

Utah Valley Winter Activities

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Utah Valley is a great place for family and friends to gather. There are many fun things to do here in the winter, both indoors and out. If you want to stay indoors, one thing you can do is visit museums. Brigham Young University has a lot of museums, all free and open to the public. For example, the Bean Life Science Museum houses an extensive collection of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, insects, plants, and shells. Kids love their live animal shows. The BYU Museum of Art displays works from its permanent collection and unique temporary exhibits, the Museum of Paleontology houses numerous rock and dinosaur fossils, and the Museum of Peoples and Cultures has anthropological artifacts from cultures around the world.

The Springville Museum of Art is Utah's oldest museum for the visual arts, or you can walk through history at the Peteetneet Museum and Cultural Arts Center, featuring thousands of artifacts and pictures from the earliest days of Utah. Get together and take a tour of the Crandall Printing Museum, which has the only fully working, 15th century Gutenberg press in the world. The John Hutchins Museum of Natural History features a diverse collection including minerals, fossils, and other artifacts that show the history of the American West. Younger children will love all the hands-on activities at the Museum of Ancient Life at Thanksgiving Point, home to the world's largest dinosaur museum. Or you could wander through Cabela's, the world's foremost outfitter of hunting, fishing, and outdoor gear, which offers a 150,000 sq. ft. showroom and a huge aquarium.

If you are looking for outdoor adventures in Utah Valley, there is a lot to choose from. Sundance Resort offers skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing. Their winter season is December 10-April 3. Bring the family and see what it feels like to ski and snowboard on the "best snow on Earth." The mountain terrain offers more than 41 runs situated on 500 acres of snow-covered ground for beginners and experts. At Jolley's Ranch in Hobbie Creek Canyon you'll find nearly five miles of groomed trails for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. There is also a tubing and sledding hill and parking areas for snowmobilers. And at the Peaks Ice Arena, you can skate in the same rink that Olympic hockey stars played in. No matter where you go in Utah Valley, there's something fun for everyone this winter. For more information, events and details visit UtahValley.com or call 801-851-2100.