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Things to Do in Washington in the Winter

What makes winter in Washington so great? You can visit the snowy mountains where it stays cold year-round or enjoy a light chill in the temperate lowlands depending on what kind of weather you like. Want sports? We've got that. Prefer to relax in a hot spring? We've also got THAT! Grab your down jacket and get ready to head out on a *cool* adventure.

Visit Leavenworth

Leavenworth is known as Washington's little Bavaria, modeled after valley towns in Germany. The rolling hills and mountains surrounding the town evoke pictures of Europe. Leavenworth's downtown buildings are even the same style architecture as the real German region! Stop by in December or January for the many [Christmas Lighting Festivals](#) and enjoy German food at the city's many restaurants.

Go Skiing/ Snowboarding/ Snowshoeing/ Ice Skating

With all of our state's incredible mountain ranges, it's safe to assume we love winter sports. Popular mountains for recreation include [Stevens Pass](#), [The Summit at Snoqualmie](#) and [Crystal Mountain](#). For skaters, [Seattle Center Winterfest](#) and [Enchant Christmas](#) have seasonal rinks that come alive surrounded by twinkling lights and snow covered firs.

Lake Chelan's Winterfest

Lake Chelan is a stunning body of water that sits amid snow-capped rolling hills in Chelan County. Winterfest, which takes place every year, celebrates everything snow. You'll find ice sculpture displays, ice slides, scavenger hunts, fireworks and more!

Visit a Hot Spring

Stay warm among breathtaking views in one of the many picturesque hot springs Washington has to offer. [Scenic Hot Springs](#) are just a short drive from Seattle, but they are reservation only, so book before you go. [The Olympic Hot Springs](#) and [Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort](#) on the Olympic Peninsula are worth a whole weekend getaway to explore the surrounding area.

What's your winter style: all thrill or relax and chill? Have any questions about Washington or what it's like to live here? Reach out any time! We're here to help!



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