

WINTERFEST 2018

OVERVIEW OF EVENTS

Activities & Hands-on Fun:

Skishoe Demos (10am-3pm)*
Snow Bike Demos (10am-3pm)
Kids Crafts (11am-2pm)
Sledding (10am-3pm) *
Ice Skating (10am-2pm) *
XC Ski Mini-clinic/Sign-outs (1pm-3pm)*
Snowshoe Mini-clinic/Sign-outs (1-3pm)*

Interpretive Programs: (see pg 2)

Outdoor Cooking (11am-2pm)
Ice Fishing (10am-2pm)*
Winter Birding (10am-2pm)
Guided Hike (11am-12pm)
Eagles (11:30am-12pm)
Snowy Owls (12pm-12:45pm)
Guided Hike (1pm-2pm)
Snowy Owls (2pm-2:45pm)

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

DETAILED ACTIVITIES & HANDS-ON FUN

Skishoe Demo and Tours (10-3)

Tom Gibson of Milton will demonstrate and talk about his invention, the Tracker Skishoe from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 20 during Winterfest 2018. He will have several pairs of skishoes for people to look at, put on and try out during tours he will conduct a 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Snowbike & Ebike Demos (10-3)

Tom Oswald of Oswald Cycle Works in Mansfield will demonstrate and talk about fat tire bikes, also known as snow bikes and about ebikes. Oswald will have four or five fat tire bikes in different sizes for adults to try and one ebike. "Fat bikes and ebikes are gaining in popularity in this area," he said. "The fat tires provide improved grip and traction on troublesome terrain, such as wet stone or asphalt, muddy paths, snowy hills and even sandy beaches. Ebikes are electric pedal-assisted bicycles that can make riding easier and more fun."

Kids Crafts (11-2)

Sponsored by the Grand Canyon Chapter of FFA, youngsters can make pine cone bird feeders and paper snowflakes to take home.

Sledding (10-3) *

Bring your own or borrow a snow tube or one of several sleds that will be provided.

Ice Skating (10-3) *

Over 200 pair of ice skates, both figure and hockey styles, available or bring your own. Ice area will be prepared as conditions allow.

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

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).

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DETAILED INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Outdoor Cooking (11-2)

On land, Mel "Longknife" Stafford, a reenactor portraying an 18th century explorer and hunter, will do pioneer-style outdoor cooking demonstrations with free samples of his freshly made donuts, plain or sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon. The temperature has to be at least 20 degrees to cook donuts in a Dutch oven over an open fire as done in the 1700s. He will show how pioneers checked the oil temperature with a wooden spoon. The campfire will be started at 10 a.m. Cooking will continue until 2 p.m. or until the donuts are gone. Stafford will be available until 3 p.m. to answer questions about Dutch oven cooking and baking.

Ice Fishing (10-2) *

On-ice demonstrations, led by PA Fish and Boat Commission volunteer Bill Carey, will show you some tips and tricks to get started pulling fish through the ice and just how fun and rewarding it can be.

Winter Birding (10-3)

Members of the Tiadaghton Audubon will present a winter bird feeding display, talk about birding, and lead impromptu birding walks throughout the day.

Guided Hike (11am & 1pm)

Join volunteer hiking guru, Daryl Warren, and forest guru, Steve Hoover, for a one-hour, easy, slow-paced, family friendly guided snowshoe hike on the 1.5-mile Tauschers Trail at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m..

Eagles (11:30am)

Join local eagle guru, Matt West, for short talk on eagles. He will offer information on the best locations to view the birds, information on their nesting habits and rebounding population.

Snowy owls! (12pm & 2pm)

Jess Deluccia, from Sinnemahoning State Park in Austin will offer a family program on Snowy Owls at two different times. Featured will be a mounted snowy owl and a short children's story.

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