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Tickets for Winter Park at Bowers Farm – Discovery Oaks Park open soon

Plan your outdoor adventure in Bloomfield Hills' winter wonderland before tickets sell out

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI – Nov. 2, 2026 – You know winter is right around the corner when ticket sales for Winter Park, a signature glow tubing and outdoor ice rink experience at Bowers Farm – Discovery Oaks Park in Bloomfield Hills, open. This popular event typically sells out, so guests are encouraged to plan for a memorable winter outing now. Winter Park will be held Thursdays-Sundays Dec. 18-Feb. 28.

Winter Park is known for its glow tubing hill participants can zip down for a thrilling experience day or night. It's under a canopy of brightly colored lights, making it easy to capture photos of all the screams and smiles.

No snow, no problem

The glow tubing hill is a special surface, made from recycled construction barrels, that allow tubers to glide in any type of weather.

Winter Park activities

New this year is the addition of a Bunny Slide, a sledding hill used without sleds, which is included free with entry.

In addition, guests can take a spin around the ice rink, meet friendly farm animals, get warm and cozy beside a crackling bonfire with s'mores and thaw out in a warming tent. They can fuel their fun with comfort food and a hot cocoa bar from the Farm Kitchen and browse seasonal finds in the Farm Store.

"Winter Park captures what makes Bowers Farm such an exciting destination during the snowy season," said Erin Watson, Chief of Health & Wellness Activation. "Cold weather doesn't mean outdoor fun has to end. It's an opportunity to stay active, make lasting memories

and bring friends, family and neighbors together through engaging experiences that make movement fun."

Ticket Information
Entry to Winter Park is free. **Group party rental reservations are currently being accepted** on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups can enjoy tubing and/or ice skating and rent a warming tent for cozy conversations during downtime. For more information on group rentals, call 248-341-6475.

Bowers Farm members can purchase tubing tickets beginning at 8 a.m. Nov. 16. Annual memberships start at $55 and are available for individuals, adults ages 60+, families and grandparents. Membership benefits include Open Barn admission, ticket discounts, early registration and ticket purchase sales and discounts on items in the Farm Store. For more information or to purchase a Bowers Farm membership, visit OaklandCountyParks.com.

Glow tubing tickets for the general public will be available beginning at 8 a.m. Nov. 18. Ticket prices are $17/resident and $19/non-resident. Tickets are good for one 50-minute session, but guests are welcome to stay on site to enjoy the free activities, shopping and food for as long as they would like. Tubing tickets must be purchased in advance.

Skating entry is free. Skate rental is available for $6/residents and $8 non-residents. Sizes include toddler 9-mens 13.

A glow tubing/skate rental combo ticket offers value at $21/resident; $25/non-resident.

General information
Winter Park is just one of many initiatives at Bowers Farm - Discovery Oaks Park. With support from partners and the Oakland County Parks Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, the farm serves not just as an opportunity for recreation but an ongoing commitment to serving kids and families by making food and farming more accessible and relatable in the surrounding urban environment.

Winter Park is a wonderful introduction to this farm experience and the perfect activity for children, adults and grandparents to enjoy together during the winter school break.

"The festive atmosphere makes Winter Park tickets a good choice for holiday gifts or stocking stuffers. Give the gift of an experience they'll remember for years to come," said Watson.

Winter Park Hours
Winter Park general hours are 4-9 p.m. Thursdays; 4-10 p.m. Fridays; noon-10 p.m. Saturdays; and noon-8 p.m. Sundays.

During the holiday break, hours will be expanded as follows:

- Dec. 21 – noon- 8 p.m.
- Dec. 22 – noon- 8 p.m.

- Dec. 23 – noon- 8 p.m.
- Dec. 24 – Closed
- Dec. 25 – Closed
- Dec. 26 – noon- 10 p.m.
- Dec. 27 – noon- 8 p.m.
- Dec. 28 – noon- 8 p.m.
- Dec. 29 – noon- 8 p.m.
- Dec. 30 – noon- 8 p.m.
- Dec. 31 – Closed
- Jan. 1 – Closed

Guests are encouraged to check OaklandCountyParks.com and the Oakland County Parks Facebook page for the latest event information to help them plan their visit.

The event will be held in most weather conditions; no ticket refunds or exchanges. Both the glow tubing hill and ice-skating rink operate whether there are cold, snowy conditions or not.

About Bowers Farm – Discovery Oaks Park
Bowers Farm – Discovery Oaks Park is located at 1219 E. Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. It is an 87-acre small-scale working farm that has been in operation since 1967. It is home to sheep, horses, cattle and goats and features vegetable production, community gardens and curated horticultural gardens. Thousands of guests visit the farm kitchen and store and enjoy Open Barn sessions, festivals and events. Under a 30-year operating agreement, ownership remains with Bloomfield Hills Schools while staffing authority and day-to-day management is the responsibility of Oakland County Parks.

For information on other events, visit OaklandCountyParks.com. Join the conversation on Facebook and Instagram.