - 184 St  
**Windsor Park** / 11840 - 87 Ave  
**Woodcroft** / 13915 - 115 Ave  
**Woodvale** / 4540 - 50 St  
**Yellowbird East** / 10704 - 19 Ave



# Ice Skating

[www.edmonton.ca/skating](http://www.edmonton.ca/skating)

Ice skate outdoors this winter for fun, free entertainment for the whole family! Outdoor ice maintained by the City will open as soon as maintenance equipment (snow clearing and watering trucks) can safely drive on the ice. Please obey all posted signs.

## Outdoor Rinks

Check out the City website for locations, hours, amenities, and ice conditions before you go. Skate rentals are available at William Hawrelak and Rundle Parks.

**Castle Downs Park**

**Rundle Park**

**City Hall**

**\*Victoria Park Oval**

**Jackie Parker Park**

**William Hawrelak Park**

\*Check website for times when the Oval is closed to public skating for maintenance and speed skating training.

## Community League Rinks

See the Community League pages for a location near you.



# Cross-Country Skiing

[www.edmonton.ca/crosscountry](http://www.edmonton.ca/crosscountry)

Edmonton's expansive river valley and parks system is a perfect cross-country skiing destination! We've even listed a few outside the city, if you're feeling more adventurous.

## Cross-Country Skiing in Edmonton

Groomed trails are located throughout the City, but are found primarily in the beautiful river valley. Trails are groomed by the City and Edmonton Nordic Ski Club, providing a fantastic opportunity to explore on skis. Check the City website to find current conditions and more.

Groomed Cross-Country Ski Trails in Edmonton:

**Capilano Park**

**Kinsmen Park**

**Gold Bar Park**

**Riverside Golf Course**

**Gold Stick Park**

**Rundle Park**

**William Hawrelak Park**

**Victoria Golf Course**

**Hermitage Park**





## Park Amenities & Trail Lighting

Each groomed park has an emergency phone. Please also carry a cell phone, especially if you are skiing alone or at night. See the Winter Chalet Network Map for types and locations of building and washroom amenities. The trails at Gold Bar/Gold Stick and Kinsmen Parks are lit at night for evening or night skiing.

## Ski2LRT

Have you thought about commuting on your skis? Well now you can! Cross-country ski to the Century Park LRT Station, and lock your skis and poles in a rack before hopping on the train. Approach routes are found at <https://goo.gl/gRQNEY> More details are available at [www.facebook.com/Ski2LRT](http://www.facebook.com/Ski2LRT)

## Cross-Country Skiing Close to Edmonton

**Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area** / 60 km east of Edmonton, [www.albertaparks.ca/cooking-lake-blackfoot](http://www.albertaparks.ca/cooking-lake-blackfoot)

**Elk Island National Park** (Amiskwuche and Lakeview trails recommended) / 48 km east of Edmonton, [www.elk.island@pc.gc.ca](http://www.elk.island@pc.gc.ca)

**Strathcona Wilderness Centre** / 16 km east of Edmonton, [www.strathcona.ca/wildernesscentre](http://www.strathcona.ca/wildernesscentre)

## Learn How to Cross-Country Ski!

The City of Edmonton offers cross-country and biathlon courses, as well as group programs. Register through **311** or [www.edmonton.ca/ereg](http://www.edmonton.ca/ereg)

Edmonton Nordic Club also offers cross-country ski lessons for all ages. [www.edmontonnordic.ca](http://www.edmontonnordic.ca)



## Nordic Waxing Clinics

**Every Sunday in October through February**  
**Mountain Equipment Co-op** (12328-102nd Avenue), [www.mec.ca](http://www.mec.ca)

Get your cross-country skis in tip top shape for the ski season. Waxes, grips, glides, klisters and much more.

## Snowshoeing

[www.edmonton.ca/snowshoeing](http://www.edmonton.ca/snowshoeing)

Explore Edmonton's winter wonderland on snowshoes!

Snowshoeing is a traditional mode of transportation for Canadian Aboriginals, and remains one of the best and most practical ways to travel on deep snow. Snowshoeing provides transportation for exploring and wildlife viewing, and it's just plain old good winter fun.

