

Winter Festival

Join us for a day of Winter Family Fun!



Press Release

Kickapoo Valley Reserve Winter Festival

Date: January 10, 2026

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM and beyond

Admission: Free

Parking: Free

Join us for a day full of winter family fun at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Winter Festival! This wonderful community event is a celebration of winter, recreation, and culture, offering a wide range of activities for everyone.

Activities and Highlights

- **Fat Tire Biking:** Try out the latest fat tire bikes and explore the snowy trails.
- **Kick Sleds:** Try out our kick sleds! Fun for the whole family!
- **Mutt Fun Run:** Bring your kids and your dog! We supply the sled!
- **Llama Hikes:** Experience a unique hike with friendly llamas.
- **Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides:** Enjoy the nostalgic charm of a sleigh ride through the winter landscape.
- **Sledding Hill:** Have a blast on our groomed sledding hill. Bring your sled & helmet!
- **Chainsaw & Snow Carving:** Check out the talents of amazing world class artists as they create masterpieces with chainsaws & snow.
- **Frozen Turkey Bowling:** Test your skill rolling a frozen turkey.
- **Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing:** Explore the beautiful winter scenery on skis or snowshoes.
- **Ice Skating:** Enjoy some good old fashioned ice skating on the pond below the Visitor Center. Bring your skates or use ours.
- **Hike to the Ice:** Discover the natural beauty of icy landscapes.
- **Fireside and Indoor Talks:** Warm up by the fire or indoors and enjoy engaging talks.
- **Winter Yard & Discovery Games:** Test your skill and your luck at a snowball target, Frosty Poker Run, or Giant Jenga and more!

Special Events

- **River Valley Raptors:** Meet the raptors at a fireside talk - 11 AM and 2 PM.
- **Chili and Bread Contest and Tasting:** Do you make the “Best Dam Chili or Bread in the Kickapoo Valley”? Enter the contest to find out! Everyone is invited to be a judge! \$5/tasting bowl.
- **5K Resolution Run/Walk:** Celebrate yourself and your health with a 5K run/walk at 9 AM. Leashed friendly dogs are welcome to join. No fee to race, monetary donations or non-perishable food are gladly accepted. Donate \$25 or more and get a super cool winter hat!

More fun to be had!

- **Silent Auction and Bucket Raffles:** Take part in exciting auctions and raffles.
- **Concessions:** Enjoy a variety of food and drink options throughout the event.
- **Candlelit Snowshoe/Ski:** The festivities continue at Wildcat Mountain State Park after dark!
- **Winter Star Gazing:** Join fellow star gazers at Wildcat Mountain State Park for a magical winter evening under the stars!

Winter Festival is a fun filled opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the joys of winter. Whether you're looking for adventure, or simply a great time with family and friends, the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Winter Festival has something for everyone. To learn more about Winter Festival and see the full schedule, visit our website.

<http://kickapoovalley.wi.gov/Events/Annual-Events/Winter-Festival/>