

TOP 5 THINGS TO DO THIS WINTER



Vegas Night Christmas Shopping

Get ready for Grande Prairie's kick off to Christmas. November 15 is Downtown's Vegas Night Shopping event. Shop till you drop, savor a meal with friends, and explore amazing local businesses, all while enjoying discounts, festive games, and unbeatable finds. Plus, enter for a chance to win a \$1,000 City Centre gift card, redeemable at 80 unique shops and restaurants. It's the perfect way to kick off the holiday season!



Hitting the Slopes!

Looking for the perfect winter escape? Skiing, snowboarding, beginner or expert, there is a slope for YOU! We are so lucky to have so many choices: Nitehawk is your go-to for skiing, snowboarding, and cozy chalet relaxation! Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner needing lessons, Nitehawk has slopes and programs to suit all ages and skill levels. Want to try some deep powder, Powder King Mountain Resort, BC makes for a great weekend adventure.



Light up the Region

Experience the magic of Christmas in Northwestern Alberta with the Annual Christmas Tree Light Up December 1st at Bonnetts Energy Centre. The Town of Sexsmith celebrates with their historic light-up event November 21 - 23 on Main Street, complete with sleigh rides, Christmas markets, and festive treats. That same weekend is the Annual Festival of Trees fundraising event for the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation is at Evergreen Park. Of course, kicking off the season of lights is the Northern Spirit Light Show November 14 - December 31st at Evergreen Park.



Tobogganing in the Region

Tobogganing is the perfect family winter activity across the Grande Prairie region! Head to Muskoseepi Park, Thrill Hill or many neighbourhood hills for some classic winter fun. Maybe try a new hill with a short drive to popular spots in Beaverlodge, Fox Creek or Saddle Hills all offer family-friendly hills for all skill levels. Bundle up, grab your sleds, and create lasting memories.



Take in some winter fun

Get ready for winter magic at the Grande North Winter Festival in downtown Grande Prairie at Bonnetts Energy Centre, Muskoseepi Park and Montrose Cultural Centre. This annual celebration is packed with seasonal fun, featuring activities like a dazzling light display, intricate ice carvings, and interactive games for all ages. Whether you're exploring art installations or savoring winter treats, this festival is a great way to embrace Alberta's vibrant winter spirit.

WHILE YOU'RE HERE

Outdoor Adventures

- It just wouldn't be winter without getting out on the sleds, the powered ones that is! The [Swan City Snowmobile Club](#) and [The Golden Triangle](#) have all the info you need!
- Treat yourself to the beauty of our region covered in blanket of white with a view from the sky, book at heli-tour with [Elevation Helicopters](#)
- Brew up a hot drink, cozy up under a blanket, and watch the dance of the Northern Lights
- Try ice fishing with some gear and pointers from the pros at [Trapper Gord's](#) or Canadian Tire
- Enjoy some fresh air and exercise with some cross country skiing or snowshoeing. Blaze your own trail or check out the groomed options at [Wapiti Nordic Skill Club](#), [Saddle Hills County](#), [Fox Creek](#), [Valleyview](#)

Food & Entertainment

- It's date night in the winter, what are you going to do?! Grab a bite to eat then see an amazing show at [Grande Prairie Live Theatre](#). Their variety of plays and concerts never disappoint!
- Christmas isn't the only time for gift giving. What about Birthdays, Anniversaries or maybe "just because"? If you're looking for a special treat for someone special [Shade Tree Chocolate Studio](#) is the place to go
- Head over to the [Sawmill](#) to treat yourself to the best meal in town with your favourite people. Looking for something more casual? No worries, there's also [The Mill Craft Bar + Kitchen](#)
- Have some laughs every Wednesday at Kokanee Comedy Night - [Great Northern Casino](#)
- Get in touch with your inner artist, sign up for a class at the [Centre for Creative Arts](#)

Regional Fun

- Ice skating is a great winter activity. Indoor or outdoors, there are rinks throughout area: [City of Grande Prairie](#), [County of GP](#), [Fox Creek](#), [Valleyview](#), [Wembley](#), [Beaverlodge](#), [Sexsmith](#), [Hythe](#)
- Feeling a bit cooped up in the cold weather? The regional libraries have something for all ages: [Grande Prairie](#), [Valleyview](#), [Fox Creek](#), [Beaverlodge](#), [Wembley](#), [Sexsmith](#), [Hythe](#), [Spirit River](#), [Saddle Hills County](#)
- Head out to see what's new at the [Grande Prairie Museum](#) - or what's old at the [Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum](#)
- Scratch that retail itch and help the [Prairie Mall](#) celebrate their 50th Anniversary with more than 80 local, national, and international stores and services
- Curling a truly Canadian past-time, check out a curling link near you!

Events

- The winter season kicks off with Christmas Craft Sales featuring so many talented artisans. Get your shopping done at the [GPFM Christmas Show & Sale](#), the [Tinseltown Winter Market](#), [South Peace Centennial Christmas Craze](#), [Christmas Festival & Makers Market](#), [Valleyview Market](#)
- Ring in the new year with friends and family follow your community pages for New Year's celebration details.
- New Year's Eve at [Nitehawk](#), enjoy the full Nitehawk experience with FREE horse and wagon rides, a live DJ, tasty food at the Chalet, fireworks display to ring in 2025!
- Enjoy AJHL hockey with the [Grande Prairie Storm!](#)
- Check out the winter concert line up at [Bonnetts Energy Centre](#)