

elkford
Wild at heart.

WINTER IN THE WILD

FEBRUARY 13 TO 15, 2026



17. YOUTH ARCHERY
(NORTH END OF THE ELKFORD
MALL; NEXT TO THE BLEND
BISTRO)



1. FAMILY SNOW SCULPTURE
CONTEST AT RIVERVIEW PARK
(ALONG HIGHWAY 43;
PARKING ON FRONT STREET)

HIGHWAY 43



MICHEL ROAD



FORDING DRIVE



WAPITI SKI HILL

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1. FAMILY SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST
2. FREE SHINNY HOCKEY
3. PUBLIC SWIM (REGULAR ADMISSION RATES APPLY ON FRIDAY) / FREE PUBLIC SWIM (SATURDAY ONLY)
4. NIGHT SKIING + SNOWBOARDING / RAIL JAM / BEER GARDENS / WAPITI SKI HILL BINGO AND SKIING + SNOWBOARDING / DAY SKIING + SNOWBOARDING / DUMMY DOWNHILL
5. FREE PUBLIC SKATING
6. BONFIRE & TOBOGGANING
7. SNOWSHOE (FOR FIREWORKS VIEWING)
8. FIREWORKS (NEW LOCATION: AT WAPITI SKI HILL)
9. PANCAKE BREAKFAST
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1. FAMILY SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST (ALL DAY)

Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Lions Club.

Step 1: Assemble your team and register by Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. by calling 250.865.4010 or emailing events@elkford.ca. Maximum of eight teams.

Step 2: Find several piles of snow at Riverview Park (near the green bucket) ready to go whenever you are, starting Friday morning, and you have until Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. to complete your masterpiece for judging by the Elkford Lions Club. Your team is responsible for all supplies required to create your sculpture. Cash prizes for first (\$100), second (\$75) and third (\$50) place will be awarded. Spectators are welcome and encouraged!

Important rules and guidelines: Sculptures must be at least three feet tall (but can be higher), must have some colour (a spray bottle with food colouring works well), must be made of snow and must include your team's name on the sculpture for judging purposes.

2. FREE SHINNY HOCKEY (NOON TO 2 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. Gather your family and friends for a game. All ages welcome, but those under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult/guardian 18 years or older on the ice. Helmets are mandatory.

3. PUBLIC SWIM (3 TO 5 P.M. AND 5:30 TO 8 P.M.)

Regular admission rates apply on Friday. Offered by the District of Elkford. Children under the age of six require a guardian in the water and within arms' reach of them.

4. NIGHT SKIING (4 TO 8 P.M.)

Regular night skiing rates apply. Sponsored by Wapiti Ski Club. Friday night skiing will happen a little earlier so everyone can enjoy the fireworks show!

4. RAIL JAM (5 TO 8 P.M.)

Charges apply. Sponsored by Wapiti Ski Club. All ages welcome. Pre-registration for rail jam (open to skiers and boarders): https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKaSo0ieM90LGGsmKOVyCW4i7kJK-g0w6EZMLKM4wygBA_g2g/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=112750822717466279283.

Deadline: Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. If space is available, in person registration will be available from 4 to 4:30 p.m. at the Wapiti Lodge. Registration fee of \$20/participant and all participants will require a valid lift ticket or season's pass and a helmet. A waiver will need to be signed by participant or guardian for participants under 18 years of age. Medals for the various age categories and other great prizes to be won!

4. BEER GARDENS (5 TO 9:30 P.M.)

Charges apply. Sponsored by Wapiti Ski Club. Grab a frosty one and snacks from the concession and enjoy front-row vibes for the fireworks and nighttime energy at the ski hill! You must be aged 19+ years to purchase alcohol (legal drinking age).

5. FREE PUBLIC SKATING (6 TO 8 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by the District of Elkford and Elk Valley Resources (EVR). All ages welcome—children aged five years old and younger, must be accompanied on the ice by an adult/guardian who is 18 years or older. Helmets are strongly recommended, and no hockey/shinny is permitted. Free hot chocolate, treat bags and glow sticks provided by EVR and distributed by the 2026 Elkford Secondary School Grads.



