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# 10 things to do this winter in the Hudson Valley, now that the holidays are over

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Now that the holiday season is over, the calendar isn't quite as packed with things to do. And if you enjoy keeping busy, the early months of the year can feel like a drop in momentum.

When winter weather rolls in, it can be hard to find things to do or even reasons to get out of the house.

Rest assured the Hudson Valley has plenty to offer this season. Here you'll find just some of the fun things to do and events to help get you out and about, even when things tend to slow down.

## Beetle and Fred Classes

Want to start a new hobby this winter? Try knitting, sewing and quilting at Beetle and Fred in Beacon. For those trying this for the first time, they have classes available for beginners. Visit their website to see their class schedule for January.

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## Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing and Sledding

If you're looking to try a new winter sport, these spots provide the perfect opportunity to take up cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Esopus Meadows Preserve: 257 River Road, Ulster Park

Esty & Hellie Stowell Trailhead at Storm King Mountain: 42 Bayview Ave., Cornwall-On-Hudson

James Baird State Park: 14 Maintenance Lane, Pleasant Valley

Mills Norrie State Park: 9 Old Post Road, Staatsburg

Poets' Walk Park: 776 River Road, Red Hook

Shaupeneak Ridge: 143 Poptown Road, New Paltz

Looking to go sledding with friends and family? Try one of these places:

Drayton Grant Park at Burger Hill: 3158 NY-9G, Rhinebeck

Fishkill Farms: 9 Fishkill Farm Road, Hopewell Junction

Thomas Bull Memorial Park: 211 NY-416, Montgomery

## Ice skating

Don't miss these indoor and outdoor rinks across the region.

## Indoor Ice Skating Rinks

Ice Time Sports Complex: 21 Lakeside Road, Newburgh

McCann Ice Arena: 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie

Kiwanis Ice Arena: 6 Small World Ave., Saugerties

## Outdoor Ice Skating Rinks

Bear Mountain Ice Rink: 3020 Seven Lakes Drive, Tomkins Cove

Bowdoin Park: 85 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls; There's also a hill for sledding

City of Middletown Ice Skating Rink: 1-31 Union St., Middletown

Fancher-Davidge Park: 130 Lake Ave., Middletown

Mill Pond at Crane Park: Marker is at the intersection of Millpond Parkway and state Route 17M on Millpond Parkway

Thomas Bull Memorial Park: 211 state Route 416, Montgomery

Winding Hills Park: old Route 17K, Montgomery

The Rondout Ice Rink at Ole Savannah: 100 Rondout Landing, Kingston

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## Millbrook Winery's Chili Weather Weekends

This winter through March at the Millbrook Winery, you can enjoy a bowl of chili or soup in their loft while you sip on their selection of wines and overlook the vineyard.

## **Mohonk Mountain House**

Located in New Paltz, Mohonk Mountain House has a lot to offer during the winter season including outdoor activities like ice skating, winter hiking, snow tubing and winter sports including cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Day trip packages are available, but if you're looking for an experience, they have themed weekends this winter such as a jazz-themed weekend, wellness weekend and a couples getaway around Valentine's Day.

## **Mount Peter Ski Area**

Mount Peter Ski Area in Orange County has a few activities the whole family can enjoy. Of course, they have the ski and snowboarding slopes open, but they also have tubing. A great way to enjoy the snow, they also have a carpet lift to take you back to the top, so your tubing experience is as laid back as possible.

## **The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark**

The Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark holds New York's largest indoor water park. If you're looking for a weekend getaway or day trip, there is plenty to do here. The indoor water park includes rides, slides and pools for all ages, lounge chairs and cabanas, along with a bar. But they also have a heated outdoor pool, always heated to 85 degrees. You can stay warm in the pool while taking in the scenic snow-topped natural landscape.

There are also indoor activities in the resort to keep you busy including an arcade, bowling alley, climbing walls, laser tag and virtual reality. You'll also find multiple restaurants, bars and sweet treats. The Kartrite Resort and Indoor Waterpark is located in Monticello.

## **Rocking Horse Ranch Resort**

The Rocking Horse Ranch Resort in Highland has their own Winter Fun Park and plenty of indoor activities to enjoy. For the winter season they offer ice skating, skiing, snow tubing and horseback trail rides. Inside the resort you'll find all-inclusive dining, indoor pools always heated to 85 degrees, nightly entertainment such as live music and dancing, an arcade, laser tag and an archery range.

They also have special events, which you can find on their website. If you want to get away but don't want to go too far, this could be a good place for you and your family to visit.

## Museums and Historic Grounds

### DIA Beacon, Beacon

**Location:** 3 Beekman St., Beacon

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday to Monday

On Sunday, Jan. 28, Dia Beacon is hosting Hudson Valley Free Day, where residents of Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Sullivan, Ulster, Washington, and Westchester counties have free admission to the gallery. For more information about the event, see [here](#).

### Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Poughkeepsie

**Location:** 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday

### Hessel Museum of Art, Annandale-on-Hudson

**Location:** 33 Garden Road, Annandale-On-Hudson

**Open:** Will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 24

### Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt

**Location:** 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park

Tours of the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt will be suspended from Jan. 7 to 20, and then they will resume their normal operating hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The grounds and the FDR Library and Museum will remain open. For more information on hours, see the National Park Service's website.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30 there will be a birthday celebration for FDR at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. Every year, this free, public event is held to commemorate the former president with birthday cake and refreshments and provide an opportunity to learn some history. For more information on the event, visit the library's website.

## **Locust Grove Estate, Poughkeepsie**

**Location:** 2683 South Road, Poughkeepsie

The Locust Grove Visitor Center and Galleries will be open from January to March, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Locust Grove Mansion and Locust Grove gardens, grounds, and hiking trails are closed for the winter.

## **Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, New Paltz**

**Location:** Administration Parking Lot 15, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz

**Open:** Will reopen Saturday, Feb. 3, 5-7 p.m.

## **Vanderbilt Mansion**

**Location:** 119 Vanderbilt Park Road, Hyde Park

Tours of the Vanderbilt Mansion will be suspended from Jan. 7 to 20, and then they will resume their normal operating hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The grounds and the Pavilion Visitor Center will remain open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for restroom access. For more information on hours, see the National Park Service's website.

## **Winter Farmers Markets**

### **Amenia Farmers Market**

**Location:** Amenia Town Hall, 4988 NY-22, Amenia

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays from January to April

### **Beacon Farmers Market**

**Location:** 223 Main St., Beacon

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays

## **Callicoon Farmers Market**

**Location:** A. Dorrer Drive, Callicoon

**Open:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays

## **Hudson Valley Farmers Market**

**Location:** Greig Farm, 229 Pitcher Lane, Red Hook

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

## **Kingston Winter Farmers Market**

**Location:** Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every other Saturday from Dec. 2-April 20

## **Millerton Farmers Market**

**Location:** Millerton Methodist Church, 6 Dutchess Ave., Millerton

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every second and fourth Saturday of the month, January to April

## **Warwick Indoor Farm Market**

**Location:** 115 Liberty Corners Road, Pine Island

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays

## **More local events in January**

If you are looking for more events in Dutchess County that are happening this month, such as dinners, festivals and performances, take a look at Dutchess Tourism's page for more information.

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