



# Winter activities

## Ice Rinks

### Season is Dec. 15-Feb. 28 (weather-permitting)

Skating areas typically open on or after December 15; however, they can open only after a period of extreme cold, which allows the ICE to form for safe skating. Weather and conditions permitting, the skating season continues through February 28.

It takes about 5 full days below freezing before the ice is thick enough to support a large group of skaters. Typically ice safety begins at about 4 inches. At this point it is generally considered safe enough for a few people to attempt to be on the ice. The ice rinks are natural rinks that are dependent on weather conditions for ice quality. In order for the rinks to freeze and be safe there must be at least one continuous week of temperatures well below freezing (32 degrees) during day and night time before rinks can be opened. Once the water has frozen our crews will then be able to add layers of water which make the ice harder and better suited for long term skating

The rinks are designed for recreational skating only and are not maintained at professional or competitive skating standards. Our rinks are intended for fun and recreational outdoor hockey and open skate. We will do our best to address any cracks or issues when we see them.

The Westmont Park District keeps these guidelines in mind when considering whether or not they will open the rinks. We want you to have wonderful experience skating and playing hockey but our first priority is to assure that the rinks are ready and safe for use. We will open the rinks as soon as the ice is thick enough for use.

### To Check the Status of Skating Areas

Call the Westmont Park District at 630-963-5252

Visit [westmontparks.org](http://westmontparks.org) for facilities open or closure

### Ice Rink Rules and Regulations

- Hockey is allowed only on hockey rink at Veterans Memorial Park. No pucks are allowed on free skating rink..
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- Skate safely and in a controlled manner to avoid collisions with other skaters.
- Refrain from offensive language and behavior.
- No bottles or glass are allowed on rinks.
- Children ages 8 and younger must be supervised by an adult.

## Ty Warner Sled Hill at Ty Warner Park

There is great sledding right on Ty Warner Park. The **Ty Warner Sled Hill at Ty Warner Park** provides fun for the entire family. Sledders should bring their own inner tubes or plastic sleds.. The **Ty Warner Sled Hill at Ty Warner Park** closes at 10:00 p.m.

### Sledding Rules and Regulations

**Sled hills will open when the soil is frozen and there are two or more inches of snow with no visible grass.**

Please note that sledders assume full risk and responsibility for determining that all conditions are safe for sledding. Parent/ adults are responsible for supervising their children 8 years of age and younger.

- Keep your sled under control.
- Avoid other sledders and objects.
- Move quickly out of the path of other sledders.
- Climb uphill along the side of the slope.
- Children ages 8 and younger must be supervised by an adult.
- Only inner tubes and plastic sleds are allowed. Toboggans and sleds with metal runners are not permitted.
- No more than two persons are permitted on a sled at one time.
- Snowboards are not allowed on sled hills.
- Only sled down the front side of the hill. Do not go beyond the snowfence
- Violation of posted rules may result in suspension from the sled hill and/or a fine.