6. BONFIRE, TOBOGGANING (6:30 TO 10 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. Bring your sled, bundle up and enjoy classic winter play, with plenty of chances to warm up around the bonfire. Four-legged family members are welcome but must be leashed, and you're welcome to bring your own marshmallows and roasting sticks to toast by the fire.

7. SNOWSHOE & FIREWORKS VIEWING (7:30 TO 9:30 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Trails Alliance (ETA). Join us for a guided snowshoe adventure that will lead the group to a picturesque vantage point for watching the fireworks show. Meet at the yellow gate at Wapiti Ski Hill, and don't forget your snowshoes, headlamp or flashlight, snacks and beverages. Don't have your snowshoes? No problem –pairs are available for rental by donation (minimum \$5) but please arrive at 7:20 p.m. if you need a rental pair. Participants should be able to snowshoe inclined terrain.

8. FIREWORKS (APPROX. 8:30 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by the District of Elkford and Elkford Dental Centre. Fireworks will be set off at Wapiti Ski Club hill where you can view on-site, from the Wapiti Ski Hill beer gardens or from your favourite spot in town.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

1. FAMILY SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST (ALL DAY, CONTINUED FROM FRIDAY)

9. PANCAKE BREAKFAST (8 TO 11 A.M.)

Charges apply. Sponsored by the Elkford Lions Club. Cost: \$14 per plate for adults and \$8 per plate for children under 13 years.

10. SNO-PITCH TOURNAMENT (9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

Free to watch! Sponsored by the Elkford Minor Ball Association. Coffee and hot chocolate by donation. The team roster is full, but if more space becomes available, the Minor Ball Association will advertise on their Facebook page!

4. WAPITI SKI HILL BINGO (10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.) AND SKIING/RIDING (10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

Charges apply for bingo cards and regular skiing rates apply. Sponsored by Wapiti Ski Club. Wapiti will have regular operational hours for skiing and snowboarding. Come grab a Wapiti bingo ticket from the office, complete a BINGO, return it to the office and enter our prize draw. Single line BINGO=1 entry to prize draw, X BINGO=2 entries to prize draw, blackout=5 entries to prize draw. Bingo cards are \$2 each.

11. ARENA CONCESSION (10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.)

Charges apply. Sponsored by The Dutch Sweet Spot. Belgium waffles, hotdog waffles, poffertjes, stroopwafels, cold drinks and more!

12. CARDBOARD TOBOGGAN RACES (10 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.)

A registration fee applies to participate, but free to watch! Sponsored by the Elkford Snowmobile Association. Timelines may vary depending on number of registrations received.

Step 1: Assemble your team and register in advance by Feb. 8 at 9 p.m. by emailing elkfordsnow.events@gmail.com for registration form and details. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/CCFdgNge5PwSv74r6>. Maximum of 50 toboggans. \$10 registration fee.

Step 2: Your team creates your toboggan in advance using only cardboard, tape, glue and paint (and maybe some stickers for extra horsepower). Your team is responsible for all supplies required to create your toboggan. Cash prize for first place will be awarded. Spectators are welcome and encouraged!

Step 3: Show up at the race:

- **10 to 10:45 a.m.:** toboggan check-in and inspection.
- **10:45 to 11 a.m.:** safety briefing and rules overview.
- **11 a.m. to noon:** toboggan races
- **Noon to 12:15 p.m.:** awards/prizes and closing

Important rules and guidelines: Open to all ages with categories for youth, teens and adults. Children under age 10 must be accompanied (parent/guardian does not have to race). Toboggans must be made from cardboard, tape, stickers, glue and paint only – no metal, wood or other materials permitted. Bottom of toboggan must be bare cardboard. **NEW THIS YEAR: participants are allowed to wax the bottom of their toboggans using ski/snowboard wax. All participants MUST bring and wear their own helmets. Extras are not available. No helmet = no racing.**

6. BONFIRE (10:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.) & TOBOGGANING (2 TO 10 P.M.)

Note that on Saturday, there is NO TOBOGGANING before 2 p.m. because the toboggan hill is being used for the Cardboard Toboggan Races.

