

# Be a tourist in your own backyard

*Follow the Ozaukee Interurban Trail for winter fun and cozy stops*

Winter in Wisconsin means winter walks, sledding, downhill and cross-country skiing, skating, snow shoeing or so much more ... and the Ozaukee Interurban Trail offers great year-round recreational opportunities throughout the county. Here's a list of great family-friendly opportunities heading north from Mequon, along with some cozy warm-up spots close to the Interurban Trail.



offer ice skating, and nearby Lime Kiln Park offers sledding. Stop into the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce and pick up maps and brochures for your ride. Refuel at the popular Atlas BBQ, located in the heart of downtown Grafton. Atlas BBQ offers a full bar, casual dining and vegetarian options too – try their house-made Black Bean Burger and a cornbread muffin, and make sure to pick up a bottle or two of your favorite sauce to go.

After a brisk trip from Grafton to Port Washington, you'll be



Ozaukee Interurban Trail

Some municipalities keep the trail cleared of snow near their urban centers for walking and running, but between cities and to the north the trail offers miles and miles of beautiful cross-country skiing. And don't put your bikes away too soon – with the right tires and a little caution, even the most casual rider can have a blast biking along a snowy trail. The Ozaukee County Mountain Bikers' website lists open trails and events at ozcomtr.com. Start your trip at the bike-friendly Café Hollander in Mequon, which is open seven days a week – with the year-round bike racks, a full coffee and cocktail bar, a great beer menu and amazing food, you may be content biking just far enough to get there.

The Mee-Kwon County Park Warming House is at



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the base of the popular Mule Hill sledding hill, which is open during park hours (6 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and as conditions allow. The adjacent pond offers open ice skating when times and conditions are right (open skate is specifically posted onsite).

Heading north into Cedarburg, there are ample places to hop off the trail and warm up with a cup of coffee or hot chocolate, grab a treat or hearty meal or just warm up while browsing an art or history exhibit. Right on the trail, the Cedarburg Community Gym offers heated bathrooms, bike racks and a bike repair station, all in one convenient location. Across the street is the Stilt House Gastrobar, which is open seven days a week and offers daily soup specials to warm up the belly, a full menu, an amazing beer list and TVs to check the score of the game. Around the corner on Columbia and right on the creek, the Cedarburg Visitor Center and History Museum has public bathrooms, great rotating exhibits, area guides and maps and even a fun souvenir store. Before



Taking to the hills

ready to duck into the Port Washington Visitor Center to warm up while you learn about this lakeside gem. The Interurban Trail Pocket Park just off South Spring Street is a good spot to warm up and use the restroom, and Inventors Brewpub offers more than just beer – the whole family will love its menu, which includes burgers, kids' options and desserts. Frequent visitors, consider joining their Mug Club. Dockside Deli offers a great view of Lake Michigan (as beautiful in the winter as it is in summer) and is a great place to grab breakfast, lunch or ice cream.

Tendick Nature Park in Saukville also has groomed cross country ski trails, as well as an 18-hole disk golf course, which is open and available for play year-round when cleared. And farther north in Belgium, the Luxembourg American Cultural Center (open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) houses the Roots and Leaves Museum, as well as the Luxembourg American Family Tree sculpture that is just too beautiful to pass up.

For information on all these activities and more, visit [www.ozaukeetourism.com](http://www.ozaukeetourism.com) and follow the Ozaukee County Tourism Facebook page. On behalf of the Ozaukee County Tourism Council, thank you for helping to make Ozaukee County a wonderful place for all to live, work and visit.



Hockey at Boy Scout Park in Cedarburg

you continue on your way, keep in mind that ponds in Centennial Park, Woodland Park, Boy Scout Park and Willowbrooke Park are all open for skating when conditions allow. Cedarburg also boasts a free-standing ice skating rink in Cedar Creek Park, maintained by the Cedarburg Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

A short distance northeast on the trail is Grafton, where Veterans and Lions parks

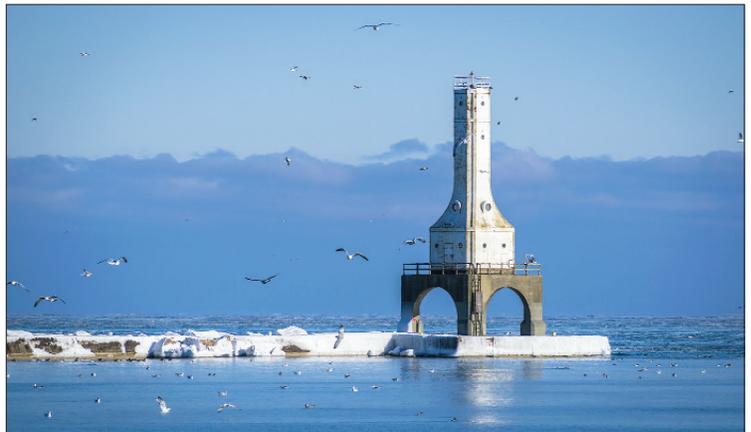


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Port Washington's iconic lighthouse