
MUSKOKA OUTINGS

WINTER FESTIVALS & BEYOND 2026

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Muskoka Winter Festivals

Winter in Muskoka is anything but sleepy. It's a season full of festive energy, thanks to its iconic winter festivals. These events bring communities together for weekends of snowy excitement, cozy charm, and starry nights. It's a time to put on your winter gear, bundle up, and venture outside for bright, cheerful winter afternoons, crisp star-filled nights, amusements galore and long-lasting memories.

January 30 - March 8
Fridays & Saturdays
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sundays
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Huntsville SnowFest

Cedar Canoe Book's Ice Rink at River Mill Park

The community is invited to celebrate the magic of winter under a canopy of sparkling lights. River Mill Park will become a glowing hub of activity filled with music, laughter, and unforgettable seasonal experiences. Each weekend features themed events designed to engage visitors of all ages, combining skating, entertainment, and winter treats in an illuminated setting that transforms the rink into a winter wonderland.



Funky Fridays – Glow Nights on Ice

The weekend begins with a burst of energy and colour. Skaters will glide under black lights and LED displays, surrounded by rhythmic beats from a live DJ and dazzling light shows. Funky Fridays deliver a high-energy, immersive experience that turns the ice rink into a neon dance floor beneath the twinkling lights.

Silverscreen Saturdays – Skate-in Movie Nights

Saturday nights invite families and friends to skate into the movies. Guests can enjoy classic and contemporary films projected rink side while characters mingle and popcorn flows. The canopy of lights sets the perfect cinematic glow, blending the joy of skating with the magic of the big screen.

Sundae Fun Days – Sweet Sundays on Ice

Sundays bring a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere featuring build-your-own ice cream sundaes, lighthearted games, and cheerful music. Under the daytime shimmer of the overhead lights, visitors can savour sweet treats, skate, and share a final dose of weekend fun.



Muskoka Winter Festivals – Continued

Saturday, January 31
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bracebridge Fire & Ice Festival

The “FIRE” features include performances by talented fire artists and a spectacular fireworks display. Warm up around the many fire pits throughout the festival and enjoy a classic Muskoka treat, on a open fire. The “ICE” features include interactive ice displays, ice sculpture carvings and ice skating.



Memorial Park

Kimberley Avenue to Mary Street & Rene Caisse Lane
Skating trail, kids try-it snowshoeing, axe throwing, interactive rhythmic drum circle, Great Canadian Lumberjack show, ice sculpting demonstration, scales nature park at the Centre for Active Living and biergarten at Bracebridge Hall.

Midtown Activities

Mary Street to Taylor Road
Pancake breakfast and indoor activity centre at Bracebridge United Church, downtown tube run and mini tube slide

Downtown Activities

Taylor Road to Ontario Street
Busker shows, kids carnival games, kids try-it mini curling, mini putt, kids fun zone, campfire & roast marshmallows, maple taffy and cupcake decorating, warm up in an 80's inspired ski lodge at Bracebridge Hall and Muskoka Drag Royalty Show at Griffin Pub.

End the Day with FIREWORKS AT THE SILVER BRIDGE



Muskoka Winter Festivals – Continued

Saturday, February 7
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 8
8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Kearney Dog Sled Races

An unforgettable weekend of family fun and winter spirit as the dogs take over the streets of Kearney. Please leave your pets at home and avoid petting the race dogs but visit the “Pet-a-Pup Pitstop” at the entrance to the vendors market. They want every spectator, musher, and furry friend to have the most positive experience possible.

The races drawing teams and mushers from Alaska, Quebec, Manitoba, Ontario and the North Eastern and Central States. Kearney hosts more than 70 competitive mushers along with novice and future mushers. This tradition has been running annually since 1994.

Five race classes of different distances for the professional or beginner musher trek through the beautiful northern wilderness. The I-Kid-Arod race for mini-mushers aged 5 - 12 years always gets great response from the crowd as they cheer on the participants.



Outdoor Activities

Races begin at 9:00 a.m. at the main staging area across from the Legion and run through the forested area around Kearney. Between races there is lots to enjoy.

The Scavenger Hunt

Pick up your first clue at the souvenir's table and head off throughout the racing grounds to learn more about sled dog sports, mushing, and the history of the race. Have fun while you explore the dog yard.

Market Place Vendors

Various vendors will be on the back patio of the Legion, selling items ranging from apparel, jewelry, pet products, souvenirs, and more. Come and visit them at their tents, then warm up by the bonfire.

Dog Sled Rides (Adults \$25, Children \$20)

A great family activity, provided by Abitibi Sled Dogs, on a first come first serve basis, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. both race days.

Indoors at Kearney's Royal Canadian Legion

Come and check out the fantastic silent auction, with great donated items and have the kids enter the colouring contest.

Souvenir Stand

A wide variety of Kearney Dog Sled merchandise is available, pick up a sweater, t-shirt, or stuffed husky to take home.

Wendy's Kitchen

Breakfast and lunch will be available on both days. Join the mushers and handlers at 5:30 p.m. for “Pints and Prizes” after Day 1 of racing. Dinner will also be served on Saturday night.

The Sunday Musher's Banquet is held at the Kearney Community Centre. Tickets available for handlers and spectators at the door.

Muskoka Winter Festivals – Continued

Friday, February 13
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 14
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 15
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Gravenhurst Winter Carnival

Family Day Weekend

The Gravenhurst Winter Carnival is a cherished annual tradition in the heart of Muskoka, celebrating the magic of winter with fun for all ages. This family-friendly event offers exciting activities like the demolition derby, Skokie's birthday party, cardboard box races, and snow sculptures. Enjoy yummy food, live entertainment and unique games that brings the community together. The carnival captures the joy of winter while showcasing Gravenhurst's vibrant spirit. Whether you're a fan of winter sports or cozy festivities, the Winter Carnival is a must for unforgettable seasonal fun.