13. TURKEY TOSS (11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.)

\$2 per toss. Sponsored by the Elkford Curling Centre. You'll be curling with a real frozen turkey instead of curling stones. Everyone welcome and prizes will be awarded!

14. ELKFORD ART STUDIO ART SHOW & SALE (NOON TO 5 P.M.)

Sponsored by the Elkford Arts Council. Drop by to view and purchase original artwork by local artists. Hot chocolate will be available for a charge. Everyone welcome!

15. WILD WINTER HOUND HUNT: ELKFORD SCAVENGER HUNT (NOON TO 3 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by Elkford Dog Park Club. Join us in our quest to build a dog park! Your mission includes visiting possible locations throughout Elkford and completing various tasks.

Starting Friday, Feb. 13, download your scavenger hunt checklist from Elkford Dog Park Facebook group or pick it up at the Community Conference Centre front desk and see how many you can achieve! The hunt will involve quests located throughout town. While most can be completed anytime during the weekend, several missions can only be attempted at the Community Conference Centre on Saturday between noon and 3 p.m.

Completed forms can be dropped off to our booth on Saturday or can be emailed to dogparkhwy43@gmail.com. Prizes to be won!

16. CREATE DAY: LEGO, PUZZLES, BOARD GAMES AND BOOK SALE (1 TO 4 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Public Library. Drop in for crafting, colouring sheets, board games, puzzles and LEGO building. All ages welcome! Winter in the Wild craft kits available to take home or complete at the event. All craft supplies will be provided. Books sold by donation, cash only. Adults/guardians are required to supervise their children.

17. YOUTH ARCHERY (2 TO 4 P.M.)

Free! Sponsored by the Elkford Rod and Gun Club. Youth aged 14 years and younger can step up to the line and give archery a try in a safe, hands-on environment! Learn proper technique, focus and form at the indoor archery range next to the Blend Bistro in downtown Elkford. Draw, anchor and release!

3. FREE PUBLIC SWIM (2:30 TO 4:30 P.M.)

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5. FREE PUBLIC SKATING (6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.)

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1. FAMILY SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST (UNTIL 3 P.M., CONTINUED FROM FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

4. DAY SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING (10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

Regular rates apply. Sponsored by Wapiti Ski Club. Grab your skis or board and spend the day carving turns and enjoying winter fun on the slopes at Wapiti Ski Hill!

