

SOUTH DAKOTA WINTER EXPERIENCES

Enjoy the fresh air with these winter activities in South Dakota.

SPORTS



SNOWMOBILING

With more than 1,500 miles of snowmobile trails, there's plenty of room to roam in South Dakota. Whether you're looking for the open prairies and rolling hills of eastern South Dakota or the mountain trails and ponderosa pine of the Black Hills, South Dakota has it all. Based on trail conditions, the annual season runs December 15 - March 31.



SNOWSHOEING

South Dakota's 56 state parks and recreation areas offer great hiking trails perfect for snowshoeing during winter months. Several parks offer snowshoe rentals, so get the family ready for a fun outdoor adventure!



HIKE BLACK ELK PEAK

At 7,242 feet elevation, Black Elk Peak is the highest point between the Rocky Mountains in the western United States and the Pyrenees Mountains in France. Surrounded by the beautiful Black Elk Wilderness, Black Elk Peak is one of the most popular sites in the state. Hikers of all ages make their ascent to take in a view that seems to extend forever and includes gorgeous views of South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska and North Dakota. Trails are quieter in the winter months, making this the perfect time of year to hike to the summit. Check trail conditions and pack accordingly!



FAT TIRE BIKING

South Dakota offers hundreds of miles of hiking trails, many of which are perfect for fat tire biking. Spearfish Canyon, home to the Dakota Five-0 Race and the 28 Below Fat Tire Race, is a favorite spot for biking in any season.



ICE FISHING

In South Dakota, anglers don't quit when the water freezes. They just drill holes to reach the water! Ice fishing begins as soon as lakes and rivers freeze over, usually around mid-December. Pike, walleye, bluegill and perch can be found along the Missouri River and throughout the glacial lakes in northeastern South Dakota. Fishing licenses are available through the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks.



SKIING AT TERRY PEAK

Terry Peak Ski Area is South Dakota's premier destination for skiing and snowboarding. The family-friendly ski resort is located in the Black Hills of South Dakota near the mountain towns of Lead and Historic Deadwood. The summit of Terry Peak stands at 7,100 ft. tall, with the highest lift service between the Rocky Mountains and the Alps.

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IGLOOS AT MINER BREWING COMPANY

Grab a beer, blanket, and a seat inside Miner Brewing Company's new outdoor igloos! There is no better place to enjoy a frosty pint than in the new heated igloos surrounded by a spectacular view of the beautiful Black Hills. Miner Brewing Company and Prairie Berry Winery, located in Hill City, SD offer an extensive collection of finely crafted brews and award-winning wines along with a mouth-watering food menu.



FROZEN FALLS IN SPEARFISH CANYON

Spearfish Canyon is one South Dakota's greatest natural attractions, perfect for outdoor recreation and wildlife enthusiasts alike. During the winter months, the water freezes over the limestone cliffs, making for some of the most breathtaking scenery in the Black Hills. Many of the frozen falls in Spearfish Canyon are accessible by a short hike.



WINTER WONDERLAND AT FALLS PARKS

Falls Park in Sioux Falls becomes a winter wonderland each holiday season. From mid-November through mid-January, more than 300,000 lights twinkle from trees and light poles throughout the 123-acre park. Color-changing spotlights illuminate the falls. Festive music fills the air and warms hearts of all ages as visitors walk or drive through this magical setting.



ICE SKATE AT OUTLAW SQUARE

Outlaw Square is a new frontier into the wild west of Deadwood's iconic entertainment, adventure and relaxation. It is a public gathering place where families can come and enjoy fun events that take place throughout the year. During the winter months, glide across Outlaw Square as it's transformed into a dazzling ice skating rink. Outlaw Square is a place for you to enjoy some outdoor family time in the heart of Historic Deadwood. Ice skate rentals are available.



BLACK HILLS ADVENTURE LODGING

Black Hills Adventure Lodging offers properties scattered across the Black Hills, ranging from small, cozy cabins for a quaint weekend getaway to large luxurious properties with great amenities to accommodate groups of all sizes.



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