

Winterfest 2024 – Details

Activities & Hands-on Fun:

- Sledding (10am-3pm) *
- Bluebird Box Building (10am-Noon)
- Lumber Camp (11am-2pm)
- Solar Viewing (11am-1pm)*
- Kids Crafts (11am-1pm)
- Hot Tenting Demo (11am-1pm)*
- XC Ski Mini-clinic/Sign-outs (1-3pm)*
- Snowshoe Mini-clinic/Sign-outs (1-3pm)*

And Free Hot Chocolate & Hot Dogs (11am - 'til they're gone)

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Sledding (10am-3pm) *

Bring your own or borrow a snow tube from a limited number provided.

Get Started Ice Fishing (10am-10:30 & 12:30-1pm)

Learn some tips and tricks to get started pulling fish through the ice and just how fun and rewarding it can be. Ice safety will also be reviewed. Please note, this will be an on-land demonstration only. Led by staff from The Tackle Shack.

Bluebird Box Building (10am-Noon – or until they're gone)

Each family can build a box and take it home (free while they last). Limited quantities. Led by PA Game Commission educator, Mercy Melo and one of our local Game Wardens. Additional help is being provided by the Tiadaghton Audubon Society.

Tree ID Walks (10:30am-11:30am & 1pm-2pm)

Explore nearby park trails and learn to identify several trees even without their leaves. Led by Tioga State Forest educator, Cody Whipple.

Lumber Camp Skills (11am-2pm) *

Learn about life at a lumber camp in winter and get hands-on with some essential lumber tools with staff from the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum

Solar Viewing (11am-1pm) *

Join members of the PA Wilds Astronomy Club for safe viewing of the sun through specially equipped telescopes. Also, find out what you should know about the upcoming solar eclipse in 2024.

Interpretive Programs:

- Get Started Ice Fishing (10am-10:30am)
- Tree ID Walk (10:30am-11:30am)
- Rescue Dogs (11:30-Noon)
- Wild Teas (Noon-12:30pm)
- Get Started Ice Fishing (12:30pm-1pm)
- Tree ID Walk (1pm-2pm)

Kids Crafts (11am-1pm) *

Families will enjoy a 'make and take' craft from several options, including the ever-popular pine cone bird feeder. All materials provided. Led by park volunteers.

Hot Tent Demo (11am-1pm)*

Winter camping doesn't need to be cold. Try a hot tent! With the right gear and a small woodstove, you can rough it in style. Demo by Scott Lee will also include snowshoes and other related cold-weather items.

Search & Rescue Dogs (11:30am-Noon)

Meet the dogs & owners involved with Laurel Mountain K9 Search & Rescue, a non-profit search team comprised entirely of volunteers dedicated to assisting fire, EMS and law enforcement agencies on incidents involving lost or missing individuals.

Wild Teas Program (Noon -12:30pm)

Stop by a table display to discover what can you use from nature to make a warming winter beverage. Taste samples of wild foraged teas, and take home recipe handouts. Tea samples available while supplies last.

XC Ski & Snowshoe Mini-clinic / Sign-outs (1pm-3pm) *

Join park staff and volunteers for a short hands-on mini-clinic (snow-permitting) and then practice your skiing or snowshoeing at your own pace. Snowshoes, skis, boots and poles on-hand will fit most youth through adult (or you are welcome to bring your own).

*Some activities may be modified or cancelled due to conditions, such as limited snow cover or ice thickness. Solar observing will only take place if it's sunny. Hot tent demo will be setup if ground is frozen.