

## OZAUKEE LIFESTYLES

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# Be a tourist in your own backyard

## *Get Up, Get Out and Explore Ozaukee County!*

Now that those bitter cold days of early January are (hopefully) past, let's shine a light on some of the fun activities available throughout Ozaukee County in February. Whether you're looking to stay inside or venture out into the snow, there's something for everyone the coming month in Ozaukee County.



Winter Frolic

Belgium is kicking the month off right with their fifth-annual **Brew & Chew** benefitting the Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce Saturday, Feb. 3. The event offers live music, food and more than 40 beers, multiple wineries and a vodka to sample. Tickets are \$20 – visit [belgiumareachamber.org](http://belgiumareachamber.org) for more information.

**Winter Frolic** at the Mequon Nature Preserve will be also be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This sixth-year event provides indoor and outdoor activities for all ages, such as Alaskan Malamute dog sled demos, tractor and sleigh rides, ice fishing and snowman building (weather dependent), campfires, food, live music, a lumberjack challenge with local nature centers, winter

marketplace, kids crafts, Native American dancing and more. For details, other events and more, visit: [mequonnaturepreserve.org/events/winter-frolic](http://mequonnaturepreserve.org/events/winter-frolic).

Participate in the **Valentine Hike** at Harrington Beach State Park Saturday, Feb. 10 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. After the hike, warm up indoors by the fireplace while you enjoy beverages and tasty treats. For details and more event information, visit [friendsofharrington.org](http://friendsofharrington.org).

Also on Feb. 10, Port Washington's Port Exploreum will join with Discovery World in Milwaukee to celebrate **Love Our Great Lakes Day**. Enjoy presentations, interactive exhibits, art and kids activities. For more information visit [www.visitportwashington.com](http://www.visitportwashington.com).

Don your mask and cape the weekend of Feb. 17 and Feb. 18 for Cedarburg's **Winter Festival**. The festival takes place throughout the heart of Cedarburg from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. This year's theme is Superheroes – festivities include ice carving, snow golf, chili contests, marketplace, themed bed racing and a Sunday pancake breakfast with local superheroes from the Cedarburg fire and police departments. Saturday night's Cool Brew & Tunes offers food samples from area restaurants, craft beer and wine samples and live music for the 21-and-older crowd. Costumes are encouraged throughout the weekend. For schedules and more information visit [cedarburgfestivals.org](http://cedarburgfestivals.org).



Winter Festival



Riveredge Nature Center



Friday evenings at the **Riveredge Nature Center** offer candle-lit night skiing and snowshoeing (weather permitting).

On Feb. 24, kick off the maple sugarin' season with hands-on tapping programs for both adults and families. Learn about the maple sugaring process and its applications at home. For other events, fees, registration and details, visit [riveredenaturecenter.org](http://riveredenaturecenter.org).



Get out your fat tires and hit the trails for some winter biking!. Check out the **Ozaukee County Mountain Bikers'** website for open trails and events at [ozcomtb.com](http://ozcomtb.com). OCMB built the first legal mountain biking trails in the county at Pleasant Valley Park in Cedarburg, with more trail systems on the horizon.

**Ozaukee County parks** have much to offer during winter. When conditions allow, Mee-Kwon Park offers a sledding hill with a long shallow grade, open during park hours. There is an adjacent pond which offers open ice skating when times and weather conditions are right (open skate is specifically posted onsite). There is a warming house located near the pond, which may be available during open skate and sledding. Please note there is no sledding or skating after dark.

Down the road in Grafton, Veterans and Lion's Den parks offer ice skating, and nearby Lime Kiln Park offers sledding. In Cedarburg, ponds in Centennial Park, Woodland Park, Boy Scout Park and Willowbrooke Park are all open for skating when conditions allow. Cedarburg also boasts a seasonal ice skating rink in Cedar Creek Park, maintained by the Cedarburg Parks & Rec Department.



Cedar Creek Park



For information on all these activities and more, visit [www.ozaukeetourism.com](http://www.ozaukeetourism.com) and follow the Ozaukee County Tourism Facebook page. On behalf of the Ozaukee County Tourism Council, thank you for helping to make Ozaukee County a wonderful place for all to live, work and visit.