

# Family fun in winter

## Embrace new traditions

With winter fast approaching, you're probably wondering how you're going to keep the family busy while also keeping them safe from the ongoing pandemic. As the weather changes, safe outdoor activities may become more scarce. Don't worry! Make the most of these months with family-friendly activities you can do any time.

### Winter hike

It's still possible to spend time outdoors during winter. Gather your family, button up and explore your favorite trails. The view may look different this time of year, but that's half the fun! Be sure to collect any pinecones for family craft night.

### Stargazing

Pack some blankets, whip up some hot chocolate and buckle up! Take a drive to a local stargazing site and learn more about the galaxy. Have your kiddos keep an eye out for shooting stars.

### Sledding

As colder weather moves in, some of us may be lucky enough to experience snow. Go sledding, build a snow fort or host a family snowball fight. The possibilities are endless!

### Holiday lights

Take a family drive or walk and admire the lights and yard decorations for the upcoming holiday season.

### Ice skating

With a quick internet search, you can find ice skating rinks near you. Pick a day, and take your family out on the ice.

### Baking

Not everything in winter is cold! Gather your family in the kitchen and make sugar cookies, gingerbread houses, peppermint pretzels or other treats.

### Crafting

Who doesn't love homemade crafts? Have your family cut paper snowflakes, build pinecones birdfeeders, knit scarves or make decorations.