Meet Skokie – Official Winter Carnival Mascot

When the Carnival started, in 1971, an elementary school contest was held and Skokie the Otter became the Winter Carnival's official mascot. This year Skokie will be 56 years old, join us on the Friday for a super-fun birthday party. Keep an eye out for Skokie throughout the weekend because Skokie will be checking out all the activities and would love to meet you. So come over to say hi, share a high-five or have your picture taken with this lovable mascot.

2026 Schedule is not yet available, however it will be similar to their 2025 schedule below.

Friday, February 13
5:00 p.m.

Skokie's Birthday Party

Terry Fox Auditorium
Free pizza, cake, & fun.
Stay for a movie starting at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 14
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Winter Carnival

Gull Lake Rotary Park
Skokie's funland, polar dip, escape room, and snow mountain.

8:00 p.m.

The Skokiedelic Dance

Sawdust City Brewing Co

Sunday, February 15
10:00 a.m.

Brent & Sarah Magic Show

Gravenhurst Opera House
A laugh riot from beginning to end.

2:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Demolition Derby

Severn Bridge Fairgrounds
Where metal meets mayhem.

Muskoka Winter Festivals – Continued

Saturday, February 14
10.00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Algonquin Park Winter in the Wild Festival Family Day Weekend

This family-friendly festival celebrates winter in Algonquin Park through indoor events at the Visitor Centre and outdoor activities held at various locations. The festival includes skating, guided snowshoe excursions, winter camping demonstrations and more. Events are free with a daily vehicle permit.



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10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Guided Winter Bird Walk

Spruce Bog Boardwalk Trail (km 42.5)

Look and listen for some of the “Algonquin Specialties” such as Canada Jay, Spruce Grouse and Boreal Chickadee.

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wildlife Snowshoe Excursion

Visitor Centre Main Parking Lot (km 43.0)

Led by a Park Naturalist, discover what Algonquin wildlife is active in winter, while exploring infrequently travelled areas by snowshoe.

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Algonquin for Kids

Visitor Centre

Join Discovery Program staff to tackle a set of challenges, and uncover the secret to surviving Algonquin's snowy season.

12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Animal Winter Adaptations

Visitor Centre

Explore some of Algonquin's incredible wildlife through different artifacts and objects. Bring your questions, pictures, and stories.

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A Creatures' Guide to Skipping Winter with David LeGros

Visitor Centre Theatre

Winter is an extremely challenging season for wildlife. Many species of animals have found ingenious ways to survive winter, and some of them even sleep through it, but is it as cozy as it sounds? Find out how some Algonquin Park animals spend the winter.

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Friends of Algonquin Park's Ski Social

Old Railway Bike Trail Parking Lot (km 30.8)

Learn about cross-country skiing in Algonquin Park then as a group, cross-country ski through the Old Airfield. Afterwards those who would like, can continue skiing along the Old Railway Trail.

Muskoka Winter Festivals – Continued



2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Algonquin Park Winter in the Wild Festival – Continued **Wildlife Snowshoe Excursion**

Visitor Centre Main Parking Lot (km 43.0)

Led by a Park Naturalist, discover what Algonquin wildlife is active in winter, while exploring infrequently travelled areas by snowshoe. Instruction will also be provided on snowshoeing techniques.

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Winter Camping Demonstrations

Mew Lake Campground (km 30.8)

Algonquin Park is open to both car camping and back-country camping year round. Experienced Bongopix Tavern campers will be on hand to answer your questions and to demonstrate various styles of accommodations and gear.

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ice Skating, Campfire, and Barbecue

Mew Lake Campground

Roast a marshmallow, sip hot chocolate, and get warmed by the fire. Bring your skates and try out the Mew Lake Campground skating rink. There will be a charity barbecue dinner available for sale featuring hot dogs (\$3) plus beef and veggie burgers (\$5).

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Night Hike

Mew Lake Campground

After a fireside introduction to Algonquin Park wildlife, join the Discovery Program staff on a walk into the woods to explore the sights and sounds, while checking out the starry-night sky.

Muskoka Winter Festivals – Continued

Friday, February 13
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 14
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival

Family Day Weekend

Families unite for a weekend of winter excitement that includes an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, annual Dorset Snowball Parade and a family skating party.

Friday Night

Family Skate Party at the Dorset Ice Palace with music, a campfire and hot chocolate.



Saturday

Pancake breakfast at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Snowball Parade on Main Street and Opening ceremonies. A wide variety of activities follow, including horse-drawn wagon rides, Great Canadian Lumberjack shows, wild life caller, face painting, cardboard toboggan races, a hockey shoot-out, inflatable axe throwing, maze, Zorb bumper balls, silent auction and great food. Get a virtual taste of adventure with the sights, sounds, and thrill of real a Dog Sled tour.

Snowball wraps up with Hockey Night at the Dorset Ice Palace. Cheer on Dorset vs Lake of Bays as they play for the Dorset Cup.



Monday, February 16
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Friday, February 20
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 21
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 22
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Baysville Winterfest

Family Day

Tons of fun in just one day, kids activities & entertainment, pancake breakfast, live music, outdoor games, free hot chocolate & hot dogs, chainsaw carving demo, donuts on a string and figure skating show.