Most city trails are packed down, but snowshoes perform best in areas that are more open and off the beaten track. Here are a few suggestions for places to snowshoe in and around Edmonton. And if you happen to come across cross-country ski trails in your travels, please be courteous and stay off them.

# Good Snowshoeing Locations in Edmonton

**John Janzen Nature Centre**

**Mill Woods Park**

**Rundle Park**



## Other Parks That Allow Snowshoeing

**Borden Park**

**Jackie Parker Park**

**Capilano Park**

**Terwillegar Park**

**Coronation Park**

**Victoria Park**

**Emily Murphy Park**

**Whitemud Park**

**Gold Bar Park**

**William Hawrelak Park**

**Hermitage Park**

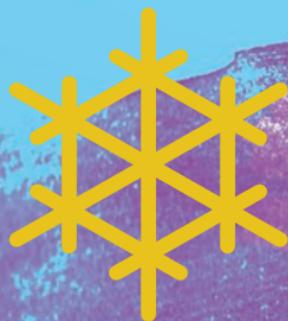
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**McLeod Creek Farm** / 43 km north of Edmonton, [www.mcleodcreekfarm.com](http://www.mcleodcreekfarm.com)

**Strathcona Wilderness Centre** / 16 km east of Edmonton, [www.strathcona.ca/wildernesscentre](http://www.strathcona.ca/wildernesscentre)



# Tobogganing

[www.edmonton.ca/toboggan](http://www.edmonton.ca/toboggan)

Our maintained toboggan areas offer different slopes for different folks – gentle, moderate and steep. Spend the afternoon with family and friends enjoying the thrill of tobogganing on a safe, maintained toboggan hill. You'll slide for a mile with a smile!

## Tobogganing Hills

Check the City website for conditions and notifications about City-maintained toboggan hills. These hills have safe run-outs, safety signs and reduced hazards. Remember to follow all posted signs and safety rules, and consider wearing a helmet.

**Emily Murphy Park**

**Rundle Park - ACT Hill**

**Gallagher Park**

**Rundle Park - Walton's Mountain**

**Government House Park**

**Whitemud Park North**

**Castle Downs Park**





## Tobogganing Sip & Slide Sundays!

**Sunday afternoons in February, [www.exploreedmonton.ca](http://www.exploreedmonton.ca)**

Every Sunday in Feb, grab your toboggan, head to the hills and sip a free hot chocolate courtesy of the City of Edmonton! Check website for times and locations.

## Winter Picnicking

**[www.edmonton.ca/picnic](http://www.edmonton.ca/picnic)**

(Note: This site is for general information only; sites cannot be booked in the winter.)

Not all winter days are miserable! Some are bright, sunny and warm – as long as you're dressed for the weather. Bundle up and head out to a park for a winter picnic.

The City moves snow in some areas to improve access to picnic sites, but you might have to clear snow off the tables or from the BBQ/fire pits. Maybe you'll get lucky and find one already cleared by someone else! City picnic sites can't be booked in the wintertime, so just head out and claim an empty space.

## Things You Might Need

- A shovel to clear the snow
- Fire-building materials (newspaper, matches and wood)
- Blankets to cover the benches and your knees
- Hot chocolate

## Parks With BBQ Pits

**Capilano Park**

**Coronation Park**

**Emily Murphy Park**

**Gold Bar Park**

**Hermitage Park**

**Jackie Parker Park**

**Rundle Park**

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier Park**

**Victoria Park**

**Whitemud Park**

**William Hawrelak Park**



# Downhill Skiing, Snowboarding & Tubing

The City of Edmonton leases land in the river valley to private downhill ski operators. Conveniently located in the central, west and east parts of the valley, these private recreation areas have downhill skiing, snowboarding and tubing at reasonable prices. Check their websites for pre-season discounts on passes.

