

WINTERFEST 2019

OVERVIEW OF EVENTS

Activities & Hands-on Fun:

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

Displays:

Ice Fishing (10am-2pm)*
Rescue Dogs (10am-2pm)
Audubon (10am-2pm)

Interpretive Programs: (see pg 2)

Look-alike Tree ID (10am-11am)
Rescue Dogs (10am-10:30am)
Birding (10:30am-11am)
Rescue Dogs (11am-11:30am)
Outdoor Cooking (11:30am-Noon)
Snowflake Science (Noon-12:30pm)
Birding (12:30pm-1pm)
Short Family Hike (1pm-2pm)
Snowflake Science (1pm-1:30pm)
Outdoor Cooking (1:30pm-2pm)

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

DETAILED ACTIVITIES & HANDS-ON FUN

Skishoe Demo and Tours (10am-3pm)*

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.

Snow Bikes (10am-2pm)*

Representatives from two local bike shops will be on hand to demonstrate and hope to offer a limited number of bikes for visitors to try out in the event area.

Kids Crafts (11am-2pm)

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

Bluebird Box Building / Birding Guides (11am-2pm)

Each family can build a box and take it home (free!). Limited quantities. Led by Mandy Marconi, educator with the PA Game Commission. Mandy will also have make-and-take children's bird guides as well.

Sledding (10am-3pm) *

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

Ice Skating (10am-3pm) *

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 (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).

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DISPLAYS

Ice Fishing (10-2) *

If there's ice, see what's bitin' on the lake. Otherwise, stop by on-land 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.

Search & Rescue Dogs (10am-2pm)

Stop by and meet the dogs and for a Q&A session. See program description below.

Audubon (10-2)

Members of the Tiadaghton Audubon will have a number of displays relating to birding and also lead impromptu birding walks – see below.

DETAILED INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

Look-alike Tree ID (10am-11am)

Join forester, Steve Hoover, for a closer look at winter tree identification and more specifically trees that might fool the most homeowners. Steve will highlight the differences between ash trees (being impacted right now by beetles) and similar trees that look a great deal alike!

Search & Rescue Dogs (10am-10:30am & 11am-11:30am)

Laurel Mountain K9 Search & Rescue is 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.

Winter Birding Walk (10:30am-11am & 12:30pm-1pm)

Join members of the Tiadaghton Audubon for a short birding walk in the event area. Limited binoculars will be available as well as field guides and expert advice.

Outdoor Cooking (11:30am and 1:30pm)

On land, Mel "Longknife" Stafford, a reenactor portraying an 18th century explorer and hunter, will do pioneer-style outdoor cooking demonstrations with limited free samples. He'll go over outdoor baking and stack cooking with dutch ovens and how to cook your food at the right temperature using charcoal.

Snowflake Science (12pm-12:30pm & 1pm-1:30pm)

Jess Deluccia, from Sinnemahoning State Park in Austin will lead a family program about the science of snowflakes. Peer through a microscope to see the beauty of the snowflake; with no two the same learn what's behind the unique and elaborate shape of snowflakes. Even if there isn't fresh snow, there will be photos and other cool things to see, plus materials to make your own accurate paper snowflakes.

Short Family Hike (1pm-2pm)

Join volunteer hiking guru, Daryl Warren for an easy, slow-paced, family friendly guided hike on nearby trails to see a few sites of interest along the way.

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