Port Carling Winterfest

Port Carling celebrates winter in style, with activities, games and challenges. Fish & Chips dinner, skating Hanna Park trail, horse & wagon rides, donut eating contest, chili cook-off, log sawing, polar bear dip, hockey game, spaghetti dinner and snow snake throwing!



Sandhill Forest of Light



December 1, 2025 – March 15, 2026
Open Daily 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
By Pre-Purchased Tickets Only
\$20.00

Step into an illuminated forest filled with thousands of dazzling lights, enchanting sounds, and stunning displays. Go beyond the familiar and into a realm where time and light intertwine. You will journey on a path that winds through the heart of the forest, a cerebral walk, designed to touch your soul and ignite your imagination.

Winter at Sandhill is about getting outside, taking your time, and enjoying the grounds in a whole new way. The \$5.00 Winter Activity Pass gives you access to skating, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing during regular Sandhill hours, with rentals available in the store. Moments will feel especially wondrous once the lights come on.

Skate in the heart of the garden centre, during the day, it's bright and open, in the evening it becomes something quieter and more magical as the lights glow overhead.

Snowshoeing at Sandhill is about wandering and discovery. Guests are welcome to explore the grounds freely in snowshoes, and to walk the Forest of Light path during off hours, taking in the scenery from a new perspective.

Cross-country designated paths offers a gentle way to move through the landscape. It's perfect for a peaceful glide, a bit of fresh air, and taking in the quiet beauty of winter.

Guided Frosted Adventures

Choose from a variety of programs led by four expert guides, with some equipment included. This offers an easy, immersive way to experience Muskoka's winter landscape.

Starlight Guided Snowshoe – With Robin Tapley
January 10, 24, 31, February 14, 28 at 6:00 p.m.
\$50.00



Winter Snowshoe Nature Hike – With Phil McRoberts
February 1, 15, 16, 28, March 7, 8
\$50.00

Winter Stargazing Adventure – With Phil McRoberts
February 15, 27, 28, March 6, 7
\$25.00



Stargazing & Storytelling – With Emara Streich
January 16, 31, February 15, 27, March 13, 14 at 7:00 p.m.
\$15.00

Clan Talk & Walk – With Emily Porter
January 10 & February 7 at 1:00 p.m.
\$25.00

Star Stories & Smudging – With Emily Porter
January 10 & February 7 at 7:00 p.m.
\$25.00

Natural Winter Wonders



Ragged Falls is always a remarkable destination near Algonquin Park, and it's even more enchanting in winter. As the Oxtongue River slows down, the falls partially freeze transforming them into a dreamy wonderland of dramatic ice structures. Picture jagged icicles glistening in the sun and a blanket of snow making everything look like a postcard. Snowshoe or hike the short trail to the falls for a view that captures Muskoka's wild, rugged beauty at its best.

Limberlost Forest & Wildlife Reserve transforms into a serene, snowy wonderland. Twenty private lakes freeze over, creating beautiful, silent landscapes with sites like Buck Lake, Clear Lake and Hickory Lake offering stunning winter scenes. The pristine environment is excellent for finding animal tracks in the snow, with opportunities to see deer, porcupines, and other forest creatures. The vast mixed forest, with snow dusting branches and quiet trails, offers a true escape, making it ideal for peaceful exploration amidst natural beauty.

Huckleberry Rock Lookout just outside of Port Carling is known for its panoramic views of Lake Muskoka, and winter only enhances the magic. Though it's a bit of a climb, the reward is a sweeping view of Muskoka blanketed in snow. To make the climb easier, to one of the highest points in the area, bring your snowshoes. Huckleberry Rock Lookout is particularly beautiful at sunset where you can gaze over forests, frozen lakes, and rolling snow-covered hills.

Hardy Lake where icy cascades and frosty pathways create a picture-perfect escape in Muskoka. Hardy Lake Provincial Park, near Torrance, is a favourite among locals and visitors alike, and its trails are stunning year-round. In winter, the park's lake and rocky outcrops turn into a winter wonderland. The rugged trail loops around Hardy Lake, offering several lookouts. Bring snowshoes or ice cleats to make the winter adventure that much easier.

Torrance Barrens Dark Sky Preserve, just west of Gravenhurst, is the world's first permanent Dark Sky Preserve and is world renown for its astronomical value. The vast expanses of Canadian Shield bedrock provide an unobstructed surface from which to observe the sky, offering a 360° panoramic view of the cosmos. Few places in the world offer such an accessible opportunity for spectacular stargazing and aurora viewing. The winter months are prime times to view the Northern Lights due to darker skies and cold, clear weather.

Ontario 55+ Winter Games

A Winter Sports Spectacular, over 1,000 dynamic athletes from across Ontario will converge on picturesque Huntsville to compete in 11 thrilling winter sports and 3* demonstration sports. Competitions will take place at 15 carefully selected venues throughout Huntsville and the surrounding area, from Sundridge to Gravenhurst, ensuring athletes compete in top-quality facilities. These accomplished seniors will inspire spectators and fellow participants alike with their dedication, skill, and sportsmanship.

Tuesday, February 3 Registration, Opening Ceremony and Celebrity Skate Show starring Kurt Browning.
Wednesday, February 4 Day 1 of Sporting Events and a "Middle Night" social event.
Thursday, February 5 Day 2 of Sporting Events, concluding with Medal Ceremonies.



