

50 SNOW & WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

- Have a snowball fight.
- Go sledding — try making a DIY duct tape sled first!
- Go skating at an outdoor rink or pond.
- Build a snowman.
- Spray paint snow with food colouring and water-mix it up in a spray bottle. Maybe paint the snowman too!
- Make a snow maze.
- Make snow angels.
- Build a snow fort.
- Make animal snow sculptures and use twigs, berries, leaves or other nature bits to decorate.
- Blow bubbles and watch them freeze.
- Play a giant game of tic-tac-toe in the snow. Draw the board and use twigs and acorns as Xs and Os.
- Make rainbow sculptures with balloons.
- Take cake pans and muffin tins outside and use them as snow molds.
- Make different tracks in the snow. For example, point your feet out and stagger them to create tractor tire marks.
- Play football or soccer in the snow.
- Catch snowflakes on your tongue.
- Make snow ice cream.
- Play a game of bowling using snowballs.
- Measure fresh snowfall.
- Have a winter picnic.
- Make faces on tree trunks with snow.
- For big kids, try a game of icicle javelin-see who can throw the farthest without their icicle breaking.
- Make ice cube sculptures.
- Throw icicles on the ground and watch them smash.
- Play a game of snow golf — bury tin cans in the snow to be your holes.
- Measure your body with snowballs.
- Make a pyramid out of snowballs.
- Make ice moulds and suncatchers.
- Draw smiley faces on snow covered car windshields.
- Make and hang a bird feeder in the backyard.
- Have a sled-pulling contest.
- Have a snowball throwing contest.
- Play at a playground after a fresh snowfall.
- Have a contest to see who can roll the biggest snowball.
- Bury your legs in the snow.
- Paint the snow.
- Warm up around a winter campfire.
- Go on a hike.
- Have a scavenger hunt in the snow.
- Go skiing.
- Play a game of hockey.
- Go to a local ice sculpture garden! Or marvel at your local snowpeople!
- Shovel a neighbour's driveway or sidewalk. (If you're doing this one, wear a mask!)
- Go snowshoeing.
- Go snowmobiling.
- Roll in the snow then hop in a hot tub.
- Check out your local zoo or nature centre
- Go out searching for animal tracks after a fresh snowfall.
- Build a snow catapult with a piece of wood for launching snowballs.
- Write your name in the snow, like you would on a beach.

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