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Take Advantage of Birmingham's Outdoor Activities This Winter Season

BIRMINGHAM, MI, January 21, 2021 – Residents and visitors are encouraged to take advantage of all that Birmingham has to offer this winter season. With 26 parks covering 230 acres, there are many options to satisfy every outdoor enthusiast. Bundle up and get ready for safe, outdoor fun with our list of top picks for outdoor activities in Birmingham this season!

Visit the Parks: Whether you're looking for a place to let the kids run and climb or an open area for recreational activity, Birmingham has you covered. Each of Birmingham's 26 parks is unique and amenities include play structures, hiking trails, sports fields, tennis courts and more. When the weather is mild and snow is scarce, tennis is a great option for physical exercise outdoors. New this year, the tennis nets will remain in place for visitors to enjoy throughout the winter months, weather permitting. Tennis courts are available at Crestview, Kenning, West Lincoln, Pembroke, Poppleton, Quarton and St. James parks. For a complete list of park amenities and locations, visit www.bhamgov.org/parks.



Explore the Rouge River Trail System: Nature lovers can access more than two miles of beautiful Rouge River trails right here in Birmingham. With many access points and options, visitors can take a short walk or plan a longer hike. A map of the trail system can be viewed and downloaded at www.bhamgov.org/rougetrails.

Sledding and Winter Sports: Bring your sleds and enthusiasm for some fast-paced fun on the hills! Sledding is offered at Lincoln Hills Golf Course, Booth Park and the Birmingham Museum. Lincoln Hills Golf Course is also a great location for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Rental equipment is not provided, but visitors are welcome to bring their own skis and snowshoes and enjoy the peaceful, yet challenging course. Residents should call Lincoln Hills at (248) 530-1670 before visiting. For more information on sledding locations, visit www.bhamgov.org/parks.

Outdoor Ice Skating: When weather conditions allow for a safe ice surface, residents are encouraged to grab their ice skates and head over to the Barnum Park Ice Rink, located off of Pierce near George. City crews work hard to maintain the rink, however users are welcome to shovel any snow accumulation to clear an area for skating. Hockey is permitted at the rink from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. daily. Signs will be posted indicating the condition of the ice. For more information on outdoor skating at Barnum Park, visit www.bhamgov.org/outdoorskating.

When participating in these events, please continue to practice social distancing. For more information and helpful tips on staying safe in park settings please visit www.bhamgov.org/parks.

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