

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, then the Wadhams to Avoca Trail is for you. The twelve 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. For a little more adventure try in-line cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on the unpaved section of the trail between McLain and Avoca Roads.


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 with breathtaking views of river valleys take you to another place. The rolling terrain also 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. 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	❄️ 2022-23 Winter Activity ❄️							Amenities	
	Ice Skating	Sledding	Hiking	Snow Shoeing	Bird Watching	Fat Tire Biking	X-Country Skiing	Warming Station	Rest Rooms
 Columbus County Park								*** 	
Fort Gratiot County Park									
Fort Gratiot Light Station									
Goodells County Park	** 							*** 	
Woodsong County Park									
Wadhams to Avoca Trail									

*THE SLEDDING HILL LIMIT IS 120 PEOPLE, AND WILL BE MONITORED BY PARK STAFF.

WEATHER PERMITTING. *LOCATED IN THE LOBBY AT COLUMBUS AND GODELLS COUNTY PARKS.