Sport	Venues
Alpine Skiing	Hidden Valley Highlands Ski Area
Nordic Skiing	Arrowhead Provincial Park
Hockey	Canada Summit Centre, Lake of Bays Community Centre Arena, Muskoka Lumber Community Centre (Bracebridge), Gravenhurst Arena
Curling	Huntsville Curling Club, South Muskoka (Bracebridge) Curling Club, Lake of Bays Curling Club
Stick Curling	Lake of Bays Curling Club
Prediction Skating	Sundridge Arena
Volleyball	Huntsville High School Bracebridge & Muskoka Lakes Secondary School
Badminton	Bracebridge & Muskoka Lakes Secondary School
Table Tennis	Huntsville Royal Canadian Legion
Contract Bridge	Deerhurst Resort
Duplicate Bridge	Deerhurst Resort
Fat Bike Racing*	Deerhurst Resort
Figure Skating*	Armour Ryerson & Burk's Falls Memorial Arena
Snowshoe Racing*	Arrowhead Provincial Park

Muskoka Winter Sports

Muskoka doesn't hibernate it transforms into a winter sports haven with activities like ice skating on forest trails, extensive snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and snowboarding, snowmobiling across vast groomed trails, traditional ice fishing and the newer fat biking, all offering a diverse, picturesque Canadian winter experience for all ages and skill levels, with rentals available at many locations. All winter activities are weather dependent.

Ice Skating Trails

Check out two amazing skating trails, both with their own unique twist to this age-old Canadian pastime or try the quainter local trails at Dwight Beach, Memorial Park in Bracebridge and the 200m trail at Hanna Park in Port Carling.



Arrowhead Ice Skating Trail

This magical fairy tale skate through the Canadian forest, was named one of the world's most stunning natural rinks by Travel + Leisure. The 1.3 km ice skating trail winds through the thick Muskoka forest and is a winter experience like no other. If you get to skate the loop after a fluffy snowfall, consider yourself in luck. Being surrounded on all sides by snow-covered evergreen trees is an absolutely stunning sight, and one that you won't soon forget.

Cranberry Ice Trail

Muskoka Lakes Farm & Winery, Bala

Skate a 1.2 km loop around 12 acres of cranberries. With forest on one side and cranberry beds on the other, this is a one-of-a-kind experience. Head back to the winery for hot mulled wine or hot cran-apple cider. Every Saturday night, they light the trail with 400 tiki torches for Light the Night skating. There is also an acre of bog hockey skating on frozen cranberries, which can be set up as 4 pond hockey surfaces.

Outdoor Skating Rinks

Cedar Canoe Book's Ice Rink at River Mill Park in downtown Huntsville transforms winter into a magical playground for families and visitors alike. The unmonitored rink is open daily, and becomes an enchanted outdoor venue each evening as a sparkling canopy of lights illuminates the ice until 9 pm. (see Winter Festivals)

Lions Lookout is a beautiful, large outdoor rink in Huntsville behind the Canada Summit Centre.

Dwight Outdoor Rink is open seasonally with lighting for evening use.

Dorset Ice Palace outdoor rink is maintained by the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Baysville Outdoor Rink is located near the Baysville dam.

Annie Williams Park in Bracebridge, has two areas, one for purely skating, the other for hockey.

Wharf Sports Field Gravenhurst, has two outdoor ice surfaces and Boston Pizza has a rink just outside its patio, open to the public.

Clear Lake Brewing Torrance, this is a labour of love built and maintained by staff, friends and neighbours. It is open to everyone, for use during brewery hours (9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

Muskoka Winter Sports – Continued

Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing

Winter in Muskoka is a season like no other, where forests, lakes, and waterfalls transform into breathtaking landscapes of snow and ice. As temperatures drop, Muskoka's trails become peaceful, powdery paths, and waterfalls freeze into sparkling cascades of ice. These natural wonders offer unforgettable adventures for snowshoers, hikers, and cross-country skiers alike.



Top Spots for All Levels

Arrowhead Provincial Park Huntsville, is the premier destination with over 30km of groomed ski trails (classic & skate) and marked snowshoe trails, plus rentals and off-trail options.

Limberlost Forest & Wildlife Reserve Hillside, offers over 70km of complimentary trails for all abilities, with stunning views from loops like Buck Lake.

Muskoka Lakes Farm & Winery Bala, has 10km of picturesque snowshoe trails winding through vineyards, with a mix of easy and advanced options.

Scenic & Nature Focussed

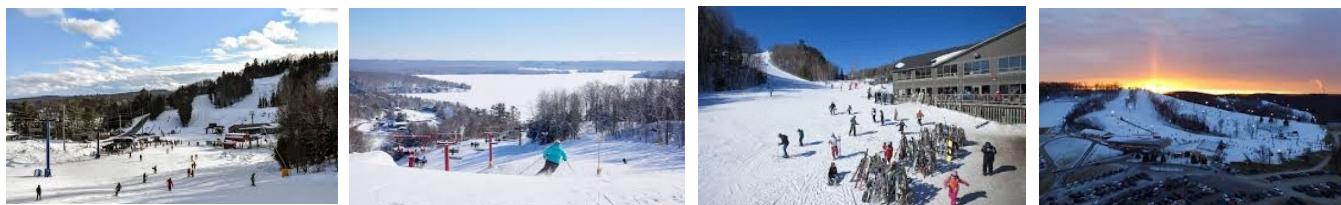
Frost Centre Dorset, is known for wildlife tracking with 22km of trails, including scenic loops around St. Nora Lake, great for observing animal tracks.

Hardy Lake Provincial Park Muskoka Lakes, offers rugged, beautiful loops around the lake with great lookouts, requiring snowshoes or cleats.

Bracebridge Resource Management Centre, a local favourite with 16.5km of groomed, track-set trails for skiing and snowshoeing.

Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding

Hidden Valley Highlands Ski Area Huntsville, is Muskoka's one and only ski hill ideal for downhill skiers of all levels with eleven runs, 3 lifts and a dedicated beginner area. It's challenging enough for an avid skier or snowboarder, while still being a great place for those who are new to the sport. There's a terrain park, kids camps, childcare, as well as ski & snowboard instruction and rentals. Ski & Stay packages are available from Deerhurst Resort and Hidden Valley Resort, both right next door to the ski hill. Book an overnight package with lift tickets included. The hill typically opens mid-December until March Break. Sundays & Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Muskoka Winter Sports – Continued

Snowmobiling (Riders need an OFSC permit)

Hundreds of kilometres of marked, groomed trails connect the region, perfect for exploring snowy landscapes and enjoying the horsepower. Gas up your sled and ride along Muskoka's renowned snowmobile trails this winter. With some of Ontario's most unbelievable scenery and over 1,000 kms of groomed snowmobile trails that link the northern and southern parts of the province, you won't regret the decision to hop on!



The Lake Muskoka Magic Tour, a leisurely day ride (approximately 125 km) around glorious Lake Muskoka. Start your tour at the Muskoka Wharf in Gravenhurst. This incredibly scenic loop takes you through Torrance, Bala, Port Carling, Bracebridge, and Gravenhurst, with services easily accessible throughout these communities. Don't miss the opportunity to take the small excursion to Huckleberry Rock Lookout and take in one of Muskoka's most famous views.

The Lake of Bays Watch Tour let's you explore a different part of Muskoka and makes a satisfying day ride (approximately 200 km) through Lake of Bays and the Huntsville area. Tour highlights include impressive ice cliffs, the historic Big East River Bridge, the beautiful Oxtongue Rapids and the stirring Dyer Memorial. This scenic loop takes you through Baysville and Dorset, and close to Huntsville and Dwight.

The Round Algonquin Park (RAP) Tour if you've got the time and are really looking for adventure, you won't want to miss out. Known as the granddaddy of all snowmobile tours, this 850 km loop of Ontario's world-famous Algonquin Park appears on the bucket list of most sledders, and for good reason. By far the most popular loop in Ontario, many return year after year to get their fix. Sleddable in three to five days, depending on how hard you want to ride, the tour takes you through a varied range of Muskoka's signature terrain, from winding trails through thick maple forests to wide open straightaway corridors and rolling hills. Sledders will find themselves welcomed by the many local businesses, restaurants, gas stations, and providers of accommodations along the way. If you spend the first and last night of your trip at one of Muskoka's welcoming resorts, you will be more than welcome to leave your sled trailer parked on their premises for the duration of your trip.



Muskoka Winter Sports – Continued

Ice Fishing

Enjoy the classic Canadian winter activity with resorts offering huts, gear, and guides. Muskoka is home to many fish species including lake trout, smallmouth bass, whitefish, pickerel and perch in its frozen lakes.



Muskoka Shores Cottages on Three Mile Lake, Muskoka Lakes, has ice huts available for daily rentals, as well as an overnight ice fishing package complete with cottage accommodation and ice hut rental.

Bondi Cottage Resort on Lake of Bays. Enjoy the open-air or fish in your own pop-up hut when conditions permit. They also have two four-person ice huts with propane heaters, which are subject to availability in the winter.

Fat Biking

Explore snowy Muskoka trails on two extra-wide wheels, Fat biking is one of the greatest winter activities you can get into, and it is so simple to do. No other winter activity has grown in popularity as much as fat biking in recent years. Liv Outside in Bracebridge has rentals and trails on-site, and Algonquin Outfitters in Huntsville has bikes for rent with trails nearby.



Curling



For over 125 years Curling has been one of the best winter activities available in Muskoka. If you've never played before, don't fret many clubs offer beginner programs that teaches you the fundamentals of curling in a fun and engaging way, with equipment provided. The goal is to transition you into one or more of the club leagues, should you wish to continue on, range from competitive to purely social and fun leagues. Expect a friendly atmosphere with events, bonspiels, and clubhouses for relaxing. Muskoka Curling Clubs include Huntsville, Port Carling, South Muskoka (Bracebridge), Bala, and Baysville.

Maple Time in Muskoka



March and April across Muskoka means it's time for the spring harvest marking the end of winter and the start of warmer weather, longer days, and of course, the collection of our cherished maple syrup. Its deliciously, sweet bounty is synonymous with our Canadian heritage and sap buckets hanging from a maple tree one of the most iconic images of an entire era. The Muskoka Maple Experiences are a collection of essential maple activities, including hiking the sugar bush, maple breakfasts, maple baked goodies, maple beer and maple-inspired dining.

Sugarbush Hill Maple Farm

First Weekend in April

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Maple Weekend

A state-of-the-art 3,200 tap, wood fired, maple sugaring operation south of Huntsville in the heart of Muskoka. Follow the Sugarbush hiking trail, view maple artifacts in the Heritage Cabin, see pioneer kettle boiling display, and enjoy creemees (a soft serve vanilla ice cream made with their pure maple syrup), and everything else Maple: donuts, cotton candy, taffy-on-snow, end it all roasting marshmallows.

Muskoka Lakes Farm & Winery

During maple season warm up to their unique maple flavours, Maple Mulled Wine or a Hot Sheila (spiced cranberry) even their gourmet grilled cheese gets a makeover with maple cheddar, maple caramelized onion and maple dipping sauce.

Easter Weekend

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Maple Mayhem

Three days of "big kid" Easter fun with pancakes, scavenger hunt, sugar bush wagon tours, wine & beer tasting, maple cheese fondue, fireside adventures, lumberjack games, live music & more.

