

2025 HOLIDAY At a Glance

NOV 28 — JAN 4

Share a merry moment with us this year in Downtown Knoxville.



THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

Peppermint Trail NOV 28 — JAN 4

Downtown restaurants, coffee shops, bars, and boutiques feature peppermint specials throughout the season. Follow the peppermints on the sidewalks of Downtown Knoxville.
downtownknoxville.org/peppermint

The Elf on the Shelf® Adventure NOV 28 — JAN 4

A fun-filled scavenger hunt for children of all ages at dozens of Downtown Knoxville businesses. Pick up a North Pole Pass at Mast General Store or Knoxville Visitors Center to guide you through the adventure.
downtownknoxville.org/elf

Holidays on Ice presented by Home Federal Bank NOV 28 — JAN 4

Adults and children skate day and night, seven days a week, at the open-air ice rink nestled under twinkling lights in Market Square. Admission includes skate rental. Find pricing, weather updates, and hours on the website. Closed on Dec. 25. knoxvilleholidaysonice.com

Peppermint Grove & Lights Throughout the Season

The Peppermint Grove lights up Market Square with thousands of red and white lights. Photo ops throughout Krutch Park with trees wrapped in sparkling lights, 42-foot Christmas tree on Gay Street, decorated storefronts, and murals galore.

WHERE TO BE AND WHEN

Fantasy of Trees

NOV 26 — 30, Knoxville Convention Center

A magical forest of more than 350 designer items, including beautifully decorated trees, holiday accessories, and more. Santa, Gingerbread Village, live bands and musical entertainment throughout the event.

Regal Celebration of Lights

NOV 28; 5:15–9 pm, Krutch Park Extension

Tree lighting, live music, photos with Santa in Market Square, children's activities and more.

Old City Market

NOV 16 and 29; 11 am–4 pm

Jackson Ave is transformed into a curated, outdoor market showcasing artists, crafters, and creative makers.

Downtown ~~First~~ Second Friday ArtWalk

DEC 12; 5ish 'til late

Art exhibits and music at galleries, boutiques, and restaurants throughout the Downtown district. (This First Friday event will be moved to the second Friday due to the Christmas Parade.)

WIVK Christmas Parade

DEC 5, parade at 7 pm

Parade down Gay St including floats, decorated vehicles, bands, majorettes, dancers, and Santa.

Winter Farmers Market

DEC 6, 13, 20; 10 am–2 pm, Market Square

Outdoor market including artisans, food producers, food trucks, and farmers.

Tour de Lights Parade presented by Visit Knoxville and Bike Walk Knoxville

DEC 13, 5:30pm

Bikes, lights, garland and tinsel. Holiday Market and Expo 3:30 pm- 7:30 pm. Bike ride at 5:30 pm starts and ends at Mary Costa Plaza and winds through downtown and Gay St.

New Year's Eve at the Sunsphere presented by Lowe's

DEC 31, starts at 9 pm

Traditional ball drop, fireworks, and music at family-friendly New Year's Eve event.

