

## Online Winter City YXE Asset Inventory

# WinterCityYXE: Saskatoon's Winter City Strategy



### Check Out What Our Winter City Already Has to Offer!

There is already so much to do in Saskatoon in the winter! From outdoor winter activities like skating and cross country skiing, to PotashCorp Wintershines, one of Canada's Best Winter Festivals, to attending a winter camp.

Want to get out of the cold? The Saskatoon [Civic Conservatory](#) offers is a free place to warm up! Or check out the City of Saskatoon Winter 2017 [Leisure Guide](#) for a listing of hundreds of indoor and outdoor winter activities!

#### Outdoor Recreational Facilities



Check out our [WinterCityYXE interactive map](#) that shows the locations of outdoor skating rinks, dog parks and other facilities. PLUS amenities to support these activities like public washrooms and places to warm up!

### Meewasin Trail

The [Meewasin Trail](#) is home to beautiful pathways that wind along the South Saskatchewan riverbank and displays stunning views of both downtown and the forested riverbank.

<http://meewasin.com/map/>

### Cross Country Ski Trails

[Kinsmen Ski Trail](#)

[Wildwood Ski Trail](#)

[Willows Ski Trails](#)

*The City of Saskatoon thanks the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club for their efforts in creating and maintaining the trails at these locations.*

### City Groomed Trails

Holiday Park Golf Course: Access at Avenue U South Outside loop 3.5 km double classic track & skating lane

Lower Meewasin Park: Access at Pinehouse & Whiteswan Drives Loop 4.8 km single classic track

Upper Meewasin Park: Access at Pinehouse and Whiteswan Drives Loop 3.4 km single classic track

Meewasin Park to Adilman buffer: Access at eastend of Adilman Drive or Meewasin Park 2 km single classic track

Diefenbaker Park: Access at Ruth Street & St. Henry Avenue 2.6 km single classic track

Forest Park: Access at Lowe Rd, Nelson Rd & Forest Dr. 3.0 km single classic track. Connecting link to Silverspring Park

Cross Country Ski Trails in Varsity View:

President Murray Park (Wiggins Avenue & Aird Street)

Grosvenor Park (Copland Crescent & Leslie Avenue)

### **River Landing**

River Landing is located on the banks of the beautiful South Saskatchewan River. In addition to the Meewasin Trail running through River Landing, an [Outdoor Adult Fitness Circuit](#) and Pavilion Building public washrooms are open all year round. A [Ceremonial Fire Vessel](#) is available for rent as a warming and gathering place.

***Do you have a winter facility you would like to add to our interactive map? [Email](#) (All submissions will be reviewed to ensure they fit within our Winter City Strategy themes prior to posting).***

### Outdoor Winter Events



### **November 19 – January 7: [Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour](#)**

For 18 years, the Enchanted Forest Holiday Light Tour has been making the winter season sparkle.

### **January 19 - 22: [Winterruption](#)**

Seven venues in Saskatoon are running more than 17 shows to give you a great reason to get out of your house in the longest, coldest, darkest month of the year. There will be music, comedy, podcasts and more.

### **January 28 – February 5: [PotashCorp Wintershines](#)**

Called one of Canada's Best Winter Festivals by the Globe and Mail, Wintershines

offers something for the whole family. From ice carving to winter camping to scavenger hunting at the snow park, the event is sure to warm your heart!

Activities include:

- Winter Camp in the City
- International Ice Carving Events
- Outdoor Petting Zoo
- Warm the Heart Soup Cookoff
- Wintershines Snow Park
- And more!

**January 29: [PotashCorp Skating Party](#)**

**February 4: [SRRA & STCI Wintershines Blizzard Triathlon](#)**

**February 5: [WinterFest and Skate with the Blades](#)**, hosted by the Lawson Heights Community Association

**February 12: [Hypo1/2](#)**

Join in the Hypothermic ½ Marathon

**February 11:** Free King George Winter Carnival (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm)

Skating, snowshoeing, crafts, bouncy castle, sleigh rides, hot dogs, coffee, hot chocolate and more!

**February 18 - 20: [Frosted Gardens at the Zoo](#).**

Open 10 am to 4 pm daily. Fee will be by donation.

The Professional Ice Carving Society of Saskatoon (PICSS) President, Peter Fogarty, is very pleased to have Frosted Gardens move to the Zoo. Come on out to the Forestry Farm Park & Zoo on Feb 18th through the 20th to enjoy viewing snow sculpture displays and various ice carvings. From 11 am to 3 pm each day you will see professional Live Ice Carving demonstrations.

