Tennessee

With millions of twinkling lights, holiday shows and incredible shopping, there's no better way to shake the winter blues than by enjoying Smoky Mountain Winterfest in Sevierville, Tennessee. The winter celebration, now in its 30th year, lights up on November 22, 2019 and glows through February 17, 2020.

Learn more at VisitSevierville.com/winterfest.





Day 1: It may be winter, but you can still splash around at indoor waterpark resorts like Wilderness at the Smokies Waterpark Resort or The Resort at Governor's Crossing. Waterslides, wave pools and more fill these resorts' climate-controlled water playgrounds and make it easy to weatherproof your Winterfest vacation. Smoky Mountain Winterfest is all about the lights, so take in the area's largest light show at Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland. This 1.5 mile LED drive through light extravaganza is perfectly choreographed to music played through your car radio. See Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland at Smokies Stadium from November 15, 2019 through January 5, 2020.

Day 2: Get your fill of holiday cheer (and pancakes) at great breakfast eateries like Flapjack's Pancake Cabin. Then hit the stores! Sevierville is known for shopping. From high end outlet malls like Tanger Outlets Sevierville and specialty stores like Smoky Mountain Knife Works, to antique malls, boutiques and even flea markets, it's easy to check off every name on your holiday shopping list. Spend the afternoon at Wilderness at the Smokies outdoor ice skating rink (open November 15, 2019 through January 5, 2020). Then take in a Christmas show! High energy productions like Christmas at the Smoky Mountain Opry are packed with holiday tunes, lavish sets and incredible special effects.

Day 3: Bundle up and take a hike. Great Smoky Mountains National Park has over 800 miles of maintained trails and beautiful winter views. Explore America's most visited national park, then warm up with a hearty holiday meal. Restaurants like Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant serve up downhome cooking every day and winter favorites like chicken and dumplings and turkey and dressing are always on the menu.

Day 4: Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and a hassle-free check out. On your way home, visit Lodge Cast Iron or Bass Pro Shops for unique last-minute gifts and souvenirs.