## Locations

**Edmonton Ski Club** / 9613 – 96 Avenue, beside the Muttart Conservatory, [www.edmontonskiclub.com](http://www.edmontonskiclub.com)

- Ski & snowboard rentals
- Group, private & terrain park lessons
- Terrain park

**Snow Valley Ski Club** / 119 Street, off Whitemud Freeway, [www.snowvalley.ca](http://www.snowvalley.ca)

- Ski & snowboard rentals
- Group, private, women-only & freestyle lessons
- Terrain park

**Sunridge Ski Area** / 17 Street, south of the Yellowhead Trail, [www.sunridgeskiarea.com](http://www.sunridgeskiarea.com)

- Ski & snowboard rentals
- Group & private lessons
- Terrain & tubing parks

For more adventure, drive 20 minutes southwest of the city to **Rabbit Hill**, [www.rabbithill.com](http://www.rabbithill.com)



# #YEGWinterChamp Challenge

Share your photos with WinterCity on Twitter and Instagram and each time you do, you'll be entered into a monthly draw! How many will you check off?

## Winter Festivals:

- All is Bright on 124 Street**
- Festival of Light**
- Deep Freeze**
- Ice on Whyte**
- Flying Canoë Volant**
- Canadian Birkebeiner**
- Silver Skate**
- A Community League Winter Fest**



## Winter Activities:

### Live

- Skated for 30 minutes on a community league rink
- Warmed up in a winter chalet in the river valley

### Design

- Photographed a colourful building that brightens the winter cityscape
- Kept my winter lights on in January and February

### Thrive

- Strutted my stuff in a flattering and warm winter outfit
- Caught some rays enjoying a steaming drink on a winter patio

### Share

- Created a winterscape that celebrates my unique style
- Captured memorable videos of family and friends playing outside



# Winter Calendar

## OCTOBER

- Oct 3** *Edmonton Ski Club Winter Warm-up Fundraiser*
- Oct 5 – 9** *International Walk to School Week (iWALK)*
- Oct 17 – 18** *Ski Swap & Sale at Snow Valley*
- Oct 18** *Boo at the Zoo!*
- Oct 24 – 25** *Edmonton Ski & Snowboard Show*
- Oct 24 – 25** *Edmonton Ski Club Winter Equipment Sale @ Edmonton Ski & Snowboard Show*



## NOVEMBER

- Nov 1** *Show Your Spots!*
- Nov 1** *MEC SnowFest*
- Nov 1** *Wild Things in Winter!*
- Nov 7 – 8** *Wild Things in Winter!*
- Nov 8** *Wildlife Photography Workshop*
- Nov 14** *Snow Valley Opening Day!*
- Nov 14** *The DBA Christmas on the Square Holiday Light-Up*
- Nov 14 – 15** *Wild Things in Winter!*
- Nov 15** *Animal Photo Safari*
- Nov 20** *Sip and Learn All About Owls!*
- Nov 21** *All is Bright on 124 Street*
- Nov 21** *Santa's Parade of Lights*
- Nov 21 – 22** *Wild Things in Winter!*
- Nov 24** *Let's Get Ready for Winter!*
- Nov 27 – 28** *Frostival in McCauley – Frostival Market*
- Nov 27 – 28** *Carrot Christmas Arts Bazaar*
- Nov 28** *Shop the Neighbourhood*





