



## *Have a Holly, Jolly Holiday at Marble Falls*

**This small town's celebrations make it easy to get into the Christmas spirit** *By Cindy Brzostowski*

As the air gets cooler, the decorations come out and the holiday spirit takes over, you and your loved ones may be searching for fun spots where you can embrace some Christmas magic. Cue Marble Falls and their holiday celebrations. For 31 years, the town has been hosting Christmas festivities for the public, and this year, the events continue for 44 nights through January 1.

"There is something undeniably wonderful about the Texas Hill Country during the holiday season," says Erin Burks, the Downtown Coordinator for Marble Falls. "Articulating joy with the season of giving, Marble Falls is ready to celebrate."

It all kicked off on November 19 with the annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting, the lit-up Christmas parade down Main Street and the opening of the beloved Walkway of Lights. With more than 350 lighted sculptures and two million lights, the Walkway of Lights is the crown jewel of the holiday celebration. It's open every night during the festivities from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Enter at Lakeside Park. To further sweeten its appeal, the Walkway of Lights is entirely free to visit, although donations are welcome.

Along with admiring these spectacular lights, you'll find plenty of other family-friendly activities going on

that are full of holiday cheer, such as the winter ice skating rink. Visit on one of the designated "Snow Nights," and you can enjoy the magical experience of skating as "snow" falls around you. Other fun events include breakfast with Santa, a Christmas market and Sip 'N' Shop—when local shops offer extended holiday hours and wine tastings. With all the festivities, you'll surely need some fuel, and you can count on finding some tasty holiday treats like hot cocoa and cookies at concession stands.

"Whether it is live music while you stroll through the Walkway of Lights in the crisp winter weather or browsing through boutiques in downtown Marble Falls while sipping hot chocolate," Burks says, "Christmas cheer inspires the calendar of events that create these holiday memories for a lifetime."

### **Plan Your Visit**

Ready to celebrate the season at Marble Falls? Note that there are two main parking lots for event visitors, both free. One is at the west end of Buena Vista Drive near Lakeside Park; the other is the overflow lot at the corner of Yett and Main. For visitors' convenience, a trolley runs from downtown (Fifth and Main) to the Walkway of Lights.

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free to bring your furry friend along with the rest of the family. Just remember to have your pup on a leash!

While it's possible to buy day-of tickets for the ice rink at the ticket booth, it's best to purchase them online in advance to ensure they haven't sold out for your desired time slot. Your ticket includes the skate rental and one hour on the rink.

On rainy days, the Marble Falls team sometimes closes the Walkway of Lights and the ice rink at 3 p.m. For updates, check Christmas in Marble Falls' social media pages or call (844) MF-LIGHT (844-635-4448).

## Mark Your Calendar

Each weekend during the holiday season brings more fun at Marble Falls. Keep these scheduled activities in mind while planning your trip, and stay up to date with all of the upcoming event details by checking out the Christmas in Marble Falls website ([visitmarblefalls.org/christmas-in-marble-falls](http://visitmarblefalls.org/christmas-in-marble-falls)) and the town's online event calendar ([visitmarblefalls.org/events](http://visitmarblefalls.org/events)).

### Thursday, December 2

- Hill Country Chamber Orchestra Concert
- Santa at Ms Lollipop
- Dog Night at Walkway of Lights

### Saturday, December 4

- Breakfast with Santa
- Christmas Market on Main
- Ice Cream with Santa
- Downtown Sip 'N' Shop
- Ice Sculpture on Main
- Walkway and Wine
- Santa at Walkway of Lights
- Sugar Mama Kids' Christmas Party

### Saturday, December 11

- Birdie's Pop-up Flower Market
- Downtown Sip 'N' Shop
- Holiday Open House: My TX Santa
- Walkway and Wine at Walkway of Lights
- Santa at Walkway of Lights
- Artist at the Easel
- S'mores Night at Walkway of Lights
- Tacky Sweater and Karaoke Party

### Friday, December 17

- Peppermints, Pajamas and Polar Express
- Ice Skating Snow Night at Walkway of Lights
- Santa at Walkway of Lights
- Mom's Night Out
- "Hands Off My Funnel Cake" Food Truck

