

The season to be jolly has come, which means it is time to get your hat, scarf and gloves and go enjoy all the dazzling lights around your community. What better way to share this memorable holiday experience than with being with your friends and family. There is an extensive amount of activities to do throughout the season but here are a few of them to get you started with.

Christmas Garden
(Nov. 27 - Jan. 3)
895 W Main St.,
Silverton

Christmas in the Garden has become a popular event that includes ice skating, shopping at the German Christmas Market and meeting live reindeer. People look forward to walking through the forest and following the 400,000 Christmas lights.

Winter Wonderland
(Nov. 20 - Dec. 27)
1940 N Victory Blvd.,
Portland

The 23rd annual Albertsons Safeway Winter Wonderland is known as the "largest holiday light show west of the Mississippi." It's a light show that can be enjoyed with your friends and family within the comfort of your own car.

Zoo Lights
(Nov. 28 - Jan. 4)
4001 SW Canyon Road,
Portland

The Oregon Zoo celebrates the holidays with an annual winter festival. Apart from going to see the animals, people go and admire the million and a half lights that are on display.

Christmas Lights Trail
(Nov. 14 - Dec. 31)
5785 River St., West Linn

The Maddax Woods have been transformed into a lighted trail and even though it's small, the creative designs made with the lights make the Willamette River a beautiful sight to see.

Peacock Lane
(Dec. 15 - Dec. 31)
Peacock Lane, Portland

Every year, a block of Southeast Portland fills its street and homes with sparkling lights. It's been a Portland tradition since 1920 for families to walk down the block, just east of Cesar Chavez Boulevard between Belmont and Stark streets.

Christmas Festival of Lights (Dec. 4 - Dec. 30)
8840 NE Skidmore St.,
Portland

One of the largest choral festivals in the world is The Grotto's Christmas Festival of Lights. Throughout the winter holiday, there will be about a quarter mile walk through event as well as five different indoor concerts each evening.

The Nutcracker
(Dec. 12 - Dec. 26)
Keller Auditorium, 222 SW
Clay St., Portland

No holiday season is complete without attending a traditional production like *The Nutcracker*, which includes snowflakes, a magical tree and sugarplum fairies, thanks to the Oregon Ballet Theatre.

A Christmas Carol
(Dec. 2 - Dec. 24)
Portland Playhouse, 602
NE Prescott St., Portland

A Charles Dickens play tells the story of Scrooge, a grumpy old man who hates Christmas. The play takes him through his past, present and future.

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