



## Winter Activities

### Ice-Skating

One of the most loved winter pastimes here in Maine, ice-skating is possible at a number of area lakes and town rinks.

#### **Damariscotta...**

[Lake Pemaquid](#), off Egypt Road, is a large lake perfect for ice skating, weather permitting

[Biscay Pond](#), off Biscay Road, is popular among the locals for skating.

Covering a large part of Damariscotta & Jefferson, [Damariscotta Lake](#) is ideal for ice skating. The lake and its surrounding land is also great for ice fishing, snow-shoeing and cross country skiing.

#### **Bath...**

[Dummer Street Pond](#), at the corner of Beacon & Dummer Streets, has over 2 acres of ice available to the public for skating. Open from dawn until 9 pm. 207-442-8360 FMI.

[Goddard's Pond](#), at the corner of Marshall & High Streets, is open Monday - Friday 3 pm - 9 pm for public skating. There is a warming hut and refreshment stand on site. 207-442-8360 FMI.

#### **Brunswick...**

In the picturesque town centre is the [Mall Skating Rink](#), open daily 9 am - 10 pm (weather permitting) during the winter months. The rink is adjacent to Maine Street, so there are a number of places to go for refreshments or to warm up. Call 207-725-6656 FMI.

[Lishness Hockey Rink](#), off of Pine Tree Road, is open free to the public for skating 9 am - 10 pm daily during the winter months, weather permitting, with the exception of the following hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 pm - 9 pm and Saturdays & Sundays from 6 am - 10 am, when the Midcoast Youth Hockey Association holds practices. 207-725-6656 FMI.

[Coffin Pond Ice Skating Rink](#), off River Road, is open free of charge to the public for skating 9 am - 10 pm daily, weather permitting.

[Bowdoin College's Ice Arena](#) is open to public on Sundays. (Admission) 207-725-3322 FMI.

### **Ice Fishing**

Ice fishing is very popular in our area; we have two very large lakes that are frequented by locals and visitors alike. For information regarding the state's regulations and licensing requirements, visit [www.maine.gov/ifw/laws\\_rules/fishing/icelaws.htm](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/laws_rules/fishing/icelaws.htm).

[Damariscotta Lake](#) has tons of space for ice fishing - over 4000 acres! You are likely to find alewives, bass, perch, trout and pickerel.

In [Lake Pemaquid](#), spanning across Damariscotta, Bremen and Nobleboro, common catches are bass, perch, trout and pickerel.

### **Sledding/Tubing**

Thrilling for people of all ages, sledding and snow tubing make for the perfect pursuit of wintertime fun.

The [Boothbay Country Club](#) is open to the public for sledding/tubing during the winter months.

Located about a half-hour north of us in Camden (outside Rockland), Ragged Mountain is home to the [Camden Snow-Bowl](#), a popular winter-recreation area. The Snow-Bowl boasts a 400-foot toboggan chute (they have toboggan rentals for visitors) and excellent tubing trails. They also have trails for skiing and snowboarding and offer lessons for boarding. There are some boards available for rentals but they are limited to a first come, first serve basis...reservations are recommended if you plan to rent equipment or take a lesson. They do charge admission and a lift fee. 207-236-3438 FMI.

The [Wawenock Country Club](#), in South Bristol, about a half hour away from us, is well worth the drive; the Club's slopes are just right for sliding!

### **Cross Country Skiing & Snow-Shoeing**

Since the Midcoast region is less mountainous than the northern parts of the state, our area is well-suited to cross-country skiing and the area offers a number of scenic trails that can be a treat for snowshoers and cross-country skiers alike. You will likely get a glimpse of the local wildlife as well. Ask us at the front desk for trail maps.

The land surrounding [Damariscotta Lake](#) is suitable for a laid back trek; it is mostly wide open fields with gentle slopes.

Area [snowmobile trails](#) looping through local woods are maintained by the local snowmobile associations (Wiscasset's Snow-Packers & Damariscotta's Snow-Goers), so access is a breeze for shoeing and skiing.

[Dodge Point](#) has several well-maintained trails. The preserve encompasses 521 acres with 8,000 feet of water frontage on the Damariscotta River.

Both the [Boothbay Country Club & Wawenock Country Club](#) (South Bristol) are ideal for shoeing & skiing; the acreage is sloped for variety and very clear of trees. Just be aware that you'll be sharing the site with enthusiastic sledders!

The [Schmid Preserve](#) in Edgecomb provides several trails, accessible off of Old County Rd and Middle Rd (both are right off nearby Route 27).

For something a little more unique, try a “moonlight cross-country ski tour” on the trails at [Aldermere Farm in Rockport](#). Cross-country ski or snowshoe across the Farm’s beautiful landscape during the full moon (2008 dates: 1/14 & 2/13). By registration only. 207-236-2739 FMI.

Boothbay’s [Coastal Botanical Gardens](#) offers winter access to both snow-shoers & cross-country skiers. Admission is free during the winter months. 207-633-4333 FMI.

### **Snowmobiling**

Although there aren’t any local places for renting snowmobiles, if you have brought your own with you, there are a number of great trails in the vicinity, thanks to area snowmobiling associations. Please remember to respect the area wildlife that resides near the trails! Ask us at the front desk for trail maps.

In addition to being advantageous to snow-shoers & cross-country skiers, the land around [Damariscotta Lake](#) is also popular for snow-mobiling, as it has a lot of wide open space. Be sure to check the trail map for which trail allows snow-mobiles, because they aren’t permitted on the entire property.

[The Sno Packers](#), Damariscotta’s snow-mobiling association, works to keep trails throughout out the Damariscotta area groomed all winter.

[The Wiscasset Snow-Goers](#), Wiscasset’s snow-mobiling association, has cleared several trails in the area and strives to keep them groomed for the entire season.

### **Dog-Sledding**

[Mahoosuc Guide Services](#), about 2 hours away in Grafton Notch (outside Bethel) offers day dog-sledding lessons. Meet the friendly, energetic sled dogs and learn about training and leading a team. 207-824-2073 FMI - reservations recommended.

[New England Dogsledding](#) of Mason Township (outside Bethel) also offers lessons and invigorating dog-sled rides. In addition you could try skijoring (cross-country skiing while being pulled by a sled-dog), a fun alternative. 207-836-2703/207-731-6888 FMI - reservations recommended.