Back of Beyond

Early March to the end of April

\$175.00 +

The Maple Bush Wagon Ride

A private, horse drawn sleigh or wagon ride is one of the coolest ways to see the maple bush while making lasting family memories. Follow in the footsteps of Muskoka's original settlers, keeping an eye out for sap buckets hanging from the sugar maple trees. The wagon ride takes approximately 35 minutes, the total experience 1.5 hours.

Muskoka Maple Festival

Saturday April 25

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Downtown Huntsville

A family friendly event that celebrates the culmination of the maple harvest in Muskoka packed full day of fun activities, vendors, displays, live music, street performers, wood carving demos, drum circle and, most importantly delicious food. Discover pure maple syrup, maple beer, and unique maple inspired dishes from sweet to savoury at local restaurants, bakeries and cafés.

Kiwanis Sap Run

A safe and fun event for kids, ages 3 to 13.

Rotary Pancake Breakfast

3 pancakes, 3 sausages, 1 beverage, also a kid's size.



Maple Taffy on Snow

Sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Muskoka.

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Additional Community Events



Monday, January 12 to
Wednesday, January 14
Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
\$45.00

Saturday, January 24
4:00 p.m.
\$40.00

Sunday, January 25
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
\$50.00

Wednesday, January 28
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
\$70.00

Saturday, January 31
12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday, February 6
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
\$80.00

A Plate, A Pint and A Play

Huntsville Brewhouse

Join us for a night of theatre, food & fun. The ticket includes a dinner, a 16oz. pint or 5 oz. glass of wine, and following dinner, you'll be entertained by four ten-minute plays by local directors and actors.

Rabbie Burns Celebration

Huntsville Royal Canadian Legion

Join The Cameron of Lochiel Pipe and drum band as they host an evening of Scottish food and entertainment.

Muskoka Loppet

Arrowhead Provincial Park

A classic cross-country race for all ages and abilities. A loppet is a Scandinavian term for a large, festive, long-distance cross-country ski event, combining competitive racing with recreational participation.

Women Of Winter

Arrowhead Provincial Park

A fun day for women of all ages and abilities to get together and enjoy winter. Start with a lesson in the morning, followed by lunch, a guest speaker and an afternoon activity of your choice, including Arrowhead Adventure, biathlon, hok skiing, ice skating, yoga, or guided skiing.

Curling Day in Canada

The Huntsville Curling Club is celebrating 125 Years on Curling Day and all are welcome to a fun, themed day of games, learning to curl and a special broadcast from The Sports Network. Other clubs in Muskoka will be hosting events as part of the national celebration.

River Mill Park

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Crokinole, try out the new giant curling/crokinole hybrid game and see a giant inflatable curling stone.

Huntsville Curling Club

2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Open House: "Throw Your First Rock," family activities, kids' corner, and a history display.

Canada's Big Shootout: Club members compete in a national contest. Junior & Celebrity Games.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

TSN will be broadcasting live this anniversary and will be highlighting the club's events and the Town of Huntsville.

6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

125th Celebration continues.

Palette & Pour

Canvas Brewing Company

Hospice Huntsville Event. A Mardi Gras themed celebration featuring: an exciting art challenge, live music by Tobin Spring Trio, delicious appetizers by Chef Spencer, live auction and a Wine Cork Pull.

Additional Winter Events – Continued



Saturday, February 7
12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
\$20.00



Tap Takeover Beerfest

Canvas Brewing

A day full of beer, food, live music and games, as Canvas turns over the taps to other Ontario Breweries with 20 different beers.

Saturday, February 7
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
\$10.00

2026 Muskoka Wedding Show

Muskoka Discovery Centre

This is the perfect opportunity to explore a wide variety of local vendors, all ready to help plan a dream Muskoka wedding. From stunning floral arrangements and elegant decor, to photography, catering, and entertainment.

Monday, February 16 to
Saturday, February 21
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Snowshoeing at the Village

Muskoka Heritage Place

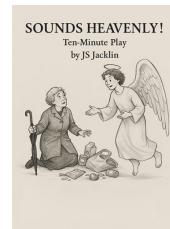
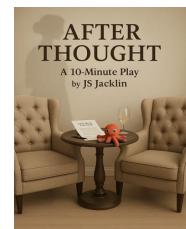
Join us for free snowshoeing in the wintry wonderland of the Pioneer Village as part of Family Day and Heritage Week. Registration is required, with a limited number of snowshoes available to borrow.

Thursday, March 26 &
Friday, March 27
7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 28
3:00 p.m.
\$30.00

Tea, Tarts & Tenners

Pioneer Memorial Church, Hillside

Presented by Down by the Bay, in celebration of World Theatre Day. Enjoy five ten-minute plays, alongside tea & tarts. The plays are funny thought-provoking and deeply human, offering sharp insight into the human condition in a compact and engaging format.



Saturday, April 5
12:15 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Free

Easter Egg Hunt

Muskoka Heritage Place

Embark on a chocolate treasure hunt and search for the golden egg! Thousands of chocolate eggs are hidden around the Pioneer Village and Kids are split into age groups for egg hunting. In addition to providing all the eggs, those who find the golden eggs get a special prize from the Nutty Chocolatier.

Saturday, June 6 &
Sunday, June 7
3:00 p.m.
Donation Encouraged

Muskoka Music Mix

"An Afternoon of Harmony"

Bracebridge United Church on Saturday.

Huntsville Trinity United Church on Sunday.

An afternoon of a cappella harmony featuring the Muskoka Music Mix chorus, plus the Accidentals, Makin' Waves, and Two Four Time quartets.

