

# Winter Explorations.



## Winter Activities:

- Zip along 250 miles of snowmobile trails.
- Tour and taste throughout the Door County Wine Trail, featuring 9 wineries.
- Explore hundreds of miles of quiet trails, perfect for skiing or snowshoeing. Trails can be found in state or county parks and nature preserves.
- Visit Peninsula, Newport, or Whitefish Dunes State Park for a candlelight skiing event in late January or early February.
- Pack up the sleds and tubes and take the Hill 17 challenge at Peninsula State Park, just one of the county's greatest sledding spots.
- Go ice fishing along the peninsula's scenic shoreline. For those who like fishing on hard water, the frozen waters of Green Bay offer great ice fishing opportunities.
- Enjoy some pampering at one of the spas and salons located throughout the county.
- Snowshoe with a naturalist on a guided hike at the Ridges Sanctuary.
- Take in dinner and a show at Third Avenue Playworks on Historic Third Avenue in Sturgeon Bay.
- Take a romantic sleigh ride with Mayberry's Carriages at Lautenbach's Orchard Country.
- Learn about the maritime history of Door County by visiting the Door County Maritime Museum. Catch their Merry-Time Festival of trees during the holiday season.
- Enrich the mind by taking a class at The Clearing Folk School. Classes diverse as weaving, snowshoeing, food pairings, and philosophy.
- Taste the iconic Door County fish boil in winter every Friday night at the White Gull Inn.



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# Winter event highlights & festivals in Door County



## CHRISTMAS BY THE BAY

Held annually the weekend before Thanksgiving in Sturgeon Bay (November 17-19, 2023). The weekend kicks off with a community car parade as Sturgeon Bay stores “unwrap” their storefronts followed by the annual tree lighting. A parade Saturday morning ends with the arrival of Santa.

## HOLLY DAYS

Held annually the weekend after Thanksgiving in Egg Harbor (November 24-25, 2023). The event kicks off with breakfast with Santa followed by children’s activities throughout Egg Harbor businesses. Santa arrives via fire truck to light the community tree. Throughout the weekend are horse drawn carriage rides.

## DOOR COUNTY CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Held annually during the holiday season for three weekends at Sister Bay’s Corner of the Past Museum (November 24-26, December 1-3, and December 8-10, 2023). Started in 2021 the market features local artisans, live music, and traditional Nordic foods in an old world setting of beautifully decorated historical buildings.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS & FM 106.9 CHERRY DROP

Held annually on New Year’s Eve in Sister Bay (December 31, 2023). Start the evening with a family friendly event with ice skating, a bonfire and huge fireworks display at the Sister Bay ice rink. Move to downtown Sister Bay for the countdown to midnight and the giant sparkling cherry drop.

## JACKSONPORT POLAR BEAR SWIM

Held annually on New Year’s Day at Lakeside Park in Jacksonport (January 1, 2024). Started in 1986, this event has turned into one of the larger New Year’s Day polar bear swims in the country. Each year thousands of spectators watch as hundreds of swimmers kick-off the new year by taking a refreshing dip into the icy waters of Lake Michigan.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE

Held annually on New Year’s Day in downtown Egg Harbor (January 1, 2024). Quirky and fun New Year’s Day parade starts at 1 PM and runs through downtown Egg Harbor. No formal registration, join the parade!

## FISH CREEK WINTER FESTIVAL

Held annually the first weekend in February based at Clark Park in Fish Creek (February 2-4, 2024). Family friendly games, live music, food, and a spectacular fireworks display. Sunday features the “Fruit Loop Fun Run.” The half-mile run encourages fun costumes and rewards each participant with a bowl of Fruit Loops at the finish line.

## FIRE AND ICE FESTIVAL

Held annually the third Saturday in February throughout Sturgeon Bay (February 17, 2024). Citywide ice and snow carving competition featuring novice to professional sculptors. In the evening attend the formal gala that includes dinner, dancing, and a live auction. The finale of the evening is a firework display on the bay.

Additional details and many more winter events at [DoorCounty.com/Events](https://DoorCounty.com/Events)