**Nov 28 – 29** *Wild Things in Winter!*

**Nov 28 – 30** *Winterfest*

## DECEMBER

**Dec 1 – 31** *Celebrate the Season at the Alberta Legislature*

**Dec 1 – 2** *Seniors' Candy Cane Tea*

**Dec 4** *Servus Free Ski Friday*

**Dec 4 – 13** *Festival of Light*

**Dec 5** *Santa Shuffle Fun Run and Elf Walk*

**Dec 5** *Horse Drawn Sleigh Shuttle in Old Strathcona*

**Dec 5 – 6** *Luminaria*

**Dec 5 – 6** *Frostival in McCauley –  
Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire*

**Dec 5 – 6** *Wild Things in Winter!*

**Dec 10 – 21** *David Sedaris' Santaland Diaries*

**Dec 11** *Candy Cane Lane*

**Dec 11 – 30** *Christmas Reflections*

**Dec 12** *South-East Edmonton Winter Fun Fest*

**Dec 12** *Horse Drawn Sleigh Shuttle in Old Strathcona*

- Dec 12 – 13** Frostival in McCauley – Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire
- Dec 12 – 13** Wild Things in Winter!
- Dec 18** Jingle Jammin' Christmas Carolling
- Dec 18** Frostival in McCauley – Church Street Concert
- Dec 18 – 20** Yule Ave: A Merry Christmas
- Dec 19** Rumor's Board Shop Saturday in the Terrain Park
- Dec 19** Horse Drawn Sleigh Shuttle in Old Strathcona
- Dec 19 – 20** Frostival in McCauley – Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire
- Dec 19 – 20** Wild Things in Winter!
- Dec 20** Unsilent Night @ Yule Ave
- Dec 20 – 21** #YEGlongnight 2015 Sunset to Sunset
- Dec 21** Winter Solstice
- Dec 21 – 24** Christmas Ski Camp 1
- Dec 26 – 27** Wild Things in Winter!
- Dec 27 – 31** Christmas Ski Camp 2
- Dec 31** New Year's Eve Downtown



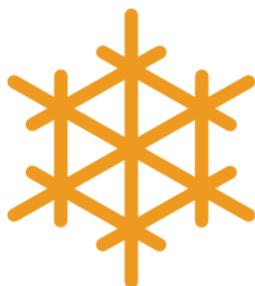
## JANUARY

- Most Sundays** Swing 'n' Skate Sundays at City Hall
- Jan 1 – 31** Snowshoe Through Time
- Jan 2 – 3** Wild Things in Winter!
- Jan 8** Servus Free Ski Friday
- Jan 9 – 10** Deep Freeze: A Byzantine Winter Festival
- Jan 9 – 10** Bocce Blast @ Deep Freeze
- Jan 9 – 10** Wild Things in Winter!
- Jan 11 – 31** Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes
- Jan 16 – 17** Wild Things in Winter!
- Jan 21** Do You Want To Build A Snowman?

- Jan 21 – 24** *Ice on Whyte Festival*
- Jan 23** *Hot Chocolate on the Hill*
- Jan 23 – 24** *Wild Things in Winter!*
- Jan 27 – 31** *The Rubaboo Aboriginal Arts Festival*
- Jan 28 – 31** *Ice on Whyte Festival*
- Jan 30** *Southwest Community Ski Festival*
- Jan 30 – 31** *Wild Things in Winter!*

## FEBRUARY

- Most Sundays** *Swing 'n' Skate Sundays at City Hall*
- Feb 1 – 7** *The Rubaboo Aboriginal Arts Festival*
- Feb 1 – 21** *Front Yards in Bloom: Winterscapes*
- Feb 1 – 29** *Snowshoe Through Time*
- Feb 3** *Winter Walk Day – 10th Anniversary!*
- Feb 5** *Servus Free Ski Friday*
- Feb 5 – 6** *Flying Canoë Volant*
- Feb 6 – 7** *Wild Things in Winter!*
- Feb 7** *Sip & Slide Sundays*
- Feb 7** *Hypothermic Half Marathon 1*
- Feb 8** *Lunar New Year*
- Feb 12 – 13** *Canadian Birkebeiner Ski Festival*
- Feb 12 – 21** *Silver Skate Festival*
- Feb 13** *Lunar New Year and Chinatown Celebration*
- Feb 13 – 14** *Wild Things in Winter!*
- Feb 13 – 21** *Reading Week Special for Students*
- Feb 14** *Snowshoe Races @ Silverskate*
- Feb 14** *Winterfest @ McKernan*
- Feb 14** *Valentine's Day Disco Skate*
- Feb 14** *Sip & Slide Sundays*



