2015 WINTER SEASONAL EVENTS

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Chicago Tribune's Guide to the Seasonal Action

The RedEye Chicago's guide offers some seasonal outings during the money-burning season. Venues are enjoyable and welcoming while traveling along. It covers all kinds of travel options, from fine dining to theater, allowing for a fun-filled weekend in Chicago.

The Winter Riders at Maggie Daley Park

With a focus on tabletop miniatures, located in the heart of downtown Chicago, guests can indulge in the most iconic outdoor rink in the city. The Skating Ribbon at Maggie Daley Park. Guests can take a self-guided tour or enjoy the fantastic views of Lake Michigan from the observation deck.

Bullfrog Watching at the Lurie Garden State Park

The Skokie State Park is a Chicago oasis after a long winter. It offers a Bullfrog Watching Tour as well as a variety of other activities, including bird watching, nature walks, and guided tours. The program is free to the public.

Macomb's Snowboarding Days

Located in Macomb, this resort is well-known for its snowboarding and skiing. During the holiday season, guests can enjoy down-slope activities such as snowboarding and skiing. The resort offers a variety of activities for families, including a snow tubing hill, snowmobiling, and snowboarding.

Chicago Restaurant Week

Taking place February 27- March 15 in Chicago. Guests can indulge in a variety of local restaurants and enjoy special prix-fixe menus. The event attracts thousands of visitors each year, making it a must-see event.

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Attractions offer plenty of memorable ways to enjoy Illinois in winter, including these events in Chicago.

37th Annual Big Muddy Film Festival

The festival takes place February 12 – 15 in Carbondale. The pieces featured at the festival were chosen based on their artistic merit and diversity. The festival attracts filmmakers from around the world.

60th Annual Chicago Auto Show

Chicago Auto Show is taking place February 14 – 22 at McCormick Place. The show features the latest vehicles and technologies from around the world.Visitors can also enjoy blacksmithing, hide tanning, silk embroidery, furniture making and other traditional crafts.

Shawnee National Forest Winter Horseback Riding

Winter horseback riding in the Shawnee National Forest offers stunning views of bluffs and rock formations. The guided and unguided horseback rides are available year-round. Visitors can take in dozens of films throughout the weekend on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

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Bald Eagle Watching at Starved Rock State Park

Starved Rock State Park in Utica offers bald eagle watching from January 3 through February 25. The majestic birds migrate south from Canada during the season, making Illinois home to one of the greatest populations of wintering bald eagles. Visitors can see the birds in their natural habitat near the park's boat launch. The bird watching is free to the public.

Chicago Restaurants Week

Chicago Restaurant Week is a two-week long event taking place January 30 – February 15. Guests can indulge in a variety of the city's diverse cuisine. The event features discounted prefix menus at some of the town's finest steakhouses, cafes and eateries.

Maple Sugar Tapping at Farm House

Maple Sugar Tapping at Farm House offers guests a behind-the-scenes look at the process of maple syrup production. Guests can see how maple sap is collected, boiled, and turned into syrup.

Skiing and Snowboarding at Chestnut Mountain Resort

Chestnut Mountain also has an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna and on-site restaurants to continue the fun after a day outdoors. The resort offers a variety of riding options throughout the season, including guided and unguided horseback rides.

Festival of Trees

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TRAILS TO ADVENTURE

Land of Lincoln

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Breathtaking snow-dusted landscapes, endless indoor and outdoor activities make the winter season a great time to discover all that Illinois offers. Travelers can take advantage of cross-country skiing, indoor waterparks, historical celebrations surrounding Abraham Lincoln's birthday and President's Day, some of the best culinary experiences in the country and more in Illinois. Hundreds of attractions offer plenty of memorable ways to enjoy Illinois in winter, including these events in Chicago.

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GREAT RIVER COUNTRY

 Eagle Rock and Street

Tahoe lawn Rock is the perfect wedding venue to tie the knot. Guests can take in breathtaking views of the river and surrounding landscape. The event offers a variety of activities for families, including a balloon ride, snow tubing, and snowboarding.

Motel and Towing at Christmas Mountain Resort

Motel and Towing at Christmas Mountain Resort is located in Sullivan, Illinois. It is a great destination for families looking for a winter getaway. The resort features a variety of activities for all ages, including skiing, snowboarding, and tubing.

Snowmobile Winter Sports Park

The Snowmobile Winter Sports Park is a family-friendly destination located near a ski resort from the Alton area. Visitors can enjoy a variety of winter sports, including snowmobiling, snowboarding, and tubing.

Alton Restaurant Week

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Midwest to Adventure

Midwest to Adventure is a unique, vibrant, and colorful lifestyle event. The festival features the latest vehicles and technologies from around the world. It attracts thousands of visitors each year, making it a must-see event.