

14th Annual Winterval 2025

Saturday, January 25

in Downtown Fort Wayne

Celebrate winter with a visit to downtown Fort Wayne! The 14th Annual Winterval promises a full day of indoor and outdoor festivities for all ages. Watch artists channel their creativity through blocks of ice, shop for unique hand-crafted items, and enjoy special events and activities in partnership with the Botanical Conservatory, Historic Fort Wayne, the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne Curling Club, Lindenwood Park and more!

For complete details and updates, visit fortwayneparks.org.

Winterval Hike and Bonfire

9:00-10:30 am
Lindenwood Nature Preserve,
600 Lindenwood Ave.

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 location! Free and open to all ages!

The Amazing Winterval Race

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Your 2-person team will solve clues and make your way to various locations where you'll perform physical, mental and just-plain-ridiculous challenges to win prizes! Pre-registration is required and begins Friday, January 3. Fee: \$89/team. See full event description on page 32.

Winterval at the Conservatory

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Live Ice Carving at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate the coolest season and hottest exhibit! Watch a live ice carving being sculpted outdoors and on display near the main entrance. Regular admission fees apply to indoor festivities including a lava-inspired craft, plant giveaway and exploration of the "Floor is Lava!" winter exhibit.

Nouvelle Annee

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Historic Fort Wayne, 1201 Spy Run Ave.

The fort is bustling with re-enactors preparing for hard times as rumors of war in Europe spread. See full description of this event on page 55. Free event, freewill donations accepted.



Headwaters Park Ice Skating and Exhibitions

12:00-9:00 p.m.

Headwaters Park East, 333 S. Clinton St.

What better time to enjoy the Headwaters Park ice skating rink than during Winterval! Lace up your skates and join in the fun, or come to watch short exhibitions from the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00. Admission \$4-\$6 (skate rental extra)

Winter Carnival

12:00-3:00 pm

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Beat the winter blahs by bringing the whole family out for snow crafts and activities, a live ice carving, carriage rides and a miniature golf course sculpted from ice. Be sure to bring the kids to our Candy Luge to satisfy your sweet tooth! Best part is it is all FREE!

Warm Heart Market

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Community Center, 233 W. Main St.

Take a break from the outdoor activities and enjoy time spent inside browsing homemade and uniquely hand-crafted items and other merchandise at our market.

Winterval at the Library

12:00-4:00 p.m.

Allen County Public Library 900 Library Plaza

Stop by the Library's main branch to warm up and do a free, Winterval-inspired craft (while supplies last). Free event.

High School Pickleball Tourney

10:00 a.m.

McMillen Park Community Center
3901 Abbott St.

Follow WintervalFW on Facebook or visit the Winterval page at fortwayneparks.org for more details as they become available.

The Sport of Curling

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Fort Wayne Curling Club, 3837 N. Wells St.

Come try your hand at this Olympic sport! Liability waivers are required of all participants. Ages 8-adult. Free event.

Heartland Mushers

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Headwaters Park, 333 S. Clinton

Visit the Heartland Mushers sled dogs at Headwaters Park, next to the skating rink. Hope for snow and watch the dogs run with sleds in the park. Free event.

Winter Cozy: Fire & Ice

4:00-9:00 p.m.

Promenade Park, 202 W. Superior St.

Winterval 2025 wraps up with our annual Winter Cozy! This year's theme is Fire & Ice. Bundle up the family and join us at Promenade Park for a blend of warm and cool attractions including a live ice carving contest, floating firepits on the St. Marys River, live music in the 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. Winter Cozy is open to all ages this year and it's free (food and beverage is for purchase while supplies last).



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