

Become a Winter Town Resources & Ideas

Communities that experience cold, dark and snowy winters are developing new ways to help residents embrace the winter months. The concept of designing a “winter city or town” is about drawing focus and access to the wonderful things winter brings while reducing the barriers. The outcome can be a more accessible, inclusive, active, prosperous and livable community during the coldest months of the year. The following links provide ideas on how to embrace winter!

Resources

Winter Places Design Guide 2020: <https://patronicity.s3.amazonaws.com/static/bench/Winter+Places+-+Design+Guide+for+Winter+Activation+2020.pdf>

Winter Placemaking Guide: https://www.880cities.org/portfolio_page/winter-placemaking-guide/

Winter Placemaking During a Pandemic: <https://www.pps.org/article/winter-placemaking-during-a-pandemic-six-ideas-from-around-canada>

Winter Placemaking in Canada: <https://www.evergreen.ca/blog/entry/winter-placemaking-initiatives-across-canada/>

Neighbourhood Play Streets: <https://www.edmonton.ca/pdf-viewer?pdf=https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/Neighbourhoods/NeighbourhoodPlayStreetsManual.pdf>

Winter City Edmonton Activities: <https://www.wintercityedmonton.ca/be-active/toolkit/activities-locations/>

Be Creative in Winter Toolkit: <https://www.wintercityedmonton.ca/be-creative/toolkit/toolkit-be-creative-in-winter/>

Weyburn Loaner Kit example: <https://www.discoverweyburn.com/local/have-you-tried-snowshoeing-or-skiing-in-weyburn>

<https://weyburn.ca/cross-country-ski-trails/>

Windthorst Crokicurl: <https://www.sasktoday.ca/south/local-news/crokicurl-the-latest-outdoor-craze-hits-windthorst-4161949>

<https://southeastdistrict.ca/blogs/post/crokicurl-in-saskatchewan>

Moosomin Winter Wonderland: https://www.world-spectator.com/news_story.php?id=3998

Art in the Park: <https://www.sasktoday.ca/south/local-arts/eagm-brings-back-inside-out-exhibit-for-winter-4163443>



Outdoor Winter Festival: <https://youtu.be/6d4z1IfP8WY>

Winter StoryWalk: <https://chatnewstoday.ca/2021/01/21/winter-storywalk-up-at-police-point-park-this-weekend/>

<https://www.sclibrary.info/winter-storywalk/> ; <https://www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/news-events/blog/blog-detail/city-of-nanaimo-blog/2020/12/08/winter-story-walk>

Estevan Art Outside: <https://southeastdistrict.ca/blogs/post/cheer-story-estevan-art-gallery-museum-inside-out>

Local Embrace Winter Stories: <https://southeastdistrict.ca/blogs/post/cheer-story-south-east-communities-embracing-winter-challenges>

Chinook Blast: <https://www.visitcalgary.com/things-to-do/stories-from-calgary/your-guide-to-chinook-blast>

Hunt for Holiday Gnomes: <https://www.visitlovelandco.org/gnomes/>

SNOWGA: <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/05/style/frozen-yoga-its-snowga.html>

Montrealers practise 'snowga': Yoga in the snow
https://youtu.be/GX_IXNy9IGU

Freezeway Article: <https://www.wired.com/2015/01/edmonton-freezeway-ice-skating/>

Organization Resources

- **Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation:** <https://swf.sk.ca/programs/bigfoot-snowshoeing/>
- **Saskatchewan Broomball:** <https://swf.sk.ca/programs/bigfoot-snowshoeing/>
- **Cross Country Saskatchewan:** <https://swf.sk.ca/programs/bigfoot-snowshoeing/>
- **Sask Outdoors:** <https://swf.sk.ca/programs/bigfoot-snowshoeing/>
- **SPRA Grants Guide:** <https://swf.sk.ca/programs/bigfoot-snowshoeing/>

Examples of Winter City Strategies

Regina: <https://www.regina.ca/export/sites/Regina.ca/parks-recreation-culture/classes-programs/.galleries/pdfs/Winter-Strategy.pdf>

