

The Waterfront Discovery Landing

While Discovery Landing and the Burlington waterfront are irresistible on hot summer days, they have their charms in winter too. One of the best things to do, and it costs nothing, is to walk along the waterfront in the evening to enjoy the Festival of Lights. I know a little boy who can't get enough of seeing Santa in his helicopter. It's beautiful, and if it gets too chilly, there are cafes and shops just a short step away. Discovery Landing is also closeby to warm you up.

The Observatory

The Observatory at Discovery Landing, with its timeline of the waterfront, tornado exhibit and magnifying lake viewer, is open daily from 10 am-10 pm. There's a gorgeous Christmas tree in the main floor window, and behind it the view of the lake and the Skyway is one of the best, especially at sunset. It's actually a pretty cool place to be when there's a storm too – the waves crashing on the breakfront and the wind sweeping across the water allows you to feel the power of Mother Nature from a safe warm place. You'll see the lake in a whole new perspective.

The Ice Skating Rink

Right now, the ice is perfect at the **Rotary Centennial Skating Rink**, and there are wind breaks to protect skaters from the gusts off the lake. If you get too chilly, The Bite is close by for hamburgers and coffee, or for a more sophisticated skate-break, Spencer's at the Waterfront is right there, and you can dine while you watch other skaters

do their turns. The rink is lit at night, making it a unique and romantic place to take a date.

Admission to the Discovery Landing and to the skating rink is free. Discovery Landing will be closed on Christmas Day but will be open on all other days over the holiday. For information about ice conditions, there's a hotline you can call (Dec - March) at 905-634-7263 or visit the [webcam](#).

This holiday, promise yourself a healthy encounter with the beauty of nature and the bracing freshness of winter. It's affordable family fun that will make your time together special. Burlington is Winter-Wonderful.

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