

Headed for the Holidays | Things to Do This Holiday Season

As the last of the leaves hit the ground and the crisp air whips across town, we realize that a special time of year is near. The time for gift giving to friends and family, Santa and his sleigh and a series of seasonal shows and activities. Metro Detroit always offers infinite possibilities that will keep your pre- and post-holiday calendars full. So, make your to-do list now and check it twice.

1 DAY | 3-12 HOURS

FEATURES

Entertainment, Outdoor

DESTINATIONS

Downtown Detroit,
Dearborn/Wayne, Greater
Novi, Macomb, Oakland

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BROADWAY SHOWS IN DETROIT



Start off with a show or a seasonal-inspired stage play to set your holiday mood in high gear. Every year, **Broadway** shows and holiday favorites make their way to Detroit's theater district. Check back to this section for updates on holiday shows.

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN METRO DETROIT



Fantastical floats, Jolly Old St. Nick on his sleigh, hot cocoa and lots of twinkling **holiday lights** down city blocks. Make your picks for fun times and fantasy.

- Go curbside on Woodward Avenue to watch this year's [America's Thanksgiving Parade](#) on Thanksgiving morning. See the magnificent floats, clap for the Big Head Corp and see how Santa makes his debut in The D.
- Take a day trip with the family to the charming town of Frankenmuth and see the CHRISTmas Wonderland that is [Bronner's](#). If you prefer to stay closer to metro Detroit, check out all of the December dates for [Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village](#), where you can enjoy the beautiful sounds of carolers and the twinkling lights while navigating about the village's historic structures.
- Keep the holiday spirit going and head downtown with your family to enjoy Menorah in The D – a celebration featuring a 26-ft. menorah, kosher food court, family fun activities and a beer garden.



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ICE SKATING & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Metro Detroit has numerous ice skating rinks where you can bond with family and friends ☒ many with heated reception areas and skate rentals available.

- **City Square Ice Arena** in Warren turns its summertime fountain into a glistening sheet of ice for residents and nonresidents to enjoy. The underground cooling system allows for ice skating up to 50 degrees.
- **Civic Ice Arena** in St. Clair Shores offers indoor skating year round. Bring your own shovel, and remember prepping the ice is half the fun.
- **Stony Creek Metropark** in Macomb County offers ice skating daily from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- **Riley Park Ice Skating Rink** in downtown Farmington is another arena available for outdoor skating.
- Don't miss the **Campus Martius Park** annual tree lighting in November. Follow the ceremony with a skate around the park's ice rink and a cup of hot cocoa in the cozy, heated area.



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INDOOR WINTER ACTIVITIES



Looking for colder weather to-dos that keep you moving but don't require bundling up? You can always take the younger brood to one of metro Detroit's many activity-oriented indoor venues.

- [The Michigan Science Center](#) always has new exhibits for the young scientist. Check their website for current installations.
- Step inside the DNR [Outdoor Adventure Center](#) for a fun, educational way to learn more about Michigan's waters and vast forests, and all of their non-human inhabitants.
- The water at [Sea Life Michigan Aquarium](#) never freezes, and the Lego-infused playscape at LEGOLAND Discovery Center Michigan, both at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets in Auburn Hills, are always surefire party pleasers.
- Kids can also bounce and tumble off the holiday sugar high at one of the many fun zones in metro Detroit. [Bounce House](#), [SkyZone](#) or [Pump it Up](#) have several locations in The D.