

# **A Wintry Mix Of Recreation**

(NAPSA)—Don't be discouraged by wintry weather if you're looking for outdoor fun. Some locations have a lot to offer during the colder months.

For example, the Valley Forge area of Pennsylvania, 18 miles outside Philadelphia, offers plenty of outdoor thrills when the weather chills.

From Spring Mountain Adventures in Schwenksville to the trails at Valley Forge National Historical Park, the destination offers a wintry mix of outdoor recreation.

### **Ski Slopes**

Eight ski slopes at Spring Mountain Adventures traverse Montgomery County's highest peak and two separate runs are exclusive to downhill snowtubing. This intimate mountain, complete with canopy tours and more, is the perfect place to learn to ski and snowboard, and its conditions are always just right, thanks to state-of-the-art snowmaking.

## Sledding

When Mother Nature provides the precipitation, sleds and toboggans are welcome at the popular 400-foot slope, near lot five in the Militia Hill Day Use area at Fort Washington State Park. The park, located in Springfield and Whitemarsh Townships, offers daily updates on the hill's conditions via www.dcnr.state.pa.us.

## **Ice Fishing**

To the north, at Green Lane Park, hiking the many county trails is common and ice-skaters take to the lake when the conditions are just right. Anxious



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anglers, impatient for spring's thaw, even try their luck ice fishing for rainbow trout. All that's needed is resolve and a Pennsylvania fishing license.

### **Cross-Country**

Calm and relaxed or vigorous and energetic, cross-country skiing is a breathtaking escape. Whether gliding through freshly fallen snow along the rolling countryside of Valley Forge National Historical Park, the multipurpose trails of Lower Perkiomen Valley Park in Oaks or the 1.7-mile loop at Fort Washington State Park, it's a great way to enjoy the crisp cool air and the area's amazing scenery.

So instead of hibernating this winter, brave the cold and come out to Valley Forge and Montgomery County. For suggestions on all there is to do, indoors and out, visit www.valleyforge.org.