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Today's Best Variety

PARKS AND

RECREATION

Winter Hike & Bonfire

Lindenwood Nature Preserve 600 Lindenwood Ave. 9-10:30 am Free Event

Kick off this year's Winterval festivities with a morning hike in the woods, and warm up at the bonfire before you head off to your next event.

LG Nature Park

9744 Aboite Rd., Roanoke 10 am-1 pm \$7 admission / 3 & under free Not located downtown, but a fun winter experience. Learn how bison and elk weather the cold.

Winterval at the Conservatory

Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory 1100 S. Calhoun St. 10 am-3 pm \$5-\$7 admission Make a lava-inspired craft, explore our "Floor is Lava" showcase and take home a small plant! Watch live ice carving outside at 10 a.m.

Historic Fort Wayne, 1201 Spy Run 10 am-5 pm Free Event The Fort is bustling with re-enactors preparing for hard times as rumors of war in Europe spread.

Visit Science Central 1950 N. Clinton St. 10 am-5 pm \$10 admission Discover the science of winter! Dig at an Ice Dig Station to learn about the Ice Age, watch experiments with dry ice, and more!

Headwaters Ice Skating Headwaters Park East, 333 S. Clinton St. 12-9 pm \$6 admission Make ice skating a part of your Winterval 2025 experience! Short FWISC skating exhibitions at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. Skate rental extra.

Winterval at the Library 900 Library Plaza 12-4 pm Free Event Watch live ice carving on the plaza at 12 p.m. then come inside for a Winterval-inspired craftwhile supplies last.

Winter Garnival & Warm Heart Market Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

12-3 pm Free Event Stop in for a round of ice sculpted miniature golf, snow crafts and games, or a carriage ride! Our candy luge is also a big hit with the kids. If shopping is more your style, you'll find homemade and uniquely hand crafted items and other merchandise at our Warm Heart Market. Watch

> Go Polar at the Plaza AEP Power Plaza, 110 E Berry St.

live ice carving at 2 p.m.

1-4 pm Free Event New in 2025 -- take in the wonders of winter in an outdoor ice sculpture gallery! With familyfriendly activities like an inflatable slide, live entertainment courtesy of School of Rock (1-3 pm), and local food trucks, you will want to add this to your list of Winterval must-dos!

The Sport of Gurling

Fort Wayne Curling Club, 3837 N. Wells St.1-4 pmFree EventAges 8-AdultTry your hand at this Olympic sport! Liability waivers are required of all participants.

Heartland Mushers

Headwaters Park, 333 S. Clinton1-4 pmFree EventVisit the Heartland Mushers sled dogs at Headwaters Park, next to the skating rink. Hope for snow and watch the dogs pull their sleds.

Winter Cozys Fire & Ice Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

4-9 pm Free Event All Ages Winterval 2025 wraps up with our annual Winter Cozy! Bundle up the family and join us for a blend of warm and cool attractions including a live ice carving contest, floating firepits on the river, live music in the Sweetwater Bandshell, interactive games throughout the evening and photo opportunities in a larger than life inflatable igloo! Warm up inside the pavilion at the hot cocoa and s'mores bar or head over to Ted's Snack + Bar to purchase your favorite food and beverage while supplies last.

Live Ice Carving

Watch professional ice carvers create beautiful sculptures right before your eyes!

- 10:00 a.m.Botanical Conservatory
1100 S. Calhoun St.
- **12:00 p.m.**Allen County Public Library
900 Library Plaza
- 2:00 p.m. Community Center 233 W. Main St.
- 2:00 p.m. The Landing Calhoun St.
- 5:00 p.m. Promenade Park 202 W. Superior St.

Pre-Sculpted Ice Carvings

Pre-sculpted ice carvings can be found at the following locations:

AEP Power Plaza 110 E. Berry St.

Community Center 233 W. Main St.

Headwaters Ice Rink Clinton & Superior

Hoppy Gnome 203 E. Berry St.

Lindenwood Nature Preserve 600 Lindenwood Ave.

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The Amazing Winterval Race

Saturday, January 25, 10 am-3 pm Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Grab a friend and explore Fort Wayne in a new way – with prizes on the line! Teams of two (age 18+) will solve a series of clues and complete physical, mental, or just-plain-ridiculous challenges along the way. The race ends with a victory party where special prize packages will be awarded to the top 3 teams and winners of each individual challenge. Teams are responsible for their own transportation. T-shirts will be pro-

vided and must be worn by all participants throughout the event. Team up with your slyest or most fun-loving friend and join the race. Registration begins Friday January 3 and continues through January 15 or until space is filled (code # 143900-S1). Fee: \$89/team. Max. 40 teams.





Saturday, January 25, 10 am McMillen Park Community Center, 3901 Abbott St.

High School students ages 14-18, grab a partner or come solo (we'll match your with a partner) and dive into some friendly pickleball competition. The round-robin format ensures multiple matches for each team. Bring your paddle and join the fun! It's free! Sign up by January 14 at fortwayneparks. org (code #132-303-S1). This Winterval event is hosted by the Fort Wayne Pickleball Club.