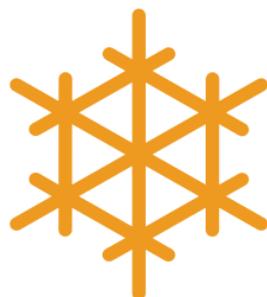
- Feb 15**      **Dead Cold Run @ Silverskate**
- Feb 15**      **Family Day in Churchill Square & City Hall**
- Feb 15**      **Family Day Fun!**
- Feb 15**      **Family Day at the Alberta Legislature**
- Feb 20**      **Coldest Night of the Year**
- Feb 20 – 21** **Northgate Skate Races @ Silverskate**
- Feb 20 – 21** **Wild Things in Winter!**
- Feb 21**      **Mammoet Edmonton Winter Triathlon @ Silverskate**
- Feb 21**      **Angus Watt Advisory Group Kortebaam @ Silverskate**
- Feb 21**      **Hypothermic Half Marathon 2**
- Feb 21**      **Sip & Slide Sundays**
- Feb 25 – 26** **Teachers' Convention @ Snow Valley**
- Feb 27 – 28** **Wild Things in Winter!**
- Feb 28**      **Sip & Slide Sundays**

## MARCH

- Mar 4**      **Servus Free Ski Friday**
- Mar 5 – 6**    **Wild Things in Winter!**
- Mar 12**      **2016 Winter Warrior Challenge**
- Mar 12**      **Parka Patio**
- Mar 12 – 13** **Wild Things in Winter!**
- Mar 19 – 20** **Wild Things in Winter!**
- Mar 26 – 27** **Wild Things in Winter!**
- Mar 28 – 31** **Spring Break @ Snow Valley**
- Mar 28 – 31** **Finding Peter Rabbit - Spring Break Daycamp Ages 4-5**

## APRIL

- Apr 1**      **Spring Break @ Snow Valley**
- Apr 1**      **Finding Peter Rabbit - Spring Break Daycamp Ages 4-5**
- Apr 1 – 3**    **Farewell to Winter Patio Party!**



A large group of people, mostly children and young adults, are playing snowball fights in a snowy field. They are wearing winter clothing like jackets, hats, and gloves. The scene is bright and active, with snow being thrown through the air. In the background, there are bare trees and a wooden structure, possibly a playground or park area. The sky is clear and blue.

THE REAL FUN  
STARTS WHEN  
TEMPERATURES  
DROP BELOW ZERO.

*Cold? Yes. Boring? Never.*

We've done this winter thing a time or two so we know how to do it right. For everything to see and do this winter, visit [exploreedmonton.com](http://exploreedmonton.com)

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# Connecting Winter Fun in Comfort

As a world-leading winter city, Edmonton offers a network of Winter Chalets, making it easy and enjoyable to connect with nature in our amazing River Valley year-round.

