

STAYING IN ONTARIO FOR MARCH BREAK

15 Activities to Check Out!





We're all feeling cabin fever these days and looking forward to any opportunity to get out and about. March Break is coming up, and we've found 15 great activities for you and your family to consider!

(If you pair it up with an overnight stay, you could take advantage of the new Ontario Staycation Tax Credit, too.)

SCENERY & EXPERIENCES

One of the most incredible sights in Ontario are the <u>ice</u> <u>caves around Lake Superior</u>. Waves send spray up that freezes into beautiful ice shelves and structures. There are many locations along the shoreline accessible on foot or by snowshoe.

Too far to go? What about skating on a frozen cranberry bog paired with a wine tasting? The Muskoka Lakes Farm and Winery Bog to Bottle tour promises just that with daily walking tours and wine tastings.. They're also open Saturday evenings for a torch-lit skate around the 1.2km loop.

OUTDOOR SPORTS THAT AREN'T SKIING

Skiing and March Break often go hand in hand, but why not mix it up with a different outdoor activity?

Ontario Trails has a <u>list of all the skating trails</u> in Ontario. You can search by region or activity if skating isn't your thing.



Tubing is an excellent activity for all ages. Since it's not a great time to go tubing on the lake, you can hit any number of tube parks across the province. One close to home is <u>Chicopee Tube Park</u> in Kitchener.

What about <u>snowshoeing after dark</u>? You can take a guided tour along part of the Voyageur Trail (Sault Ste Marie) or visit a 15th century Haudenosaunee village (Milton), wrapping up with hot chocolate by the fire.

Can't wait for mountain bike season to start up again? Check out **Fat Biking**; biking on snow with fat tires. (What did you think it was?) This sport is becoming very popular in Ontario with guided tours and self-directed trails to explore.

More hardy individuals might want to test their Everest expedition skills by trying <u>ice climbing</u> in the Haliburton Highlands, going <u>winter camping</u> in the backcountry, or opting for heated accommodations.

ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR BEST FRIEND

Want to bring your 4-legged buddy adventuring with you? Check out <u>the sport of skijoring</u>! You cross-country ski and get a little pulling help from your dog, making the journey easier, faster, and way more fun!

Don't have a dog to bring with you? That's ok. You can <u>take part in dog sledding adventures</u> run by reputable companies and enjoy a uniquely Canadian experience.



FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

If you're interested in a different 4-legged adventure, why not <u>take an alpaca for a walk</u>?

In some areas March Break occurs at the start of maple syrup season. You can take part in sugaring-off at various <u>Maple Syrup festivals</u> across Ontario.

<u>Treewalk Village</u> in Hamilton is open during March Break. Reservations are suggested as the park books up early.

If the weather is too cold for your little ones, take a break at the <u>Family Festival</u> at the Markham Fairgrounds or a <u>Dinosaur Drive-Thru</u> in Kitchener. Don't worry. At this one, the dinosaurs won't eat the people.

We found this on a kid's activity site, but really, who wouldn't want to explore the <u>Muskoka Maple Trail</u>, with stops to sample maple drizzled waffles, smokey-maple ribs, maple craft beer, maple gelato and more!

March can be a great month to check out everything Ontario has to offer. So get out there and start exploring!

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