Weekly Huntsville Events – January through March

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Big Dumb Face Trivia Huntsville Brewhouse	
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. \$15.00	Muskoka Senior's Lunch Various Local Restaurants	
11:30 a.m. \$10.00	Hot Lunch Lake of Bays Garden Centre sponsored by Stewart Memorial United	
12:00 p.m. Free	Community Lunch Trinity United	
Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Live Music Huntsville Brewhouse	
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Trivia Canvas Brewing (1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd Thursdays) Music Bingo (4 th Thursday)	
Friday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Live Music Canvas Brewing	
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Open Mic Night Smokin' Hot BBQ	
7:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.	Karaoke Music On Main	
Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Live Music Canvas Brewing	
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Live Music Smokin' Hot BBQ	
7:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.	Karaoke Music on Main	
1st Tuesday 11:30 a.m. \$15.00	Muskoka Seniors Luncheon Faith Baptist	
2nd Friday 11:30 a.m. \$3.00 to \$10.00	Souper Sandwich Trinity United	
3rd Thursday 12:00 p.m. by Donation	Senior's Community Lunch. Salvation Army	

Huntsville Festival of the Arts & Algonquin Theatre

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Thursday, January 29
\$60.00

Hotel California – The Original Tribute To The Eagles (Canada)

For over three decades now they have been recreating the legendary sound of the Eagles, and thrilling audiences all over the world. The band set the bar in 1986, and they've remained the industry leading substitute for The Eagles ever since.

Blue Rodeo

Don't miss this unforgettable celebration of four decades of songs, stories, and the road in between. From their roots in the Toronto club scene to becoming national icons, creating the soundtrack to countless Canadian lives — and they're not done yet.

Abbamania

This all Canadian cast is rated as the number one Abba production and largest in the world. It will take you back in time, recreating Abba during their heyday, with authentic costumes and incredible vocals. Special Guest the Musical Production of the Bee Gees with Night Fever.

Frozen In Time

Join your two Favourite princesses for a magical afternoon. This event will be filled with storytelling and singing along to all your favourite songs! A perfect family get together, everyone is encouraged to come dressed as their favourite prince, princess, character or even villain.

Friday, January 30 &
Saturday, January 31
Deerhurst - Legacy Hall
8:00 p.m.
HfA \$100.00

Friday, February 6
\$55.00

Saturday, February 7
11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
\$35.00

Thursday, February 12
- Saturday, February 14
2:00 p.m.
\$30.00

Saturday, February 21
HfA \$65.00

Sunday, February 22
HfA \$50.00

Saturday, February 28
7:00 p.m.
\$45.00



Dismissed

Partnership of Huntsville Theatre Company & North Star Entertainment Dismissed takes you behind the closed doors of the teacher's lounge at Central Collegiate Elementary, a world buzzing with drama, heart and humour.

Red Hot Chilli Pipers

This 9-piece powerhouse Celtic rock band blends traditional Scottish tunes with rock anthems in a high-octane show that's toured the globe. Bagpipes with attitude, drums with a Scottish accent and hectic highland flings create an unforgettable Highland fusion.

The Maple Blues Revue

This first rate Canadian Blues Show featuring three dynamic vocalists, Jay Douglas, Suzie Vinnick & Samantha Martin of Delta Sugar, with an outstanding nine piece band. All members of the Revue are multiple Maple Blues Award & Juno Award winners and nominees.

Muskoka's Got Talent

Are you ready for Muskoka's Got Talent 2026 as the Top 10 Finalists step into the spotlight. Who will impress the judges, wow the crowd, and take home the \$1,500 grand prize?

Huntsville Festival of the Arts & Algonquin Theatre – Continued



Thursday, March 5
HfA \$50.00

Saturday, March 7
\$55.00

Saturday, March 21
\$50.00

Saturday, March 28
\$50.00



Friday, April 10 & 17
Saturday, April 11 & 18
7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Sunday, April 12 & 19
2:00 p.m.

Friday, April 25
HfA \$55.00

Saturday, April 26
2:00 p.m.
HfA \$60.00

Tuesday, May 5
HfA \$65.00

What You Won't Do For Love

A hybrid live-theatre and film performance starring Dr. David Suzuki and his life partner of 50 years, Dr. Tara Cullis. They reflect on their romantic relationship and their shared adventures and advocacy for the environment. Can we learn to love the planet as much as people?

Queen's Court

This all Canadian production features Sean Hauk and is backed by studio musicians that recreate the songs of Freddie Mercury and Queen. Each song performed exactly as the original recordings, note for note and amazing vocals.

Grace, 2 – Celebrating The Tragically Hip

To truly honour the spirit of Gord Downie and the enduring legacy of The Tragically Hip, we must use the power of their music to inspire change and support meaningful causes. Together, through music, community, and generosity, we'll make a difference.

It's Too Late to Stop Now – The Music of Van Morrison

Performed by a group of 7 highly experienced musicians lead by Matt Weidinger (soulful singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist). They create an extraordinary evening which features music from many of Van's early work to those of his later years.



The Spongebob Musical

This exciting 15th annual spring musical production, directed by Lauren Rodrigues, features irresistible characters, magical music, and the incredible talents of local performers. A deep-sea pearl of a show, it's set to make a splash with audiences young and old.

Just for Laughs Roadshow

Featuring the best lineup of stand-up comedians from Montreal's legendary Just for Laughs Festival. With a mix of seasoned pros and rising stars, each comic delivers their unique brand of humour in a fast-paced, high-energy show guaranteed to leave you in stitches.

