

A **GRAND** PLACE TO SIMPLY SAVOR THE JOYS OF...

winter



Here in the grand north country, we don't run when the snow flies, we relish it... **winter**

**EVENTS**

When you know how to enjoy winter, you have one-of-a-kind events to celebrate it...

The **Audubon Christmas Bird Count** is the longest running ornithological database. Open to birders of all skill levels.

The **Voyageurs Classic Sled Dog Race** is one of the northland's biggest. Races from 40 to 160 miles with a separate race for classic fur trade dogs.

Fireworks in winter—Wow! Don't miss the **fireworks display** on New Year's Eve.

**ARTS**

The **Myles Reif Performing Arts Center** hosts theatrical performances and concerts throughout the winter.

Also, special Christmas programs are performed throughout the holiday season.

Take in the exhibit at the **MacRostie Art Center**, which changes monthly.

The **West Range Country Show** invites you to come to a down-home country music extravaganza. Monthly performances during fall and winter with local talent featured.

**FAMILY FUN**

Indoor fun and learning still takes place in the **museums, history centers, art and performing venues** around town that are open in all four seasons.



**GRAND WINTER EVENTS**

For information on these events and a complete list of events, check [VisitGrandRapids.com](http://VisitGrandRapids.com)

**December**

- Christmas in the Logging Camp
- West Range Country Show
- The Nutcracker at the Reif Center
- MacRostie Art Center Holiday Marketplace
- Ho-Ho-Ho Down
- Children's Country Christmas
- Holiday Light Display
- New Year's Eve Fireworks

**January**

- Blueberry Classic 10K
- Family Night at Itasca Curling Club
- Pink Ribbon Snowmobile Ride

**February**

- Bridal Show
- 12th Annual Hurlbut Ziemer Riders-In-Cahoots Sleigh & Cutter Rally
- Ice Fishing Contest
- Old-Fashioned Winter Fun
- Bigfork Valley Winter Challenge
- Women's Wellness & Lifestyle Expo
- Snowmobile Races

Voyageurs Dog Sled Race  
Jenny Guyer  
Ice Fishing Tournament  
Numb Your Bum 5K Run

The breathtaking beauty of an ice tree morning

**OUTDOOR**

Downhill, snowboard, ski jumping, biathlon and cross-country skiing, plus tubing can all be enjoyed at the **Mount Itasca Ski Area**.

Snowmaking and grooming with rentals and pro shop.



You'll find a Mecca for **cross-country skiing** in Grand Rapids. There are 22 X-C ski trails with over 240 km. of groomed terrain for all levels of skiers, from beginner to expert. Both skate and classic ski trails are available, some lighted. The terrain ranges from trails that traverse historic sites to the deep woods of the Chippewa, panoramic trails on **Thunder Mountain** and wilderness trails with moose.

There's abundant and charming lodging, dining and entertainment catering to winter enthusiasts. And there are plenty of ski events and races to keep the sport interesting. Try a candlelit ski under the stars, followed by a warm beverage served beside a crackling campfire. A Great Minnesota Ski Pass is required to ski all public-land X-C ski trails.

As a destination **snowmobile** recreation area, you'll ride over 900 miles of well-groomed, well-mapped trails offering easy access to lodging, dining and entertainment along the wintry routes. Some of Minnesota's most famed snowmobile trails start in Grand Rapids, including the **Taconite Trail** winding through the Iron Range on its way to Ely. Or cruise the woodlands of the **Chippewa National Forest** and its varied terrain.

With so many trails, you'll find snowmobiling uncrowded and more relaxed in Grand Rapids. There are 13 snowmobile clubs in Grand Rapids and Itasca County dedicated to keeping the trails in grand shape.

Free snowmobile maps can be downloaded at: [VisitGrandRapids.com](http://VisitGrandRapids.com).

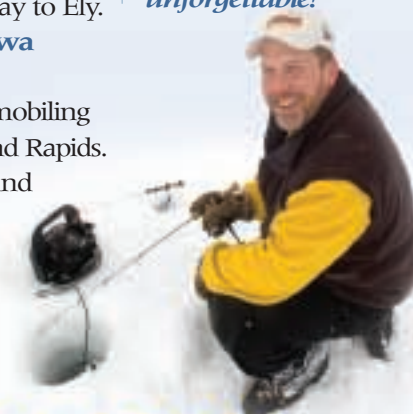
900 miles of groomed and well-mapped trails await you in Grand Rapids.



Enthusiasts say there's a peaceful pleasure in **ice fishing**.

Just you and your companions in a warm, cozy fish house sitting atop a frozen lake. Area lakes yield good crappie, walleye and northern all year long. Local outfitters can set you up with all the gear you'll need for a winter adventure.

Take a **dog sledding trip** on a guided tour with a professional musher and dog team. You can even take a starlit ride through the woods... **unforgettable!**



a grand season  
IN GRAND RAPIDS