

# TOP 10 WINTER ACTIVITIES

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## 1 Fat Bike The Dragon



Don't let winter keep you from the trails. Miles of wooded technical trails invite you to an action-packed winter fat tire biking adventure on The Dragon. The initial trail segments will be regularly groomed to accommodate fat tire bikers. Trail heads are located at [Big Bend Township Park](#), [Hardy Dam County Marina](#) & [Sandy Beach](#). For more information on winter use and current trail conditions, check out [The Dragon Trail Website](#): TheDragon.us.

## 3 Winter Camping at Oxbow or Big Bend Park

Campers flock to our region in the warm summer months to escape from the noise and rush of the city, but have you experience everything you love about camping when the ground is blanketed with snow? Exploring the winter trails and waterways by day and warming up by a crackling fire by night, this is winter camping in NewayGo County. [Oxbow Park](#) & [Big Bend Park](#), both located near the Hardy Dam, offer year-round camping with access to trails, the popular [Dragon Trail](#) and waterways for fishing and paddling.

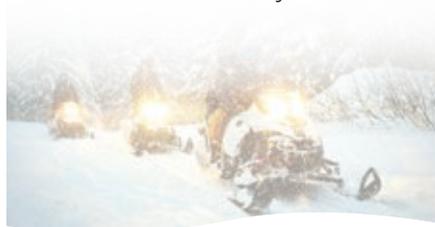


## 4 Snowshoe & XC Ski

Looking for the perfect trail for your winter trek? Newaygo County is home to 114+ miles of trails for your snowshoeing and cross-country skiing adventure. Bring your own gear or even rent snowshoes from [37-North](#) in Newaygo. visit our website and read a story about the [winter trail hiking experience](#) in our area, or read about [snowshoeing](#) The Dragon - there is plenty to do on our trails this winter in Newaygo County!

## 6 Snowmobiling

Ready for some wide-open winter adventure? The DNR designated [LP3 Trail](#) runs from the staging area located just north of the City of Newaygo across from the Newaygo County Welcome Center to the very Northern end of Newaygo County, continuing on through Lake, Oceana, Mecosta counties and beyond.



## 7 Treat Yourself...

Plan a mid-week escape, a fun weekend with the girls, or a romantic retreat complete with a visit to [The Skincare Center & Spa at Tamarac](#). The spa offers an array of therapeutic services including relaxing massage, skin rejuvenation, and refreshing facials. Next, stroll the [streets of our quaint small towns](#), then choose a local spot to enjoy a delicious meal. The perfect way to spend a winter getaway.

## 10 Downhill Sledding

When the first snow falls, the hills at [Bransstrom Park](#) in Fremont and The [Welcome Center](#) in Newaygo offer the best destinations for downhill sledding in the region!

## 2 Winter Paddling on the White & Muskegon River

The open waters of the [Muskegon River](#) or the [White River](#) welcome paddlers to experience Newaygo County waterways in all 4 seasons of the year. Winter paddling offers a serene backdrop for experiencing nature up close in the winter months as wildlife make their way to the open water. Although as enjoyable as warm weather paddling, winter can present some challenges. Be sure to watch for ice accumulating at the river's edge that could tip your watercraft, dress appropriately for the temperature, layer the bottom of your boat or kayak with a wool blanket to stay warmer longer, and bring a dry bag with extra clothing in case you get wet.

## 5 Ice Fishing

If ice fishing is your go to winter activity, Newaygo County is your perfect destination for winter fishing. With more than 480 acres of inland lakes, from [Fremont Lake](#) to [Croton Pond](#), you will find numerous lakes dotted with fishing shanties as soon as the lakes freeze over. For more information on ice fishing in Newaygo County visit our website, or reach out to [Parsley's](#) or the [Hesperia Sport Shop](#) for the latest ice reports!

## 8 Winterize Your Exploring Challenge

Experience the winter destinations of our region with the [2022 Exploring Challenge](#). With over 120 activities such as snowshoeing at [Loda Lake](#), seeing a show at the [Dogwood Center](#), or building a snow sculpture at a county park. Where will your challenge begin? Visit our website for complete details

## 9 Explore the Arts

Ready to get out of the house for some creative exploration? Try NewayGo County's public art installations on the [NewayGo County Art Trail](#). This self-guided tour will lead you to 25+ public art installations along a simple to navigate route. Enjoy original artist's works from murals to sculpture while exploring the quaint towns of our region. Visit our website for complete details

