

LIVE *for* WINTER



CHESTER BOWL, in the heart of the city, offers a charming beginner's setting, as well as cross-country trails to sharpen your skills, and towering wooden ski jumps that remind us of jumping's once prominent place in local culture.



TRAILS GALORE

Glide out on some of the hundreds of miles of groomed Nordic ski trails tucked in the forests, hills, rivers and creeks right inside the city limits. Or strap on some snowshoes and start making your own trails. Ski and snowshoe rentals are available at many resorts, shops and ski areas in town. TRAIL map on page 58.

WINTER SPORTS

Drop in for a game at the new AMSOIL® Arena, home to the UMD Bulldogs. The men won the 2011 NCAA championship. The perennial powerhouse women's team has won a national record five NCAA titles in the past 10 years. Go Dogs!



SPIRIT MOUNTAIN

Yeah, we said mountain. And it's exactly what you wouldn't expect in the middle of the Midwest. Spirit Mountain offers over 700 vertical feet of downhill and 22 km of cross-country adventure all overlooking the largest lake in the world. It's some of the most spectacular scenery, skiing and snowboarding ever to be seen in the same place at the same time. And now, you can also enjoy our NEW year-round Adventure Park with an Alpine Coaster, Zip Line, and Snow Tubing for an innovative way to experience the slopes in the winter. For more information, call (800) 642-6377 or (218) 628-2891 or visit spiritmt.com.



WINTER-LOVING ANIMALS

The Lake Superior Zoo never hibernates! Amur tigers, snow leopards, polar, grizzly and Kodiak bears are just a few of the animals that thrive on the crisp, cold air of the Northland. You will see them up close and active during the winter season. Our zoo has a great hill for sledding, so bring your sledding gear and make a day of it. Visit www.lszoo.org for a schedule of daily animal feedings and enrichments, education programs and events.

SHARPEN YOUR SKATES—

or use ours. It's free. Bayfront outdoor pond is open all winter with free skates for use. Or head indoors for one of the many free family skates held at local arenas all winter long. For dates and times, check out duluthmn.gov/parks or [duluthparksmn](https://www.facebook.com/duluthparksmn) on Facebook.

THE ANNUAL AMSOIL® DULUTH NATIONAL SNOCROSS

Check out the biggest, baddest, highest-flying sled event of its kind, Thanksgiving weekend at Spirit Mountain. The event gets a new twist this year as riders go head-to-head in bracket-style elimination for a winner-take-all \$10,000 prize that's sure to keep race fans on the edge of their seats.



SNOWMOBILING

Start your sled in Duluth. As the gateway to the best snowmobiling anywhere, it's easy to see how this region was made for winter. Whether you're venturing along Lake Superior's scenic 153-mile C.J. Ramstad Memorial North Shore Trail, the Munger Trail, or over the hills and through the woods, lakes and streams in every direction.

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTMAS CITY

Consider it one part throwback to 1950s holiday sensibilities, one part annual embrace of the season. Each November, Duluth's downtown lights up with storefront decorations, the lighting of a fresh cut giant tree, and its annual Christmas City of the North Parade where Santa makes his first appearance along with colorful lighted floats, marching bands and lots of pageantry.

BENTLEYVILLE AT BAYFRONT FESTIVAL PARK

Minnesota's best holiday light display. Experience the magic of millions of lights illuminating Bayfront Festival Park located on the shores of Lake Superior. Bentleyville is the largest holiday light show in the Midwest and it comes to life every evening during the holiday season with amazing lighted displays and an incredible 12-story animated Christmas tree you have to see to believe. Santa and Mrs. Claus are available to hear what's on your wish list and there are free cookies, hot chocolate, popcorn and marshmallows roasting by the fire to keep you warm when the weather gets crisp.

