

Winter is a busy time in Michigan's State Parks. Spend a day or an entire weekend at one of the Winter Festivals taking place in February where activities are planned for the whole family.



Sledding fun at Rifle River State Recreation Area

Bay City Recreation Area Winter Festival

3582 State Park Drive
Bay City, MI 48706
(Bay County)
989-684-3020

Location: [Bay City State Recreation Area](#)

Date: Feb. 18, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Discover New Ways to Enjoy Winter's Great Out-of-doors

- ⊗ 9-11 a.m.: Youth Ice Fishing Clinic-Free Make Your Own Pole
- ⊗ 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Ice Fishing Derby-Free Raffle for all Participants
- ⊗ 11 a.m.: Ice Safety Presentation,
- ⊗ Snow Snake Clinic-Make Your Own Snow Snake, & Enter the Snow Snake Race

Other Activities Include:

- ⊗ Free Ice Fishing Raffle for Kids, Wildlife Track ID Course, Winter Bird Hike & Bird Feeding
- ⊗ Nocturnal Owl Calling Hike, Snowman Contest, Snow Ball Tournament, Sled Race
- ⊗ Snowshoe Expeditions, Birdy BINGO, Free Hot Cocoa
- ⊗ Ice Crystal Treasure Dig, Puppet Shows, Bird Identification, Free Kid's Kraft Korner
- ⊗ Free Jr. Ranger Patch, Cheri's Feed'n Seed Bird Feeding Tips & More!
- ⊗ For more information about this event, please call the park at 989-684-3020 or [download the flyer](#).

North Higgins Lake State Park Winterfest

11747 N. Higgins Lake Drive

Roscommon, MI 48653
(Crawford County)
989-821-6125

Location: [North Higgins Lake State Park](#)

Date: February 17-18, 2012 A variety of winter activities are planned for this two day event. For more information visit the [Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce Website](#) or call the park at 989-821-6125.

Rifle River Recreation Area—Winterfest

2550 E. Rose City
Lupton, MI 48635
(Ogemaw County)
989-473-2258

Location: [Rifle River Recreation Area](#)

Date: February 18, 2012

☼ Bring your equipment out to Rifle River and do some cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding. It's also free fishing weekend so you do not need a license to head out on the ice.

☼ We will be running two hay rides, one at 11:00 AM and another at 1:00 PM.

☼ We will provide hot dogs for you to cook over the toasty fire. We will also be providing hot chocolate to keep the kids warm. For more information about this event, please call the park at 989-473-2258 or visit [Rifle River Recreation Area on Facebook](#).

Please Note: The Michigan Department of Natural Resources makes every effort to provide the most up-to-date and accurate information on events. However, dates occasionally change and events may be cancelled for any reason including weather conditions. Please call the unit hosting the event to confirm dates and times prior to your arrival.

The Recreation Passport has replaced motor vehicle permits for entry into Michigan state parks, recreation areas and state-administered boating access fee sites. This new way to fund Michigan's outdoor recreation opportunities also helps to preserve state forest campgrounds, trails and historic and cultural sites in state parks, and provides park development grants to local communities.

Michigan residents can purchase the Recreation Passport (\$10 for motor vehicles; \$5 for motorcycles) by checking "YES" on their license plate renewal forms, or at any state park or recreation area. Nonresident motor vehicles must still display a valid nonresident Recreation Passport (\$29 annual; \$8 daily) to enter a Michigan state park, recreation area or state-administered boating access fee site; these can be purchased at any state park or recreation area, or through the Michigan e-Store at www.michigan.gov/estore. To learn more about the Recreation Passport, visit www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport or call (517) 241-7275.

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