

# 7 Places You Can't Miss This Winter in Wisconsin



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If playing in the Wisconsin snow is pleasing to you, we've got some of the most fun frosty destinations for you to get your winter fix...and they're full of beauty too. Get out there and explore!

## 1. Snow tubing at Cascade

A great activity for the whole family, **Cascade Mountain** in **Portage** offers up a 900' chute to glide down on a tube. Fear not. There's no need to walk back up the hill. Hop on the magic carpet ride back to the top, with tube in tow.

## 2. Merrill Sled Dog Race

See something impressive and adorable at the same time. Head to **Merrill** for their annual **Winterfest Sled Dog Race**. There's skijoring, kiddie and celebrity races too. Grab a spot on the sidelines and gaze on as 100 mushers and their dog teams rush by.

## 3. Snowshoe Nine Mile

Slip on the snowshoes and hit the trails at **Nine Mile Forest** in **Wausau** for a heavily wooded blend of snowy, scenic views. A 4-mile trail is also available if you're looking for a shorter trek.

## 4. Ice Fish Lake Winnebago

The largest inland lake in Wisconsin is home to species like walleye, perch, white bass and sturgeon. The **lake sturgeon population** here is rated as one of the finest in the country. Celebrate this big fish with a visit to the **Sturgeon Spectacular!**

## 5. Ice Skating at The Edgewater

Right in the heart of **Madison**, is a prime ice skating spot along the shores of Lake Mendota. **The Edgewater's** 4000-square-foot ice rink also sits in the shadow of the **State Capitol**, so the views you have no matter which way you spin are extraordinary.

## 6. Board a Snow Train

Wisconsin is **home to various snow trains**, all with their unique and exemplary twists. The **Mid-Continent Railway Snow Train** in **North Freedom** will take you through the winter wonderland of **Sauk County**. The train cars are kept warm with the old tradition of steam heating and coal-burning stoves, so no worries about being chilly!

## 7. Be Mystified by the Ice Caves

If conditions permit them to be accessible by foot, explore an ice cave this winter. Yes, we said ice caves and, no, it's not the standard winter island experience, but that's why more than 135,000 people visit the **Apostle Island National Lakeshore** in a year. The cold won't take your breath away if you're bundled up, but Mother Nature's artistry will.

Be sure to **keep an eye on the ever-changing winter conditions of the caves**, and fingers crossed for a freeze over this year!