Saskatoon: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/business-development/planning/programs-projects/wintercityyxe-strategy>

https://youtu.be/dw3jnn6_ch8 - Edmonton Strategy

GEOCACHING links:

<https://swf.sk.ca/programs/geocaching/>

<https://www.spra.sk.ca/Blog/geocaching-in-nature/>

<https://www.geocaching.com/play>

<https://m.facebook.com/geocachingsaskatchewan/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/saskcachers>

FESTIVALS

Festival Links, Funding and Resources:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/building-communities/festivals/application-guidelines.html>

https://sk-arts.ca/files/funding/packages/Festivals_Project_Guidelines_2020-05-20.pdf

Festival and Event Planning Manual: <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/b47485e9-9939-4a8e-b845-2d73ccc2c151/resource/c3194e63-a918-4823-81c9-9d05458fb262/download/zz-2009-setting-the-stage-a-community-based-festival-and-event-planning-manual.pdf>

Other Helpful Articles and Links

Outdoor Rink Procedures (example)

<http://draytonvalley.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Aug.-2014-DV-Neighbourhood-Outdoor-Rink-Program-Procedures.pdf>

Library Corner: Outdoor recreation during a pandemic

<https://www.skyhineews.com/news/library-corner-outdoor-recreation-during-a-pandemic/>

5 Ways to Explore Nature in Winter

<https://www.reginalibrary.ca/blog/rpl-blog/5-ways-explore-nature-winter>

Library Snowshoeing Program Radio Spot

<https://risevt.org/snowshoeing-vermont/>



49 Fun Winter Activities You Can Still Enjoy (Even During a Pandemic)

<https://www.realsimple.com/holidays-entertaining/entertaining/seasonal-events/winter-activities-during-covid>

Small Business Scavenger Hunt

<https://www.salinecountylibrary.org/news/post/267/small-business-saturday-promotion-starts-november-21st>

DeKalb library continues Family Fun Science outdoors

<https://www.midweeknews.com/2020/11/04/dekalb-library-continues-family-fun-science-outdoors/aqaxupi/>

Turkey Plunge

<https://www.nantucketatheneum.org/support/fundraising-events/turkey-plunge/>

2020 light up Appleton & holiday window walk

<https://appletondowntown.org/2020-light-up-appleton-and-window-walk/>

Leadville Wintermission

https://www.880cities.org/portfolio_page/wintermission/leadville

Winter Activation Ideas for Main Streets & Neighborhoods During COVID19

<https://benchconsulting.co/winter-places/>

Cold Weather Recess Planning

<https://everactive.org/product/cold-weather-recess-planning/>

Learning to Embrace Cold Weather

<https://everactive.org/embracing-cold-weather/>

Move & Play Through Winter, Eh?

<http://benefitforlife.ca/resources/winter>

Let's Move Libraries

<https://letsmovelibraries.org/about-us/newsletters/>

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY/MOVEMENT links and resources

<https://southeastdistrict.ca/resources/physical-activity-mental-health>

PlayStreets Manual: <https://www.edmonton.ca/pdf-viewer?pdf=https://www.edmonton.ca/sites/default/files/public-files/assets/Neighbourhoods/NeighbourhoodPlayStreetsManual.pdf>



Walking links:

- https://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/media/25944/bcrpa_walking_resource_guide.pdf
- <http://www.swiftcurrent.ca/divisions/community-services/recreation/programs/walking-for-wellness>
- <https://www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/community-challenge>
- <https://urbanpoling.com/>

Play Streets: <https://playingout.net/>

Physical Literacy in the Library

<http://www.physicalliteracyinthelibrary.com/>

<https://go.sirsidynix.com/2020-04-23-Physical-Literacy.html>

<https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/sidewalk-obstacle-course.html>

SNOWGA -

https://d10k7k7mywg42z.cloudfront.net/assets/5fc92442c52e83058d87f112/SNOWGA_Poster_WEB.pdf

INCLUSION RESOURCES and Links

<https://southeastdistrict.ca/resources/inclusion-diversity>