



Merry & Bright Events

Holiday Tree Lighting & Open House

Nov 17 - 18 @ Edgebrook

On Friday, mingle with Santa and anxiously await the countdown for the Edgebrook Tree to be lit! On Saturday, shop all of the unique stores at Edgebrook during the Holiday Open House.



5th Annual Stroll on State

Nov 25 @ Downtown Rockford

Stroll on State, presented by Illinois Bank & Trust, is back for a 5th year and is full of live music performances, wagon rides, ice skating, shopping, s'mores and even a visit with Santa himself!

See the Lights

<p>All Aglow Exhibit Nicholas Conservatory</p> <p>Come see sparkling holiday lights and beautiful floral displays inside the warm conservatory and on the outdoor grounds.</p>	<p>Holiday Festival of Lights Sinnissippi Park</p> <p>Drive through Sinnissippi Park to see over 50 unique light displays installed by individuals and local organizations or businesses.</p>	<p>Rockford's River Lights Downtown Rockford</p> <p>River Lights, powered by ComEd, features lights synchronized to music along the Rock River on Friday and Saturday nights in December.</p>
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Tour de Frost

Dec 2 @ The Vitamin Shoppe (start and end point)

The Tour de Frost is a safe, fun, fully supported bike ride around Rockford. Cyclists go in a group and are treated to stops along the way at Olympic Tavern and Rockford Bicycle Company.

...Rockton Christmas Walk

Dec 1 - 3 @ Downtown Rockton

This holiday tradition for thousands of area residents offers unique events, shopping experiences and holiday festivities. Don't miss the Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday night!



Stay Active

There are plenty of locations in the Rockford region you can visit to stay active...even in the cold weather!

Carlson Ice Arena
4150 N. Perryville Rd.
(Loves Park)

Carlson Ice Arena features a 200 x 85 feet ice rink with seating for 600 spectators. This facility is also home to the Sapora Playworld, a three-level soft play structure designed for children.

Rocktown Adventures
313 N. Madison St.
(Rockford)

This specialty outdoor retailer hosts showshoeing tours throughout various Rockford Park District facilities and Rock Cut State Park.

Snow Park at Alpine Hills
4402 Larson Ave.
(Rockford)

Enjoy tubing, skiing and snowboarding for riders of all abilities. Snow making equipment covers the park in fresh powder daily.



Broadway at the Coronado - Christmas Wonderland

Dec 8 @ Coronado Performing Arts Center

This most loved Christmas show features glittering costumes, a dazzling cast and the highest kicking chorus girls this side of the North Pole.

Holiday Happenings

Dec 10 @ Erlander Home Museum, Heritage Museum Park, Tinker Swiss Cottage

Enjoy an afternoon of holiday decor and spirit as you travel back in time to Victorian-era Rockford at three unique Rockford attractions.



Rockford Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops

Dec 16 - 17 @ Coronado Performing Arts Center

The nationally acclaimed vocal group Five by Design joins the Rockford Symphony Orchestra for a unique take on classic holiday favorites and brand new originals.

New Year Around the World

Dec 31 @ Burpee Museum

Engage in crafts and activities that celebrate cultures from around the world and join parades around the museum each hour as a different country rings in the new year.

Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition

January 17 - 20 @ Sinnissippi Park

Snow sculpting teams from around the state compete for the right to represent Illinois in the 2019 U.S. National Snow Sculpting Competition. The snow sculptures will be available for the public to view while weather permits.



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