A Winter Wonderland Within City Limits

With sledding parks and ice-skating rinks city-wide, Seoul gives you plenty of reasons to head out when it’s chilly.

In Seoul, winter is anything but a season to stay inside, away from the cold. The city offers various fun and affordable winter leisure activities, and plenty of good reasons to get outside. In fact, with various sledding fields and ice-skating rinks, Seoul can become your own winter wonderland.

Tukseom Island Han River Park has a sledding park in addition to various rides and attractions, including pond smelt fishing. The park welcomes you as you walk out from exit 2 of the Tukseom Resort Station (Line 7). You can enjoy both sledding and tubing on the park’s two sledding courses - the regular course (80 m) and the children’s course (30 m). Pond smelt fishing is one of the most popular programs available at the park, where people can also eat the smelt they catch, on site and served fried. The fishing site offers refreshments such as beverages and fishcakes as well.

After you’ve swooshed down the snowy hills and taken in lots of crisp, refreshing winter air, stroll over to the Tukseom View Culture Complex nearby, where you can have a nice, warm cup of tea at the café overlooking the Han River. The sledding park opens from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through February 22, with the refurbishing taking place for an hour at noon every day. Hours are subject to change due to weather conditions, so visitors are advised to check in advance.

Then there’s the Korean Children’s Center Snow Sledding Field, which is 300 m from exit 2 of the Children’s Grand Park Station (Line 7). The venue’s 120-meter-sledding course and 80-meter-sledding course offer visitors of all ages an ideal sledding experience. Along with sledding and pond smelt fishing, the venue also offers fun rides and attractions, including bumper cars, the Viking ride and a bungee jump ride. The sledding field is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the final admission being at 4 p.m., through February 22.

Finally, Seoul Plaza transforms itself into an ice rink in the winter, and it’s a great place to ice skate while enjoying beautiful night views of the city. The best reasons to visit include the rink’s convenient location, as it’s in the heart of the city’s bustling downtown, and low admission fee (USD 1). The rink is open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. through February 8, with the refurbishing taking place for 30 minutes after every hour of skating. Once you’re done skating, you might want to take a stroll on Namsan, where you can enjoy panoramic views of the city.

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Other places to visit

- World Cup Park Ice Sledding Park: Exit 1, World Cup Stadium Station (Line 6)
- Seoul Land Snow Sledding Park: Exit 2, Seoul Grand Park Station (Line 2)
- Boramae Park Ice Sledding Park: Exit 4, Shindaebangsamgeori Station (Line 7)
- Garden Five Ice Garden: Exit 4, Jangji Station (Line 8)
- Guro Anyangcheon Stream Snow Sledding Park: Exit 1, Guro Station (Line 1)
- Sangam MBC Ice Rink: Exit 2, Digital Media City Station (Line 6)