

5 Places to Go Ice Skating

IN THE BALTIMORE AREA



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h, the weather outside may be frightful, but the glistening ice from these indoor and outdoor winter skating rinks is all too delightful. Downtown backdrops and shopping centers in Baltimore and beyond offer picturesque views in locations convenient for a family outing. Information is subject to change; verify with the venues before visiting.

COLOR BURST ICE RINK AT MERRIWEATHER DISTRICT, COLUMBIA

10980 Grantchester Way, Columbia | Monday through Thursday 4-9 p.m.; Friday 4-10 p.m.; Saturday noon to 10 p.m.; Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

Skate in downtown Columbia at an outdoor rink in Color Burst Park with pop-up food and beverages and themed events throughout the season. Season passes are \$99; the season runs through Feb. 28. Reservations are recommended.

Tickets are \$14 (including skate rental); see special rates online merriweatherdistrict.com



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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BALTIMORE

200 International Drive, Baltimore | Open Friday through Sunday, 3 to 7 p.m.

The hotel's fifth-floor terrace transforms into an 1,800-square-foot ice rink through Jan. 15. On weekends from 3 to 7 p.m., book a one-hour session for up to 10 guests, including skate rental, your choice of warm hot chocolate or cider and house-made trail mix. Gaze at the Harbor East skyline amid food, drink and music, or book a four-person cabana with blankets, pillows and a fire pit. Reservations are required.

Tickets start at \$20 for children ages 5 to 10. fourseasons.com/baltimore

INNER HARBOR ICE RINK, BALTIMORE

201 E. Pratt St., Baltimore | Open Monday through Thursday, noon to 10 p.m.; Friday, noon to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Inner Harbor is a winter wonderland with open-air skating in downtown Baltimore. Stop by Candy Cane Lane and the Baltimore Christmas Village, also downtown, before taking a spin on the ice. Check online for updates on special events and discounts with restaurants and attractions. Children ages 4 to 9 must be accompanied by an adult. The ice skating season runs through Jan. 17.

Tickets start at \$9; skate rental is \$4. waterfrontpartnership.org

ICE WORLD, HARFORD COUNTY

1300 Governor Court, Abingdon | Public skating times vary; see calendar; free for homeschoolers fourth Thursdays (third during school holidays), noon-2 p.m.

Stop in for a weekday skate or hit the party lights for an evening skate on Fridays and Saturdays at this year-round indoor facility with twin NHL-sized hockey rinks in suburban Harford County. Programming for youth and adults including figure skating and hockey is also available. Fly solo around the ice or book a party or lesson.

Tickets start at \$11; skate rental is \$4. iceworld.com

THE AVENUE AT WHITE MARSH, NOTTINGHAM

8139-D Honeygo Blvd., Nottingham | Monday through Thursday, noon to 10 p.m.; Friday, noon to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Skate while you shop. THE AVENUE offers restaurants, retail businesses and a movie theater in its outdoor shopping complex. Take a stroll and then a glide on the rink amid the wintry air. The experience is also available for booking birthday parties and fundraisers. Reservations are required.

Tickets start at \$10; skate rental is \$5. whitemarshiceskating.com



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