Men of the Deep

This world-renowned choir of working and retired coal miners from Cape Breton has been sharing the rich culture and history of life in the mines through powerful performances that blend heartfelt storytelling, humour, and stirring harmonies. This is their 60th anniversary.

Jesse Cook

Canadian guitarist, composer, and producer, widely recognized for his groundbreaking approach to music, blending flamenco, jazz, and other cultural influences. Over the past three decades, he's played thousands of concerts in dozens of countries and has made 5 PBS specials.

Banff Mountain Film Festival



Wednesday, January 21
Thursday, January 22
Algonquin Theatre
7:30 p.m.
\$25.00

The 50th Anniversary

This annual celebration of exploration and adrenaline brings to the screen the world's best mountain, adventure, and environmental films. Feel the rush of paddling through roaring rapids, scaling dizzying heights, and journeying to the planet's most remote and breathtaking places. Each film is a window into extraordinary human stories, wild landscapes, and the boundless spirit of adventure that unites us all.

Reel Alternatives

Reel Alternatives has been bringing fine Canadian and International films to Huntsville for 25 years. It was one of the earliest groups to sign up for the Toronto International Film Festival's (TIFF) Film Circuit, which helps small markets bring festival quality films to their communities. All performances are \$10.00 at the Algonquin Theatre at 7:00 p.m.



Monday, January 26
2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Eleanor The Great

Sponsored by the Huntsville Community Choir

After the death of her oldest friend, 94-year-old Eleanor Morgenstein moves from Florida to New York City for a fresh start. Wandering into a support group for Holocaust survivors, she tells a tale that takes on a dangerous life of its own.

Sentimental Value

Joachim Trier returns with a poignant, darkly comic portrait of fractured family ties and artistic ambition. A fading director (Stellan Skarsgård) disrupts the lives of his estranged daughters when he returns to their childhood home with plans to shoot a deeply personal biopic.

Monday, February 23

Upcoming Film Dates

Confirmation for future films are not yet available, but dates for upcoming screenings include:

Monday, March 9
Monday, March 23
Monday, May 11
Monday, June 15

Gravenhurst Opera House

All performances are at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Pricing is approximate and may not include taxes.



Thursday, March 12

125th Anniversary Celebration of the Gravenhurst Opera House

125 years of story, song and community at Muskoka's most cherished heritage landmark. Featuring Miranda Mulholland, Bet Smith and the Currie Brothers, Rhonda Way, Autumn Smith, Grant Tingey & Family, Peaches, Gravenhurst Bi-Focals Concert Band, and Sonny Boy Mick.

Crash Test Dummies

Alternative rock band Crash Test Dummies are a three-time Grammy nominated and JUNO award-winning group, who soared to the top of the worldwide charts in the early 1990's.

Chantal & Raine

One of Canada's most influential cultural couples. Their album, I'm Going to Break Your Heart, was released with a documentary, capturing the couple's personal struggles and musical journey.

Acrobat – The U2 Tribute

Nearly 50 years of U2's greatest hits and rare gems, from soaring anthems to deep cuts, experience the full U2 concert experience with stunning visuals inspired by their legendary tours.

Dreamer

The world's most authentic tribute to Supertramp. Performing songs from the 'Crime of the Century' album, plus all of the biggest hits. "The Supertramp Experience" delivers a world-class show that includes authentic instrumentation, including vintage keyboards and live horns.



Saturday, May 2
\$35.00

The Great Canadian Comedy Caravan Tour

An unforgettable night of hilarity, hosted by Matt Watson, headliner Rick Currie (The Rick Mercer Report) and Feature Act Todd Reid (Just for Laughs). All in support of the Children's Foundation of Muskoka.

The Comic Strippers

Canadian Comedy Award Winners for Best Live Production. This fictitious male stripper troupe is played by some of Canada's best improvisational comedians. They try to be sexy...but it comes out funny.

Floydium Canada's Pink Floyd Show

The 8-piece Toronto-based band is renowned as Canada's Pink Floyd Show. Performances are designed for the die-hard fans, capturing the emotion and music of the entire Floyd catalogue. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of Pink Floyd's timeless music.

Amanda Keeles – Can't Stop Me Now Tour

Canadian, award winning country singer-songwriter, she blends country with classic rock. Her powerful song-writing, dynamic performances and heartfelt connection with her audiences has earned her rave reviews.

Thursday, May 28
\$45.00

Saturday, May 30
\$35.00

Rene M Caisse Memorial Theatre

All performances are at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Pricing is approximate and may not include taxes.



Thursday, February 19
- Saturday, February 28
7:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
\$35.00

Friday, March 13
\$50.00

Saturday, April 18
1:00 p.m.
\$30.00

Saturday, October 24
\$55.00

The Wizard of Oz

Join with the talented local performers and crew as they follow Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Cowardly Lion journey down the Yellow Brick Road toward the Emerald City. Featuring iconic songs, vibrant costumes, and unforgettable characters.

Classic Troubadours Live

An extraordinary musical journey that celebrates the timeless songs of legendary singer-songwriters James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Jackson Browne, and Carole King. Performed by a talented 5-piece band led by award-winning singer songwriter Jacob Moon.

Dueling Magicians

Each magician showcases their unique style, creativity, and mastery of magic, leaving the audience in awe and wonder. The performance is a blend of humour, suspense, and jaw-dropping moments as the magicians strive to outdo one another.

We Walk the Line: A Tribute to Johnny Cash

This hit after hit show is a true Johnny Cash Experience that celebrates the music and lives of "The Man in Black" and his fun-loving wife, June Carter. The concert covers his career from the 1950's to his death in 2003, with hits like Ring of Fire, Boy Named Sue, and I Walk the Line.