



Iceberg River Race

Explore an outdoor space along a river or stream. Find chunks of ice to design into “iceberg boats”, then race them!

WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- Proper outdoor winter clothing that will keep you warm and dry
- Proper waterproof boots as you explore along a streams edge
- Ice collected from outside or ice cubes brought from home

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to an outdoor space where you have access to a stream or river’s edge. When choosing a stream or river that is flowing in the winter, please factor in the cold and ice hazards. Finding a calm flowing stream and river is the best choice for this activity.
2. Find a nice section along the stream or river that will serve as your “track” and determine your “start” and “finish” lines. If possible, bridges make the best starting lines because contestants can position and drop their iceberg boats at the same time.
3. Once you find your perfect spot for racing icebergs, it’s time to look around for chunks of ice that will serve as your boat. The thicker and larger the ice piece, the easier it will be to see when placed in the water.
4. Feel free to use rocks and sticks to shape and design your piece of ice. Playing multiple rounds gives you the chance to create and try a variety of designs. Which design do you think will work best?
5. Find your starting line and position your boats side by side. Let them go at the same time and see which one reaches the finish line first.