Children aged 4 - 10 can enjoy the "Little Chippers" activity where they will have the opportunity to chip and carve their own ice sculpture. The fee for the Little Chippers activity is \$5 per child or \$8 for a family of 2 children. This activity will run every 1/2 hour which will be on a first come basis. Parental accompaniment is required.

Buckeye Café will have a satellite concession selling Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Cold Beverages and Cookies throughout the 3 day weekend!

The Paws Inn Gift Shop will be open 12 noon to 3:30 pm each day.

**February 20: [Saskatoon SCOA Globe Walk](#)**

Gather your team together for a walk in the park. 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo. Meet in front of the Superintendents Residence. Hot chocolate will be served! Call [306-651-2255](tel:306-651-2255)

**February 26:** East College Park Community Association - [Winter Day in the Park](#)

**February 26:** Montgomery Place Family Fun Day (2:00 to 4:00 pm)

Montgomery Place Community Association is hosting a Family Fun Day for its residents at the Montgomery Park Rink.

Residents are welcome to bring their sleds, skates, cross country skis and/or snowshoes for an afternoon of fun in the park. The event will include an official grand opening of the newly renovated Montgomery Park rink and a celebration of the volunteers who worked so hard to make it happen. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided at the rec building near the rink.

**February 20:** [Cameco Family Day Skating Party](#)

**March 4:** [South Nutana Park Winter Carnival](#)

South Nutana Park is partnering with the École Canadienne-Française to host a winter carnival that will feature curling, sleigh rides, snowshoeing and more!

**March 5:** [Brainfreeze](#)

Run the 5K, 10K or Half-marathon at the 2017 Brainfreeze by Brainsport.

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[Outdoor Programs and Activities](#)



## **Cross Country Skiing Events**

Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club hosts a number of skiing programs including:

- Grapefruit Cup races (Tuesday nights at Wildwood Golf Course in January and February)
- Saskatoon Loppet (5 - 50 km race)
- Sask Cup Races (provincial race series)
- Blind Skier Events

View the [full calendar](#) of events.

## **Cross Country Skiing Programs**

Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club programs include:

- Jackrabbits: 165 children (ages 3 - 12) enrolled in Skills Development programs
- A section for blind and low-vision skiers
- HiPer Adult (age 19+) race team
- HiPer Junior (ages 14 - 19) race team
- HiPer Youth (ages 8 - 14) race team
- Sunday and mid-week group ski to Eb's Trails and other locations
- Adult ski lessons

- Ski at School for grades 4, 5 & 6

View the [full calendar](#) of events.

### **FatBiking**

FatBiking, or snowbiking on 3.7-5 inch wide tires, is becoming a popular winter activity in Saskatoon and many recreational fat bike riders become winter commuters! The [Fatlanders](#) FatTire Brigade hosts a number of events and activities to try out the sport.

### **Kicksledding**

A kicksled consists of two skinny runners attached to a handle bar at about waist height. The runners have a rubberized spot to rest your foot and keep your balance and some have seats for transporting small children. You can even harness a dog to the sled and attach a brake.

### **Outdoor Running**

Get out and run and discover how great winter running can be!

Brainsport offers a [Run Academy Winter Session](#) where courses are interactive and fun filled. Great coaches provide training in healthy running techniques and injury prevention.

Saskatoon Roadrunners' Running Club offers ski and/or snowshoe crossing [training](#) Sundays at Holiday Park Golf Course

### **Tobogganing**

Diefenbaker Park and Pest Hill in the George D. Archibald Memorial Park North are great places for the whole family to toboggan. Parks, including Harold Tatler North and South in South Nutana Park, also have small tobogganing hills. <http://www.snpca.ca/>

There are also two [tobogganing](#) hills in Willowgrove University Heights.

### **Winter Kids Camp**

Book your kids into [winter camp](#) at Wanuskewin Heritage Park February 21-24, where they'll take guided trail walks, take part in archeology digs, build outdoor tipis and more!

### **Outdoor Public Art**

Winter is a great time explore Saskatoon's public art, both permanent and temporary.

These artworks particularly shine in winter:

- Land of Berries - Neon Light Installation by Tony Stallard, Joi Arcand, Joseph Naytowhow and Kenneth T Williams. Located on the North Side of Persephone Theatre
- Moose Jaw Trail by Jill Anholt & Susan Mavor – Located in Mark Thompson Park in Stonebridge

New public art installations coming this winter:

- An Eastern Dream of the West, Little Chief Station Riversdale. A lit sculptural installation of the shell of a boat by contemporary artist Jeremy Tsang
- Jason Gress, Broadway & Downtown - installation to be covered in ice as an ice-sculpture this winter.

[Browse our public art collection.](#)

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***Perform an online search for Winter Sports Equipment in Saskatoon to find a listing of retailers who rent equipment.***