

Bundle up for the best outdoor winter events

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The 10th Annual Winter Festival and Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament in Concord is on January 23-26, 2020. Photo by Karen Bachelder.

Yes, it's cold outside, but it's also wintertime and we're hardy New Englanders, so let's get outdoors and have some fun.

Here are 10 of our favorite outdoor winter events happening in 2020 that you won't want to miss.

Winter Free Ice Fishing Day

When: Saturday, January 18

Where: Statewide

What's it all about: If you've wanted to try your hand at ice fishing, then this is your chance. For one day only, Granite Staters can fish without a license on local ponds and lakes. This annual event takes place on the third Saturday in January (there's also a free fishing day on the first Saturday in June). For more ice fishing resources and ideas on where to go, click here (https://www.parentingnh.com/nhicefishing/).

More info: wildlife.state.nh.us (http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/ice-fishing.html)

10th Annual Winter Festival and Black Ice Pond Hockey Tournament

When: January 23-26

Where: White Park in Concord

What's it all about: The Black Ice Pond Hockey

Tournament draws hundreds of hockey enthusiasts of all ages to partake in games of pond hockey, a classic winter tradition. In addition to the hockey games, there is also a festival-like atmosphere in the city of Concord and attendees can look forward to live music, food trucks, public skating, ice sculptures and bon fires. There is a fee to participate in the hockey tournament but general admission to attend is free.

More info: <u>blackicepondhockey.com</u> (https://blackicepondhockey.com)

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