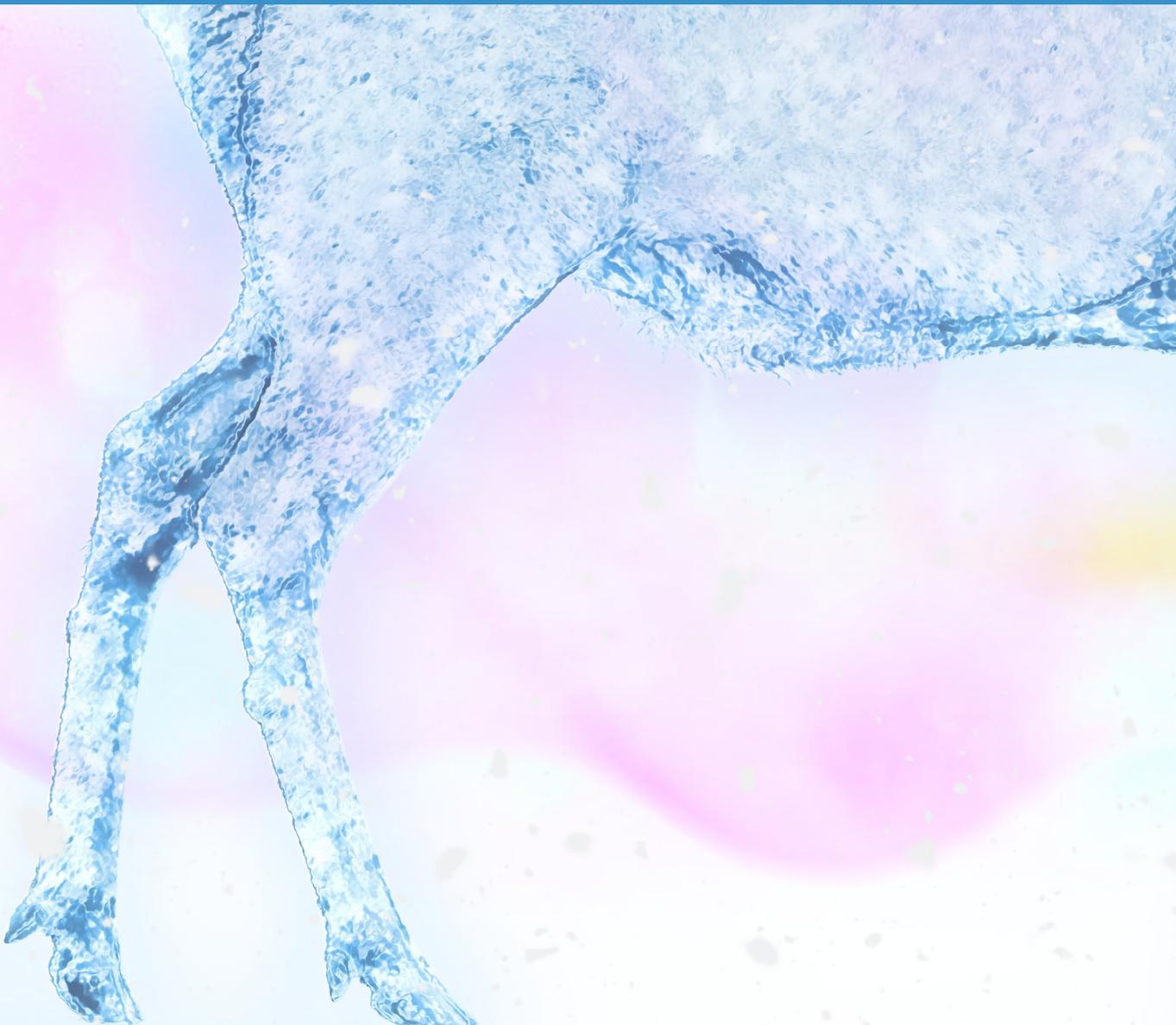
4. DUMMY DOWNHILL (10 A.M. CHECK-IN, DUMMY WILL LAUNCH AT NOON)

Sponsored by Wapiti Ski Club. Individuals or groups will build something that can slide down the slopes over a jump and please the crowd with a massive crash! A celebration of fine construction and total destruction.

All ages are welcome, but a parent or guardian is required for event participation. Please remember this is a family-friendly event which means all dummies must be suitable for all ages to see. Anything deemed inappropriate will not be permitted. Safety is top-of-mind: no pyrotechnics, fire, dangerous items are to be incorporated into your dummy. Dummy weight must be less than 100 lbs, and participants are responsible for the cleanup of their dummies.

Medals will be awarded and prizes for the most spectacular dummies! Spectators welcome! There is a \$10 registration fee and an event waiver form must be complete. You must register by Feb. 14 at 4 p.m.:

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6. BONFIRE & TOBOGGANING (10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. Bring your sled and make a day of it, with tobogganing from morning to evening and plenty of chances to warm up around the bonfire. Four-legged family members are welcome but must be leashed!

10. ARENA CONCESSION (10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.)

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18. FAMILY FUN CHOREOGRAPHED DANCE (NOON TO 1 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. Instructor Clara MacLeod will lead participants through a fun and easy choreographed dance. All ages are welcome. No registration required.

19. ELKFORD SKATING CLUB BALL DROP (2 P.M.)

Sponsored by the Elkford Skating Club. Don't miss this high-flying annual fundraiser as 1,500 numbered balls rain down from the sky. The three closest to the target take the win. Tickets have been previously sold. Spectators welcome!

5. FREE PUBLIC SKATING (4 TO 6 P.M.)

Free! Offered by the District of Elkford. Sharpen your blades and join us for a free skate. All ages welcome—children five years old and younger must be accompanied on the ice by an adult/guardian who is 18 years or older. Helmets are strongly recommended, and no hockey/shinny is permitted.

Thank you!



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