## Winter Chalets

**Alfred Savage Center** Toboggan hill, winter hiking, snowshoeing & winter picnicking

**Hawrelak Park Pavilion** Outdoor skating, cross-country skiing & winter picnicking

**NEW - Victoria Park Pavilion** Outdoor skating, cross-country skiing, winter picnicking & snowshoeing

**Goldbar Park Pavilion** Cross-country skiing & winter picnicking

**Rundle Park Family Centre** Outdoor skating, cross-country skiing, tobogganing & winter picnicking

## Attractions & Recreation Centres

**John Janzen Nature Centre** Snowshoeing

**Edmonton Valley Zoo** Winter patio & café

**Victoria Golf Course Driving Range** Cross-country skiing

**Kinsmen Sports Centre** Cross-country skiing

**Muttart Conservatory** Winter patio, winter garden & café

**ACT Recreation Centre** Café

**Louise McKinney Riverfront Park** Café

## Washroom Shelters

**Terwillegar Park** (portable toilet)

**Whitemud Park** (building)

**Emily Murphy Park** (building)

**Buena Vista/Laurier Park** (portable toilet, building)

**William Hawrelak Park Shelter #2** (building)

**Government House Park** (portable toilet)

**Louise McKinney Riverfront Park** (building)

**Capilano Park Pavilion** (building)

**Dawson Park** (building)

**Rundle Park Tennis Courts** (building)

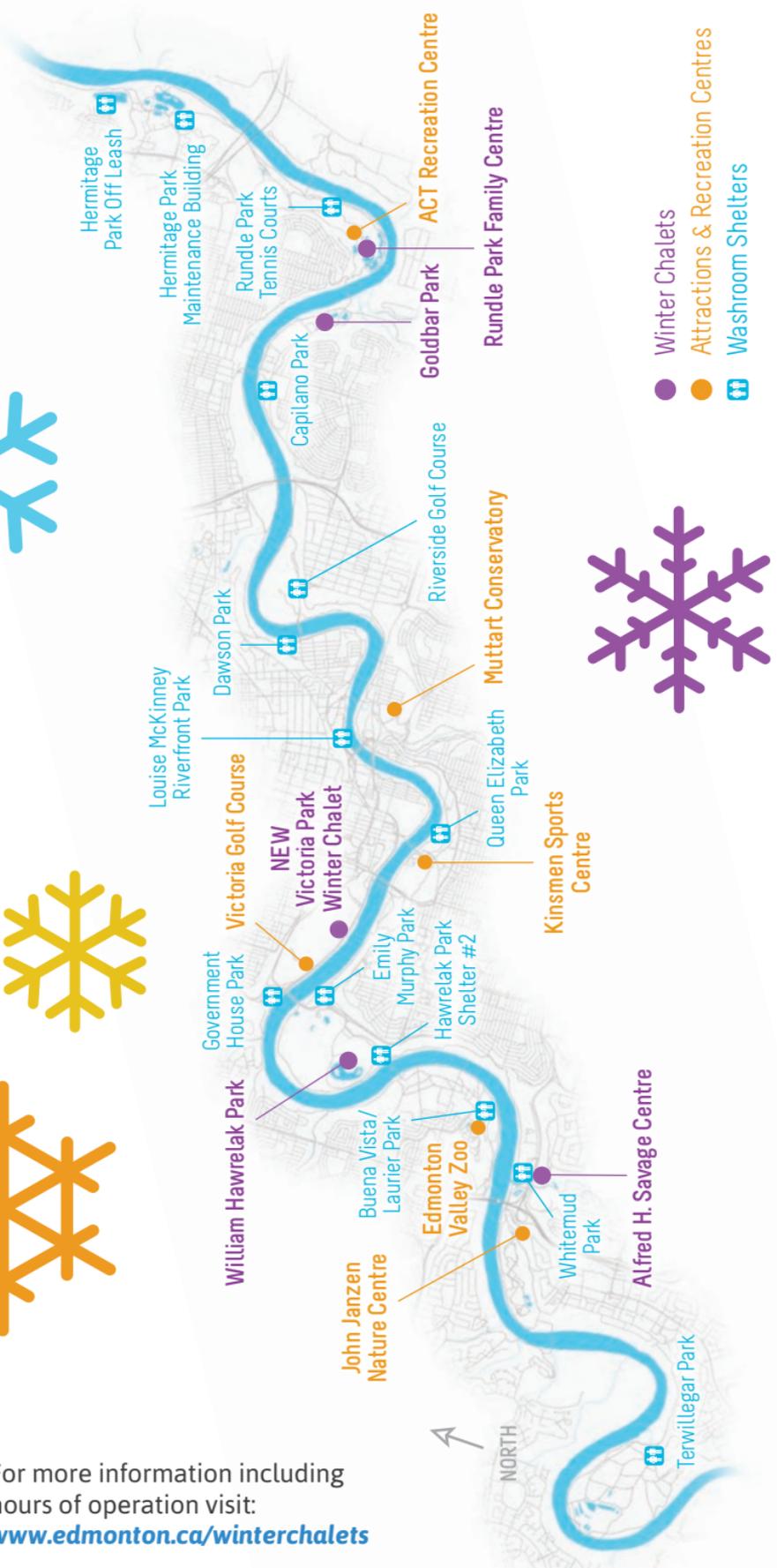
**Hermitage Park Maintenance Building** (building)

**Hermitage Park Off Leash** (portable toilet)

**Riverside Golf Course** (portable toilet)



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