



(From left) ZooLights at Lincoln Park Zoo. Wonderland Express at Chicago Botanic Garden.



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WINTER WONDERLANDS

In these holiday fantasylands, indoor snow and rainbow-colored zebras really appear.

Chicago's lakefront playground **Navy Pier** brings the carnival atmosphere indoors for its Winter WonderFest (December 5–January 11). Rides such as a 40-foot hang glider and a giant rocking horse require purchased wristbands. Children share wish lists with Santa and cavort through a whimsical village.

Admission is free at **Lincoln Park Zoo**, including its ZooLights, where 2 million lights twinkle around the premises and on some larger-than-life animals (November 28–January 5). Join carolers and sing to your favorite animal; watch light shows and ice carvings at **Brookfield Zoo's** Holiday Magic (December 6–7, 13–14, 20–21, 26–31), and kiss

a reindeer at **Hardy's Reindeer Ranch** in Rantoul (November and December).

Meet Santa, his reindeer and elves as they ride the rails on the seasonally festooned **Chicago Transit Authority** Holiday Train, or climb aboard the **Chicago Trolley** and see lights throughout Chicago (November and December). Kids get a special treat on the Happy Holiday Railway at Union's **Illinois Railway Museum** (December 6–7, 13–14). Snow falls—indoors!—on model trains chugging through miniature Chicago settings with lit trees at **Chicago Botanic Garden's** Wonderland Express in Glencoe (November 28–January 4).

Pastimes Clothing styles weren't the only thing different about Christmas celebrations when women wore hoop skirts and men sported top hats and tails. See how on a tour of President Lincoln's home during Christmas with the Lincolns (Springfield) from December 3 to January 2. Also in Springfield, one of Frank Lloyd Wright's best-preserved Prairie-style homes puts on its holiday finery for the Dana-Thomas House Decorations; select dates in December. And Victorian splendor decks the halls of the David Davis Mansion (right) for Christmas at Clover Lawn, November 28–December 31 (Bloomington-Normal).

